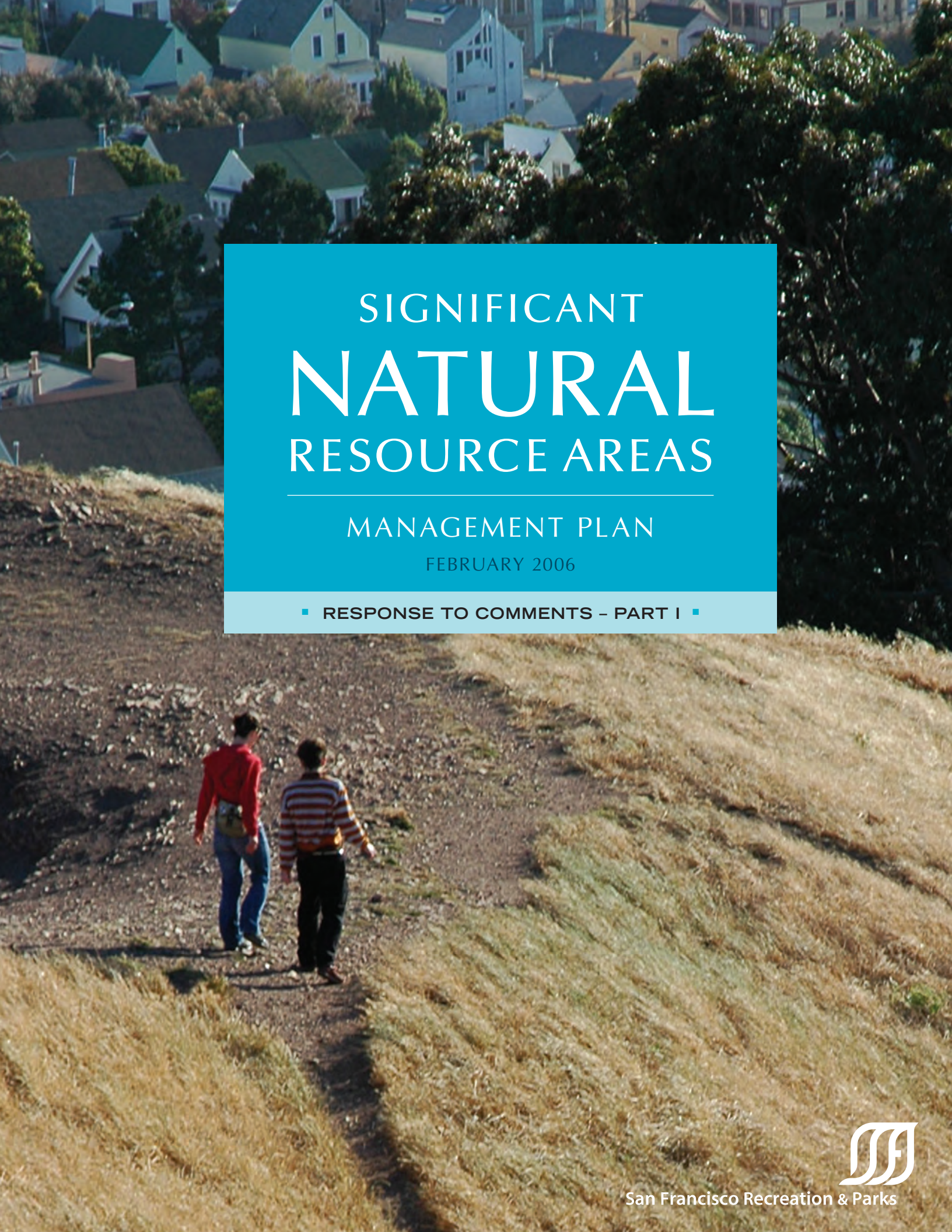

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SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION

In June 2005, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (SFRPD) released the Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan: Public Draft (Public Draft). This release initiated the first in a series of public reviews and hearings. A six-week comment period during which time the public could submit comments on the Public Draft occurred in June and July 2005. Three workshops were held in June at different locations around the City. The purpose of the workshops was to explain the Public Draft, provide the public with an opportunity to ask questions and interact with staff, and to facilitate public comment on the Public Draft. Comments were accepted through July 28, 2005. This document presents the comments submitted by the public and responses to those comments. Public and scientific reviewer comments (see below) on the Public Draft were incorporated into the Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan: Final Draft (Final Draft).

As expected, the magnitude of response to the Public Draft is an indicator of how important the Significant Natural Resource Areas (Natural Areas) are to the people of San Francisco. There were 2,682 individual comments identified from the letters and emails submitted during the public review period. All but three Natural Areas (O'Shaughnessy Hollow, Kite Hill, and Fairmount Park) received site-specific comments. Bernal Hill and Pine Lake accounted for over 1,000 comments. The most comments were submitted regarding the trails theme, with over 560 comments (Table 1-1). This theme was followed closely by plants, then off-leash dogs.

Concurrent with the public review process, the Public Draft underwent review by three independent scientists (see Section 1 of the Final Draft). The results of those reviews have been incorporated into the Final Draft and into this Response to Comments section.

COMMENT REVIEW PROCESS

In order for the public, staff, and decision-makers to more easily digest the large number of comments, all comments were sorted into themes. The themes included dogs, cats, trees, trails, plants, sensitive species, wildlife, creeks, safety, erosion, plan costs, and project merits (Table 1-1). The dogs theme was further split into comments reflecting a desire to have higher levels of control of dogs (Dogs On-leash) or a desire to preserve or expand off-leash areas for dogs (Dogs Off-leash). It was not necessary to further divide the other themes. Most of the other themes are self-explanatory; however, the trails theme includes comments that relate to infrastructure within or adjacent to the Natural Areas such as restrooms, benches, and picnic tables. The plan costs theme deals with all comments that relate to the cost of implementation. Finally, the project merits theme includes all comments that simply voiced an opinion but did not suggest a revision to the Public Draft.

Once the themes were identified, each comment was then classified into one of four types:

- The editorial type is used for comments that recommended changes that corrected mistakes or clarified sentences in the text. Changes were made to the text when the suggested comments did not alter the intent of the sentence or paragraph. In cases where an editorial comment changed the meaning of the sentence, the text was not revised.
- References type comments are those made when a reader simply did not find the information they were looking for, but the information was in the Public Draft. The response in this case refers the reader to the proper section or page.
- Content type comments include those related to the substance of the Public Draft or suggested a revision to it. Most of the content comments were addressed in the Master Responses (Section 2).
- The project merits comments are those that express an opinion but do not suggest a revision to the Public Draft. All the comments indicating that an individual supported or opposed the Natural Areas Program are categorized as project merits comments.

DOCUMENT STRUCTURE

The Response to Comments contains three sections. Section 1 describes the public workshops and participation and the comment review process. Section 2 contains Master Responses. A Master Response was prepared for each of the themes listed above. Each Master Response identifies the major issues raised in the comments and then addresses those issues in the reply section of the Master Response. Section 3 presents the public comments and responses by Natural Area. At the beginning of each sub-section within Section 3, a comment matrix is provided that catalogs all the comments by theme, comment type, and author. Each comment within a given Natural Area is also assigned a unique comment code comprised of a number and letter (e. g., 3A). The number in the code refers to the comment letter; the letter that follows refers to an individual comment located within that letter. The matrix has been sorted by last name of the comment author. The actual comment letters follow the matrix and are in order by comment letter. Finally, the comment matrix provides responses to each comment. In most cases the response directs the reader to the appropriate Master Response. Only those comments that were not sufficiently addressed by the Master Response receive additional treatment in Section 3 as an entry on the matrix.

Table 1-1. Summary of comments submitted on the Public Draft Management Plan by theme and Natural Area.

Natural Area	Theme														Total
	Dogs - On-Leash	Dogs - Off-Leash	Wildlife	Trees	Plan Costs	Cats	Plants	Safety	Erosion	Trails	Sensitive Species	Creeks	Project Merits	Other	
Lake Merced	2	2	5	3	2	1	3	-	-	1	3	-	6	-	**28**
Mt. Davidson	27	1	8	29	6	1	29	-	-	20	3	-	8	-	**132**
Glen Canyon Park	30	14	14	28	2	2	38	-	-	53	3	11	18	-	**213**
O'Shaughnessy Hollow	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	**0**
Sharp Park	1	1	8	6	3	-	7	1	-	38	4	17	4	-	**90**
Grandview Park	7	-	5	12	5	2	23	4	5	10	2	-	-	1	**76**
Rock Outcrop	6	1	12	13	3	2	19	5	9	20	-	-	3	-	**93**
Golden Gate Heights	3	-	3	1	3	1	14	1	6	6	-	-	-	-	**38**
Hawk Hill	1	-	7	4	1	1	6	2	4	17	-	-	-	-	**43**
Brooks Park	3	-	-	2	-	-	6	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	**14**
Lakeview/Ashton Mini Park	3	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	**14**
Pine Lake	2	22	30	50	17	5	45	-	1	107	70	2	33	-	**384**
Twin Peaks	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	-	-	-	**13**
Billy Goat Hill	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**3**
Buena Vista Park	-	4	4	9	1	-	6	-	-	15	6	-	6	-	**51**
Corona Heights	2	20	11	5	-	-	20	-	-	37	5	-	4	1	**105**
Duncan/Castro	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	**7**
Kite Hill	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	**0**
Tank Hill	-	10	3	8	2	-	9	-	-	17	4	-	5	-	**58**
Golden Gate Park	-	6	12	5	-	4	10	-	-	16	10	-	3	-	**66**
15th Avenue Steps	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	**1**
Bayview Park	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	3	5	-	-	-	**12**
India Basin Shoreline Park	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	-	-	-	**8**
McLaren Park	-	24	6	23	9	5	23	-	-	25	18	1	11	-	**145**
Palou/Phelps	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	**3**
Bernal Hill	25	201	42	38	15	1	70	-	-	120	36	-	97	-	**645**
Balboa Natural Area	-	4	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	1	-	**13**
Interior Green Belt	-	-	2	2	-	-	3	1	-	2	-	1	-	1	**12**
Dorothy Erskine Park	-	6	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	**17**
Edgehill Mountain	-	4	1	3	-	-	4	-	-	9	-	-	1	-	**22**
Fairmount Park	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	**0**
System Wide	19	44	20	22	30	34	68	-	-	20	12	-	106	-	**375**
Forestry	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**1**
Grand Total	**131**	**368**	**195**	**269**	**101**	**60**	**418**	**14**	**25**	**563**	**193**	**32**	**310**	**3**	**2682**

SECTION 2. MASTER RESPONSES BY THEME

The following presents Master Responses by major theme for all public comments received on the Public Draft of the Natural Areas Management Plan.

DOGS

It is hard to imagine a more controversial topic within the City of San Francisco than that of dogs, from ownership, to access, to play areas. Of the almost 120 acres of designated Dog Play Areas (DPAs) within the jurisdiction of SFRPD, approximately 95 acres or 80 percent of the area available are adjacent to or within Natural Areas (Table 5-1 in Final Draft). The Bernal Hill and McLaren Park DPAs alone account for approximately 80 acres or two-thirds of the available off-leash area located on SFRPD land.

A total of 499 comments were directly attributed to the dog theme. While they numbered fewer than the trails topic, many of the trails comments actually relate to where people want to be able to walk their dogs, creating substantial overlap between these themes. Overall, the major themes of the dog comments relate to the safety and comfort of Natural Areas visitors, access, wildlife disturbance, dog waste, and dog-generated erosion.

For purposes of this document, dog-related comments have been separated into two themes: on-leash (i. e., more restrictions on dog use desired) and off-leash (fewer restrictions on dog use desired) themes. Many on-leash comments request increases in enforcement of existing regulations, reductions in off-leash areas, or a complete ban on dogs within a Natural Area or all Natural Areas. The off-leash comments generally indicate that Natural Areas should remain unchanged (i.e., no reduction in off-leash areas), how dogs increase the safety of a Natural Area, and disagreement with the assertion that dogs cause erosion or disturb wildlife.

Approximately half of all the comments related to dogs were associated with Bernal Hill. Due to the large volume of comments, responses to comments related to dog recreation at Bernal Hill are presented in a separate section at the end of the dog-related comments.

MR-1. DOGS ON-LEASH (MORE RESTRICTIONS)

Issues

As indicated above, the main issues expressed under the theme of on-leash dogs have to do with safety of Natural Area visitors, minimization of wildlife disturbance, and prevention of erosion. Only 131 comments expressed the need for more restrictions and were classified as being in the theme on-leash dogs. Comments that supported the Public Draft's treatment of off-leash dogs mostly were included in the project merits category.

The bulk of the comments in the on-leash category indicated a desire to either completely eliminate dogs from Natural Areas or to increase enforcement. In many comments it was stated that existing regulations were routinely ignored and dogs ran off-leash throughout the Natural Areas. Some people expressed a discomfort when faced with an off-leash dog.

Reply:

Some reductions in dog access and off-leash dog use are proposed in the Final Draft (see Section 5). These changes are proposed in areas with sensitive habitats, erosion-prone areas, and some MA-1 areas containing sensitive plant species. The Final Draft recommends an approximately 15 percent reduction in off-leash recreational acreage in Natural Areas (from 95 acres to 81 acres). At Bernal Hill and McLaren Park, DPA acreage would be reduced (by 29 percent and 14 percent respectively) to protect important native plant habitat, erosion-prone areas, and wildlife habitat areas. In addition, the Final Draft proposes that additional sensitive habitat areas be monitored for impacts. These include the oak woodlands at Buena Vista Park and Golden Gate Park, sensitive dune habitat at Lake Merced, and small MA-1 areas at McLaren Park. Also, access by people and dogs would be restricted in small areas at Pine Lake and McLaren Park and a larger area at Sharp Park.

The intent of the Dog Policy was to plan dog use in parks such that dog owners would have areas to run dogs off-leash and other park users would also have areas where they would not encounter off-leash dogs. Currently, dogs are only allowed off-leash in designated DPAs. Dogs are allowed in most other City park lands not designated as DPAs, providing they remain on-leash. According to the Dog Policy, no-dog areas include athletic fields, children's play areas, and sensitive habitat areas. Sensitive habitat areas were defined in the Dog Policy (Section 2.0) and described in Section 5 of the Final Draft. According to the Dog Policy, Sensitive Habitat Areas include:

- sensitive wildlife areas such as breeding habitat for birds;
- sensitive remnant native plant communities such as wetlands;
- sensitive plant populations such as locally rare wildflower species;
- high erosion prone areas; and
- active restoration areas (temporary exclusion only).

Existing designated DPAs within and adjacent to the Natural Areas were evaluated according to the Dog Policy's sensitive habitat areas criteria. The two existing DPAs that are recommended for modification to protect these sensitive habitat areas are at McLaren Park and Bernal Hill. Additionally, at Lake Merced the independent review conducted by scientists recommended relocating the Lake Merced DPA (Huntsinger and Bartolome 2005).

The leash law has not been enforced on SFRPD property for many years. The Recreation and Park Commission is reviewing a draft enforcement policy and SFRPD intends to implement enforcement as outlined in the Dog Policy and in accordance with the Commission's actions. In

general, however, if people comply with existing regulations, Natural Areas visitors should not experience off-leash dogs in most Natural Areas. On-leash dogs, which generally remain on-trail as well, will have a minimal effect on resident wildlife, will not create erosion problems, and should not affect the recreational experience of those who do not own dogs.

MR-2. DOGS OFF-LEASH (FEWER RESTRICTIONS)

Issues

Of the 368 comments classified under the theme of dogs off-leash (commentors wanting fewer restrictions to off-leash dog recreation), the proposed reduction in the off-leash DPA at Bernal Hill accounted for 201 of those (see Bernal Hill section below). Most of the off-leash comments related to the need for dogs to run without restrictions to burn off excess energy. For many people, it is through this activity that they experience the Natural Areas. There appeared to be a general misunderstanding in the comments about the proposed changes in dog-related regulations for the Natural Areas. Many people were under the impression that the Natural Areas would be fenced off completely, preventing them and their pet from entering the Natural Areas. Additionally, comments indicated that people did not agree with the classification of an area, typically at Bernal Hill, as sensitive habitat. Such actions were often characterized as a "land grab" that should be subject to review by the Dog Advisory Committee and the Recreation and Park Commission. There were substantial numbers of comments about how dogs do not disturb wildlife or that wildlife was "doing fine" regardless of what the dogs were doing. Still other comments disagreed with the assertion that dogs create erosion problems.

Reply:

Regional Perspective. Regionally, San Francisco provides larger and more dispersed off-leash areas than many other Bay Area communities. For example, the Trust for Public Land cites Cesar Chavez Park in Berkeley, a City park, as the largest DPA in the East Bay, at 17 acres[1]. Point Isabel, a popular spot for off-leash dog play in Richmond operated by the East Bay Regional Park District, is 21 acres. Seattle has only six approved DPAs and two pilot sites in a park system yet has twice the overall acreage and facilities of SFRPD.

Currently, there are 118 acres of SFRPD land dedicated to off-leash dog play.[2] Approximately 95 acres (81 percent) of the DPA acreage on SFRPD land is within or adjacent to Natural Areas (see Table 5-1). With implementation of the Final Draft's recommendations, 85 percent of the DPA acreage within or adjacent to Natural Areas would remain. Two existing DPAs are proposed for off-leash acreage reduction: McLaren Park and Bernal Hill. The acreage provided in the remaining eight DPAs would not be changed with implementation of the Final Draft. Half of the DPA acreage in Natural Areas is found in McLaren Park. Even with the 8-acre reduction in off-leash area, McLaren Park will remain one of the largest, if not the largest, DPAs in the Bay Area

[1] Harnik, Peter and Cerise Bridges, Trust for Public Land, "Dogs unleashed on Parks"
[2] All DPA acreages described in this plan are estimates.

(at approximately 51 acres). The largest percent reduction in a single DPA is at Bernal Hill. Even with the reduction in acreage recommended in the Final Draft, Bernal Hill will remain the second largest DPA in San Francisco, after McLaren Park, and amongst the largest in the Bay Area. Reductions will affect mainly steep slopes and only the most significant and threatened portions of the Natural Areas.

San Francisco Dog Policy. The Dog Policy was developed by SFRPD with input from community stakeholder groups, the San Francisco Municipal Codes, and the 1998 Dog Task Force. One of the outcomes of this effort was a citywide Dog Policy adopted by the Recreation and Park Commission in 2002. Among other things, this policy created a process for establishing new DPAs and guidelines for protection of Sensitive Habitat Areas. Sensitive Habitat Areas are defined in Section 2.0 of the Dog Policy and referenced in Section 5 of the Public Draft and Final Draft. The Dog Policy describes the potential acreage of sensitive habitat that may require limitations on off-leash use. The Dog Policy states that of the "approximately 500 acres of Natural Areas available for recreational use, approximately 20 percent would be considered Sensitive Habitat Areas. The remainder of the Natural Areas (approximately 400 acres) would be potentially available for off-leash, on-leash or on-trail DPAs." There were many comments indicating that the 100-acre maximum sensitive habitat area described in the Public Draft was not part of the Dog Policy. The text of the Final Draft has been revised to reflect the actual adopted language of the Dog Policy.

The Dog Policy also established a process for creating new DPAs. As new DPAs are proposed, the Natural Areas Program should work with the Dog Advisory Committee and/or the Recreation and Park Commission in reviewing proposed DPAs for compatibility with the Final Draft and the Natural Areas mission. As described in the Final Draft, new DPAs should not be located in MA-1 or MA-2 areas though given appropriate site conditions may be appropriately sited in MA-3 areas. If new DPAs are located next to MA-1 or MA-2 areas, fencing may be required. Fencing, if required, will only be very low, rustic fencing that will not detract from the natural beauty it is designed to protect.

DPAs Not Evaluated in Public Draft. Four DPAs were not evaluated in the June 2005 Public Draft. These include Golden Gate Park Northeast and Golden Gate Park Southeast in the Oak Woodlands Natural Areas of Golden Gate Park, and the Geneva Avenue and Crocker Amazon DPAs within and adjacent to McLaren Park. Review of these areas indicates that the Golden Gate Park Northeast DPA should be monitored to ensure that use does not adversely impact the oak woodlands. The Golden Gate Park Southeast DPA is spatially separated from the oak woodlands and requires no changes or actions to protect the natural resources. The Geneva Avenue site in McLaren Park needs signs that delineate the DPA boundaries, but once this is accomplished there are no expected issues with use of this site. Finally, the Crocker Amazon DPA is spatially separated from the Natural Area and requires no additional actions. The Final Draft has been revised to reflect these changes.

Access. People and their dogs will continue to have access to the Natural Areas for on-leash and on-trail use. The Natural Areas will not be fenced off and access will not be prohibited. Temporary fencing will likely be required to protect restoration sites. Permanent fencing is recommended in relatively few locations and only as a last resort if signage and temporary barriers are ineffective at controlling access. As stated above, only low rustic fencing that will not detract from the natural beauty of the setting would be installed (see Appendix H of the Final Draft).

Safety. Safety was raised in two ways in relation to the theme of dogs. First, there are those people who are uncomfortable when confronted by an off-leash dog. The purpose of the Dog Policy is to plan land use in parks such that park users can choose to encounter or avoid off-leash dogs (see MR-1 above). Secondly, several comments suggest that dog use in the Natural Areas can reduce the undesirable use of the Natural Areas (e. g., crime, drug use). It is likely that more regular recreational use of parks, such as that associated with dog walking, may reduce undesirable activities, because dog walkers have the opportunity to observe and report to law enforcement officials activities that negatively impact Natural Areas and visitors. However, the positive effect that public use may have on the parks is likely to be similar whether or not dogs are on-leash or off-leash.

Wildlife Disturbance. Many of the dog-related comments indicate that dogs do not disturb wildlife. While this may be true of some dogs, there are others that certainly do disturb wildlife. The scientific review of the Public Draft indicated that while one study has found that dog impacts may be overstated, there is still ample evidence in other studies that dogs do in fact kill and injure small mammals, reptiles and amphibians, and that the simple act of running through bird nesting habitat can disturb birds and reduce reproductive success (Huntsinger and Bartolome 2005). The survey work done in preparation of the Public Draft suggests that reptile and amphibian numbers are low in Natural Areas. Anecdotal evidence from area birdwatchers indicates that populations of ground-nesting birds are declining. It is possible that in areas with relatively small initial wildlife populations such as the Natural Areas, increased disturbance and resulting reductions in reproductive success could be contributing to the decline of many ground-nesting birds, reptiles, and amphibians. Certainly, off-leash dogs are not solely to blame for this decline; factors such as habitat size and increased human use of the Natural Areas have contributed as well. However, enough evidence exists to suggest that dogs that are allowed to roam off-leash can harm or disturb wildlife (Huntsinger and Bartolome 2005). Also see MR-3, Wildlife below for a discussion of state and federally protected species.

Erosion. Overuse of an area, whether by dogs or humans, can lead to trampling of vegetation, which exposes soil, thereby increasing erosion. While dogs may have a lower impact per foot than humans, overuse will still result in removal of vegetation and exposure of soils. Examples of this can be seen at the eastern edge of Pine Lake where routine access to the water has resulted in a muddy area of ground immediately adjacent to the lake. Erosion issues can be exacerbated, especially on slopes, by dog running and chasing activities associated with off-leash recreation. Many of the Natural Areas have relatively unstable erosion-prone soils. In areas of focused use,

excessive trampling promotes erosion. The Final Draft recommends installation of signage requesting visitors to keep pets off unstable soils and slopes. If signage fails to prevent damage to the area, site-specific low fencing may be required to protect unstable areas. In general, however, if dogs remain on-leash and on-trail as required within most of the Natural Areas, impacts related to vegetation trampling and erosion should be minimized.

Enforcement. Although relatively few off-leash themed comments relate directly to enforcement, many of them do indicate that most people follow the rules, leash their pets when required, and clean up after them. There are numerous comments attributing impacts to professional dog walkers and requesting licensing of these people. See the discussion of enforcement in MR-1.

Bernal Hill. The estimate of acreage to be converted from off-leash to on-leash at Bernal Hill has been revised in the Final Draft. Currently this DPA is 21 acres and includes all the land above and including Bernal Heights Boulevard. The Public Draft recommended conversion of approximately 8 acres above the road to on-leash recreation. Some comments supported this idea. A segment of the population does not enjoy interacting with off-leash pets, regardless of how well controlled or behaved they are. There were many more comments in opposition to this proposal. Commentors noted that people and their pets use Bernal Hill daily, sometimes making two or three visits. This group of people does not want to alter their use patterns of this Natural Area. A significant number of people were in favor of 100 percent of Bernal Hill being off-leash.

The Final Draft retains the reduction in off-leash area at Bernal Hill, but the estimate to be converted to on-leash has been refined. The revised Bernal Hill plan (see Section 6.21) proposes a 6-acre on-leash and on-trail area that generally conforms to the areas delineated as MA-1a and MA-1b on the north side of Bernal Hill. The boundary of the proposed on-leash area has been adjusted to conform to existing trails and allow park users with dogs to have off-leash access through some areas designated as MA-1. The on-leash trail area was modified so that a complete circuit of the hill could be made without having to put one's dog on a leash.

The Final Draft proposes a reduction in off-leash acreage by 6 acres. Of these 6 acres, approximately 2.5 acres are largely inaccessible with slopes between 45 and 90 degrees. There are 4.5 acres below Bernal Heights Boulevard that could be converted to an off-leash area to help offset this reduction. Although portions of this area below the road are also steep, some areas could be developed with trails to accommodate public use and access. To facilitate compliance with this recommendation and other DPA boundaries throughout the City, SFRPD will post signs at Bernal Hill and maps of the official DPAs will be available on the SFRPD website. Even with the reduction, the Bernal Hill DPA will remain one of the largest off-leash DPAs in the entire San Francisco Bay Area (see MR-2).

The northern section of Bernal Hill that supports the most sensitive species and habitats and has significant erosion-prone areas has been proposed to be converted to an on-leash area. Sensitive wildlife and plant habitats and high erosion risk areas are identified in the Dog Policy as

Sensitive Habitat Areas that may be off-limits to dogs (see MR-1). The smaller MA-1 areas on Bernal Hill are less sensitive and quite small. These areas will remain as part of the off-leash area. Many comments related to Bernal Hill suggested that dogs were not responsible for erosion, digging, or disturbance of wildlife (see Wildlife Disturbance above). The scientific review conducted in preparation of the Public Draft indicated that disturbance from off-leash dogs, while not well studied, had been shown to reduce nesting success of ground nesting birds (Huntsinger and Bartolome 2005).

MR-3. WILDLIFE ISSUES

The comments categorized into the theme of wildlife pertained to several Natural Areas and included many topics. Among the more common themes were the effects of tree removal and other management recommendations on wildlife, especially birds; issues related to the western pond turtle (*Clemmys marmorata*) at Pine Lake; and predator (non-native animal) control. Also, there were comments suggesting that wildlife was doing "just fine" under the existing conditions and that no change to existing land uses or vegetation was required.

A large number of comments relating to the western pond turtle at Pine Lake indicated the belief that the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) would require SFRPD to remove trees and create suitable upland habitat for this sensitive species. Still others were under the impression that the Public Draft recommended augmenting the pond turtle population at Pine Lake and that such augmentation would result in restrictions on human and dog access to the park.

Some comments related to the issue of non-native predator control questioned the Public Draft's approach of valuing native species over non-native species.

Reply:

The potential impacts to wildlife associated with the proposed management activities are discussed in the Public and Final Draft Plans. Measures to minimize impact to birds, such as tree removal and other activities, are discussed in Section 5 (GR-4) and Appendix F. Recommendations, including conducting wildlife surveys prior to vegetation removal; restricting vegetation (including tree removal) to the non-breeding season; and creating brush piles and other temporary habitat are among the measures recommended to reduce impacts of vegetation management on wildlife.

In addition there are recommendations designed to protect sensitive wildlife species by limiting access to their habitat. Access may need to be controlled in areas that support state or federally protected species such as the San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis elegans*), California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*), and the mission blue butterfly (*Icaricia icarioides missionensis*). The SFRPD has a responsibility under the State and Federal Endangered Species Acts to protect these species. It is expected that area closures would either be temporary during periods when animals are most sensitive to disturbance (nesting or breeding

season), or more permanent trail relocations to keep people and their pets out of sensitive habitats utilized by these species. Potential closure areas include the wetlands at Sharp Park (California red-legged frog and San Francisco garter snake), and grasslands supporting mission blue butterfly habitat at Twin Peaks, McLaren Park, and Bayview Hill. In all cases, through pedestrian traffic would be allowed in all these areas, but if necessary trailside fencing would be installed if other measures are not effective at controlling use in habitat areas. See also MR-1 above.

There appears to be a general misunderstanding about the potential effects that the presence of the western pond turtle would have on access and trees at Pine Lake. The presence of the turtle will not result in the removal of mature trees and will not affect recreational use of the trails around the lake. Furthermore, the Public Draft did not recommend augmenting the pond turtle population at Pine Lake.

The management recommendations for the western pond turtle at Pine Lake have been revised in order to provide greater conservation and recreational benefit. Because CDFG had determined that the habitat at Pine Lake is marginal for western pond turtle, the Final Draft has been revised to recommend relocation of the animals to the higher-quality habitat at Lake Merced if this species is found at Pine Lake.

The recommendations to control non-native species in order to protect native species and biodiversity originate in the plans and policies of the City of San Francisco and are founded on the most current scientific evidence. The Natural Areas Program is directed by the General Plan, the Sustainability Plan, the SFRPD Strategic Plan, and the Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan, adopted by the Commission in 1995, to protect and enhance biodiversity of Natural Areas within the City (see Section 1.4 of the Final Draft). In carrying out its mission, the Natural Areas Program is mandated to manage the Natural Areas for their natural resource values and biological diversity, including native wildlife. The Natural Areas Program, by implementing recommendations within the Final Draft, is attempting to prevent local and regional extinctions of native animal species

Modern-day species extinctions and the negative effects that introduced animals have on native animal populations and diversity has been well-documented over the last half century (Elton 1958, Fox and Fox 1986, Lowe et. al. 2000). In the San Francisco Bay Area, populations of some native wildlife species are declining and many common native animals have disappeared, in part due to the introduction of invasive species (Cohen 1997)(see also GR-10 in the Final Draft). In San Francisco, the Pacific chorus frog and several species of butterflies are among the animals that no longer occur here. Habitat loss and conversion combined with pressures from introduced species can push plants and animals to the edge of extinction.

While not all introduced species are problematic, some species, especially those well-adapted to urban environments, compete with and displace native wildlife. If these species are not controlled, further loss of wildlife will likely result. Sometimes, the only way to protect native

animals is to actively remove the invasive species. For example, the proposed monitoring and control of bullfrog populations at Sharp Park is critical for the survival of the federally threatened California red-legged frog, and may be necessary at Lake Merced to improve the condition of native western pond turtle populations.

The recommendations within the Final Draft that relate to wildlife usually entail habitat improvements. It is more cost-effective to restore suitable habitat than it is to attempt to directly manage wildlife resources. Direct management of wildlife is recommended only in situations where introduced predators can directly compete with or prey on desired native wildlife. The long-term goal of wildlife management as described in the Final Plan is to achieve some stability of local species of special concern.

MR-4. TREES

Issues:

There were over 260 comments identified as relating to trees. In general, these comments were a mix of statements demanding that the SFRPD not remove any trees, indications of the wildlife value of trees and snags, and how the trees are an established part of the character of San Francisco. Some people expressed the fear that SFRPD would remove all the trees designated for removal at the same time. Other people recognized that the Public Draft recommends the removal of invasive species of trees to protect sensitive resources or gradually create forests based on native species. Still others requested that any trees that are removed be replaced with similar-sized trees.

Reply

For purposes of the Final Draft, a “tree” is defined as having one vertical trunk and a height greater than 15 feet. This definition comes from the reference *Arboriculture: Integrated Management of Landscape Trees, Shrubs, And Vines* (Harris 2003). There were many comments that disagreed with this definition and comments suggesting that saplings and sprouts could be removed without the action being considered tree removal; however, none of the comments presented a viable alternative definition. In addition to identifying the location of trees to be removed, the Final Draft identifies specifically where seedlings and saplings of invasive tree species would be prevented from establishing.

The estimates of tree removal proposed in the Final Draft only pertain to trees within Natural Areas. There are an estimated 118,000 trees in Natural Areas. Of these, approximately 64,000 are in San Francisco and 54,000 are in Sharp Park. The many thousand of trees that occur on other park lands such as golf courses, neighborhood parks, and most of Golden Gate Park, are not considered in the Final Draft. Trees on properties owned by other jurisdictions, such as University of California, San Francisco, Laguna Honda Hospital, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, similarly are not included.

After the Final Draft is implemented, over 60,000 trees (approximately 95 percent) of the trees in San Francisco Natural Areas) would remain. The Final Draft proposes a more significant tree removal plan for the upper canyon area of Sharp Park. At Sharp Park, the Final Draft proposes cutting down approximately 28 percent of the trees (15,000 of a total estimated 54,000) within the mission blue butterfly habitat, along the creek corridor, and along the edges of the forest where the trees encroach on the native habitat.

Tree removal activities in Natural Areas are expected to occur in phases over the life of the Final Draft (20 years). A total of 3,400 trees are proposed for removal within the City of San Francisco (this represents 5 percent of the trees currently in Natural Areas). These are trees that are encroaching into and converting valuable habitat remnants and threaten their persistence. On average, approximately 170 trees per year are proposed for removal. The number of trees to be removed in a given year is constrained by staffing levels, resources, and restrictions on when tree removal can occur. It is expected that under the best of conditions, no more than approximately 10 percent of the total trees to be removed would actually be cut citywide in a single year (340 trees). If capital project funds should become available, more trees could be removed in a given year. Supplemental environmental review and public process also would be associated with a capital project.

Priority for removal will be given to trees that are in poor health, diseased, or stressed from overcrowding (GR-15c). As discussed in GR-6a, because of their wildlife value, snags will be retained unless they are a hazard to public safety or harbor significant disease or harmful insect populations. Operational standards for wildlife protection are incorporated into the Final Draft in Appendix F.

Trees removed within MA-1 and MA-2 areas will be replaced in some cases with native tree species, including coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), California buckeye (*Aesculus californica*), California wax myrtle (*Myrica californica*), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*), and red alder (*Alnus rubra*). Not all trees removed will be replaced with trees. One of the stated goals for many Natural Areas is to expand the coverage of grassland and scrub habitats. In order to accomplish this goal, it is necessary to both remove mature invasive trees and prevent recruitment. In other cases, native tree species will be planted after invasive species are removed. However, it is not feasible to replace a mature tree with another mature tree as some comments requested. Native trees have higher survivorship rates if young trees, seedlings, or saplings are planted. An estimated five to 10 years is required for these native tree seedlings and saplings to mature.

MR-5. CATS

Issue:

The discussion in the Public Draft relating to management of feral and free-roaming cats generated a substantial amount of comments. Fifty-eight comments were received that focused on cats. Most of these (33) were classified as system-wide comments and typically requested the

removal of GR-7, which addresses the issue of cats within the Natural Areas. Several commentors questioned the legitimacy of the feral cat studies referenced in the Public Draft and indicated that the text was decidedly anti-cat. In addition, many comments in this category related to the language on educational signage in GR-14. Specifically, concern was expressed that the recommendation to control animal populations maintained by artificial feeding, and the impacts of released predators on native wildlife, were specifically focused on feral and free-roaming cats.

Reply:

The text discussion of GR-7 has been revised to incorporate the findings of the scientific review and the impact of predators other than feral cats. The recommendation regarding feral cats has been revised to include references to other trap-neuter-release programs in the San Francisco Bay Area and a discussion of relocation of feral cats; however, the basic recommendation to implement the feral cat control policy developed for the Quail Recovery Plan did not change. This is not a "trap and kill" plan, but rather creates a system by which the SFRPD coordinates with the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SF/SPCA) to relocate cats, or with another cat advocacy group if the SF/SPCA is not available. Many comments stated that the Public Draft did not mention other predators that affect wildlife populations. While un-subsidized predators such as skunks (*Mephitus mephitis*), raccoons (*Procyon lotor*) raptors, and owls can impact wildlife, their populations are not concentrated and maintained as cat colonies are. Nonetheless, the Final Draft has been revised to include other species of predators that have impacts on birds and other wildlife.

The language in the general recommendation related to education (GR-14c) has also been changed. This recommendation attempts through education to address the human feeding of "wild" animals such as raccoons and pigeons that carry diseases and impact natural systems. This section explicitly does not apply to feral cats. The reader is now referred to the recommendations in GR-7, which include all recommendations regarding feral cats, including educational material that discourages "dumping" of unwanted domestic pets into park lands and streets.

MR-6. PLANTS

Issues

A substantial number of the comments received (over 415) were related to plants. These ranged from people who questioned the value of removing non-native species in favor of native species, restoration actions, erosion, and fire protection. Many comments related to sustainability and the potential need for long-term care of the Natural Areas and restoration projects. Other comments noted that recent restoration projects have not been maintained and that these areas look weedy or unattractive. Some comments expressed concern that recreational activities would be restricted due the presence of sensitive plant species, while others questioned the designation of

locally significant plants as sensitive. Other people commented that they were having difficulty matching the figures in the Public Draft to existing ground conditions.

Reply:

Native versus Invasive. Invasive species differ from non-native species. Invasive species are known to be problematic worldwide. For example, trees from California wreak havoc in natural areas in Australia and vines from South Africa cause problems for California wildlands. Invasive species include plants or animals that are introduced by humans, either intentionally or unintentionally, to natural areas and once established spread uncontrollably and "push out" local native species. Not all non-native species are invasive. Only a handful of the thousands of plants that are brought into this country through the nursery trade are considered invasive in wildland areas. Invasive species have specific traits that allow them to expand rapidly and without control. Many of the invasive plants found within the Natural Areas have characteristics that make them challenging to control. Some of the most noxious invasive species have the ability to survive high levels of human-generated use; regenerate from cuttings, fragments, stumps, or roots; are tolerant to extreme fluctuations in water supply and soil quality; often have growth rates that vastly exceed native plants; and produce large volumes of seeds. In order to maintain or promote the ecosystems and species that make San Francisco distinct, invasive species need to be contained.

It is important to remember that one of the primary directives of the Natural Areas Program is to protect and enhance the biological diversity (biodiversity) of Natural Areas within the City. In order to promote biodiversity in San Francisco, the extinction trend of native plants and animals must be reversed. In the last 50 years, over 50 percent of the plant species in San Francisco have disappeared. Some of this loss is undoubtedly due to the loss of open space and habitat for these species. In other cases, native plant species have been crowded out by invasive weeds. The loss of native plant species is not only tragic for humans who can no longer go to local parks and see the diverse array of wildflowers in the spring, but it is disastrous for some native animals that depend on those plant species for food, reproduction, and other critical life cycle stages. If the plants on which animals rely disappear, then so do the animal species. Sometimes, the best way to protect animal species and ensure they will be around for future generations to enjoy is to control the few problematic invasive species.

Restoration. Restoration of natural areas is a process that usually begins with removal of invasive plant species (see GR-1 in Section 5 for a discussion of invasive plants). This phase can be relatively labor-intensive, especially when removing such tenacious species as erharta grass (*Ehrharta erecta*), oxalis (*Oxalis pes-caprae*), and Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus discolor*). Native plant restoration, as described in the Public and Final Draft Plans, would occur in relatively small areas. At no time will entire hillsides be denuded and left to erode into neighboring yards (see erosion section below). Installation of native plants follows the removal of invasive species. Care of the natives is necessary through the first couple of springs to remove the invasive species that reproduce from roots or the seed bank. Many of California's native

plants do very well given the opportunity and are more than capable of preventing erosion. Eventually, these restored areas will interconnect, creating stable, relatively maintenance-free native plant habitats. As with a garden environment, not all plants that are planted survive through the first year, but unlike a planted garden, once established in restoration areas these plant species require no artificial inputs of fertilizers, water, or pesticides. Therefore, once a Natural Area is restored, significantly less maintenance is required for the Natural Area as compared with a landscaped area. Long-term maintenance of these sites should be limited to routine inspection and removal of invasive species as necessary to preserve habitat integrity.

The scientific review of the Public Draft indicated that successful restoration of native grasslands may be exceedingly difficult (Huntsinger and Bartolome 2005). The review suggested that instead of complete restoration, the focus should shift to creation of structural diversity within the existing non-native grasslands. Enhancement of the native component, especially those plants that are hosts to or provide forage for insects, may have a more significant favorable impact on the biodiversity and be more attainable than complete restoration to native grasslands. The Final Draft has been modified to reflect this critique.

Fencing. There were quite a few comments arguing for and against the use of fencing. In general, the Public Draft suggested the use of temporary fencing to protect restoration sites from unintentional damage generated by Natural Area visitors or their pets. Because most restoration sites, unless they are trail-specific, will occur outside normal use areas (recreational trails), the effect that temporary fencing will have on visitors is minor. In the case of trail restoration, alternate routes will be made available as appropriate. Permanent fencing is recommended in relatively few locations and in all cases only as a last resort if signage and temporary barriers are ineffective at controlling access (see MR-2).

Vegetation Mapping. The vegetation communities presented in the Public and Final Draft Plans were mapped between 1998 and 2000. Because management has been occurring in Natural Areas since this time, the information on the vegetation maps may not match current conditions. In the six years since the conclusion of vegetation mapping, areas have been restored and species such as French broom (*Genista monspessulana*), pampas grass (*Cortaderia selloana*), and blue gum eucalyptus trees (*Eucalyptus globulus*) have been removed. In other cases, trees have fallen down from natural causes and new trails have developed. It was not possible to track the on-the-ground changes to vegetation communities over the seven years it has taken to produce the Final Draft Plan. Furthermore, the vegetation maps in the Final Draft represent baseline information at the beginning of the NAP. This information is important to capture and document and will be useful for measuring NAP restoration progress over time. Once the Final Draft is approved and accepted for use, the changed conditions will be recorded through the monitoring and feedback loop which is an integral part of the adaptive management approach on which the Final Draft is based.

Sensitive Plants. The reintroduction of sensitive plant species will not affect recreational use in Natural Areas. This is described in the Public and Final Draft. Some commentors expressed

concern that re-introduction of a sensitive plant species would restrict recreational use in some Natural Areas (see also MR-8, Sensitive Species). As stated in the Public and Final Draft Plans, reintroductions will only occur in MA-1 and MA-2 areas. Public use within these areas is supposed to be limited to trails with pets on-leash. In most cases, reintroduction of sensitive plants will occur in locations away from trails, in order to minimize the disturbance to the plants and maximize the success of the re-introduction. Because the reintroductions would occur off of approved trail routes, allowable recreational uses would not change. Most of the species discussed as potentially suitable for re-introduction are considered locally sensitive by the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), a San Francisco based plant conservation organization. These locally rare species occur in limited numbers or have small distributions, and are therefore at risk of becoming locally extinct. These locally significant plant species have no standing or protection afforded to them by federal or state endangered species legislation. Conservation of these locally significant plants is critical to biodiversity conservation in San Francisco.

Herbicide Use. Despite the emphasis on hand, mechanical, and alternative methods of removal, herbicides sometimes are used to control invasive weeds in Natural Areas, especially when other methods are not feasible. The Natural Areas Program has a "least toxic approach" policy to invasive plant control, which means that non-herbicide control methods are investigated or used first before chemicals are applied. The many non-herbicide methods of invasive plant control and decision-making process used by the Natural Areas Program are described in Section 4 of the Final Draft Plan. As is described in the Public and Final Drafts, the Natural Areas Program used less than 10 percent of the overall SFRPD usage in 2004. On a per-acre basis, pesticide usage in the Natural Areas is significantly less than usage rates in other park maintenance programs. Of the over 40 approved compounds used department-wide, the Natural Areas Program uses only three and most of the product used is in the least-toxic category. Please refer to Section 4 of the Final Draft for a more detailed discussion of herbicide use.

Erosion. Some comments raised the concern that the removal of any plant material would produce unnatural rates of erosion and that eucalyptus and iceplant (*Carpobrotus edulis*) are better at controlling erosion than native plants. Others were concerned that use of social trails increases erosion. Erosion is a natural process but can be exacerbated by activities such as large-scale plant removal and trampling. As stated above (in Restoration), management activities involving the removal of invasive species typically occur on a small scale and are partnered with revegetation. Not all plant species are good at erosion control. "The literature suggests that invasive plants common in the parks, like eucalyptus and highway ice plant are not optimal for erosion control (Huntsinger and Bartolome 2005)." Ultimately, restoration projects that increase vegetative structure and diversity will provide long-term erosion protection. This means installing native plants with differing rooting depths. The Public Draft also describes the need to close or reroute some social trails in order to reduce erosion. Temporary measures to control erosion during and immediately following the removal of invasive species, such as leaving roots in the soil and installing temporary soil protection devices, are described in Section 5 of the Final Plan. The approach to revegetation and erosion control described in the Final Draft is consistent with sound soil conservation practices.

Fire Protection. Several comments were related to fire control and protection. Some commentors were concerned that eucalyptus trees adjacent to private homes represented a fire danger. Others suggested that public access and brush piles located next to homes increase the risk of fire damage to adjacent property. GR-13 of the Final Draft has been revised to include the creation of fire protection zones, including the removal and thinning of hazardous vegetation and brush piles within 30 feet of homes and other structures.

MR-7. TRAILS

Issue:

There were over 560 comments categorized into the trails theme. However, as stated above, many of the comments categorized as the trails theme related to off-leash dogs. As expected, issues relating to access and potential limitations on access are very important to people who recreate in the Natural Areas. Many comments related to trails were based on misinformation, specifically that visitors or their dogs would not be allowed into the Natural Areas. Other trail-related comments reflect the desire to continue to have access, the apparent safety of approved and maintained trails when compared to social trails, requests for specific trails to be opened or closed, or support for trail closures overall. Many people submitted comments reflecting a desire to have more restrooms, restrooms fixed, or restrooms open for longer hours during the day

Reply:

There are 17.5 miles of improved and 12.5 miles of unimproved trails within the Natural Areas which will continue to be accessible to people and their on-leash pets. In addition, 1.1 miles of new trails are recommended for development. This means that over 31 miles of designated trails will be provided in just 1-square-mile acreage of Natural Areas in San Francisco. The Final Draft does not preclude people from using Natural Areas on approved trails. It does, however, allow for the closure or re-routing of social trails. Examples of social trails include undesignated trails that short-cut trail routes or switchbacks, trails that lead into the park from neighboring residences, and trails that cross landscaped and vegetated areas to private hiding spots. Social trails are those created by people without regard to, or awareness of, the park resources, and can be incredibly destructive to natural resources. Aside from direct trampling of plants, the trails often go straight up or down a slope without concern for runoff or erosion risk. Often these routes are redundant with primary approved and maintained trails. There were comments that indicated social trails should remain simply because they were created by the people who use the park. However, if social trails are allowed to develop anywhere by users and without regard to planning, the park landscape will degrade. Excessive bare soil from crisscrossing and short-cutting will detract from the park's aesthetics, increase erosion, and create safety problems associated with erosion.

In order for resources to be protected, a well-planned trail network must be established and park users must follow those trail routes. The Final Draft retains the recommendation to close a total

of 10.3 miles of social trails within the Natural Areas. As this occurs, the park user may notice minor changes to trails as redundant, unsafe, resource-damaging social trails are closed or rerouted. The trails that are closed will be restored with the appropriate native vegetation. Social trail closures will not occur all at once and the trails with the greatest safety concerns or with the greatest impacts to sensitive resources will be prioritized. At no time, except perhaps temporarily for safety reasons, will the public be prevented from entering and enjoying the Natural Areas.

In general, the Natural Areas do not support buildings of any kind, including restrooms. Infrastructure within Natural Areas is limited to trails, benches, and informational signage. Construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities such as restrooms and trash bins are outside of the operational area of the Natural Areas Program. Comments regarding capital improvements such as restrooms have been forwarded to the SFRPD Planning Division staff.

MR-8. SENSITIVE SPECIES

Issues:

Sensitive species are seen by some commentors as an excuse to exclude humans from the Natural Areas. The common misconception found in many comments is that reintroductions of sensitive species would lead to reductions in access. The list of species that are considered locally sensitive in the Public Draft is substantially longer than the species list provided by the state or federal governments of species protected under the Endangered Species Act. Many comments requested that the Public Draft consider only those species protected by the Endangered Species Act as locally sensitive. Other comments requested that additional species be added to the list of sensitive plants and animals.

Reply:

The list of plants and animals considered to be locally sensitive for this project includes 56 species of birds, two reptiles, one amphibian, one fish, seven invertebrates, and 73 plant species. The magnitude of this list suggests that the potential for further loss of biodiversity in San Francisco is great. Native plants and animals persist in small fragmented habitats (representing less than 3 percent of the total acreage of San Francisco) that are subject to high levels of human disturbance and ongoing pressure from introduced plants and animals.

The list of locally sensitive species remains unchanged in the Final Draft. Selection of species considered to be locally sensitive is discussed in the Final Draft (Section 3.3, Sensitive Species). Essentially, species were considered to be sensitive if they occurred in three or fewer locations in the City. At some point, a species must be locally rare before it is considered in enough danger of going extinct to warrant listing under either the State or Federal Endangered Species Acts. It is not uncommon for resource managers to use a local rarity when making management decisions. In fact, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that a species' actual rarity be considered when evaluating project-related impacts (CCR Section 15380). Therefore, most environmental documents prepared in compliance with CEQA include locally sensitive plants (as

identified by local CNPS Chapters) as sensitive species. If these locally significant species were not addressed during the development of the Public Draft, they would likely be included as part of the upcoming environmental review. In addition, it is far more effective from a biological point of view to start managing species before they become so rare that management is mandated by the state or federal governments. Because of this, using only the state and federally listed species could be considered short-sighted and not in alignment with city policy (i. e., Policy 2.13 of the General Plan described in Chapter 1.0 of the Final Draft).

The Final Draft discusses and recommends reintroduction of sensitive plants within some of the Natural Areas. The effects of reintroduction on Natural Area users are discussed in MR-6, Plants. There are no plans to introduce sensitive animal species within any of the Natural Areas. The potential changes to access resulting from sensitive wildlife being present are discussed in MR-3, Wildlife. In general, if visitors remain on established trails and keep their pets on leashes when required, there should be no need to prohibit access or install fencing in sensitive species habitats.

MR-9. CREEKS

Issue:

There are two creek habitats within Natural Areas: Islais Creek in Glen Canyon and Sanchez Creek in Sharp Park. There were 32 comments regarding creeks. Some of these questioned the feasibility of stream restoration without an increased quantity of higher-quality water. Other comments indicated that restoration work already completed at Glen Canyon has resulted in increased water in the stream and better wildlife habitat. Many of the creek comments were directed at Sanchez Creek in Sharp Park. These comments indicate that Sanchez Creek is a valuable resource but that it did not receive enough attention in the Public Draft. Some comments stated that the contamination of the creek from the abandoned rifle range must be addressed while others asserted that the entire creek (even the portion that flows through the golf course) should be considered a natural area and should be restored.

Reply:

Most of the comments relating to Islais Creek in Glen Canyon supported the restoration work done in the creek. They indicated that recent removal of blue gum eucalyptus, Himalayan blackberry, and Cape ivy (*Delairea odorata*) has resulted in an increase in wildlife use of the creek. However, some comments indicated that the instream structures in the creek have accumulated sediment and are not functioning as designed. The instream sediment structures are recommended for rehabilitation in GC/OH-10c. Artificial augmentation of water supply to the creek is probably not feasible. However, the recommendations in the Final Draft call for reducing sources of sediment (see GC/OH-10), which will help increase flows. Improvements to trails, as recommended elsewhere within the Final Draft, also should help reduce sediment inputs

to the creek. The Final Draft outlines monitoring protocols that could be used to evaluate whether the restoration sites are functioning as designed.

Several comments indicated that Sanchez Creek in Sharp Park was not adequately addressed, specifically in relation to the issue of lead leaching from the abandoned rifle range into the portion of the creek that runs through the rifle range. Issues related to the rifle range were not included in the Draft Plan because this section of the creek is outside of the Natural Area (Figure 6.4-1). This omission was an oversight. Leaching lead from the abandoned rifle range may affect the downstream section of Sanchez Creek. This issue, and a corresponding recommendation regarding clean up of the contaminated soils, have been included in the Final Draft (Recommendation SP-12a).

MR-10. PLAN COSTS

Issues:

Most of the comments in this theme related to the cost and feasibility of implementing the Public Draft recommendations. Others indicated that they valued other SFRPD functions such as maintenance activities (trash removal and restroom upkeep) over ecological improvements and that money should go to such maintenance rather than Natural Areas management. Many of these comments question how priorities were established and funding was allocated between priorities.

Reply:

In March of 2000, the citizens of San Francisco approved Proposition C, the Open Space Fund. The Open Space Fund assures allocations for the Natural Areas Program (along with other programs such as after-school recreation programs, urban forestry, community gardens, and volunteer programs) in the amount allocated for the program from the Park and Open Space Fund in the Department's fiscal year 1999-2000 budgets. In fiscal year 1999-2000, the Natural Areas Program was allocated $400,000. Therefore, base funding of $400,000 will be allotted each year for management of the Natural Areas until the year 2030. The majority of these funds are used to pay for the salaries of Natural Areas Program staff, which perform the maintenance of these areas. Volunteer resources are also used to perform some of the Natural Areas maintenance (see Section 1.3 of the Final Draft regarding volunteer resources).

In addition to the passage of Proposition C, which mandates funding for the Natural Areas Program, several planning documents describe the value of these areas to San Francisco. Among the documents that describe the value of Natural Areas are the General Plan of the City and County of San Francisco (Policy 2.13 of the Open Space Element), the City's Sustainability Plan (City and County of San Francisco 1997) and the Significant Natural Resource Areas

Management Plan (SFRPD 1995a). These documents are described in greater detail in Section 1 of the Final Draft.

In addition to the Open Space allocation, grants have been secured for various Natural Areas. These funds are largely used to implement capital projects, such as the trail and creek restoration project recently completed in Glen Canyon Park. Between 1999 and 2003, over $2 million in outside grant monies were secured for capital and other Natural Areas projects.

Like Park Master Plans, the purpose of the Final Draft is to describe improvements to the park landscape that are consistent with broad community needs; these recommendations are made somewhat independently of current funding resources. The Final Draft is a forward-thinking document that describes land use changes, park improvements, maintenance and operations objectives and actions. While recommendations described in the Final Draft need to be within the realm of reason, they need not always be linked to specific funding sources. Because funding and staff resources fluctuate, some elements of the Final Draft may not be implemented. This situation is not unusual. For example, not all elements described in the Park Master Plans for Buena Vista or McLaren Park have been implemented. When Master Plans are revised, elements that have not been implemented may be carried forward to the revised plan or removed from consideration.

Because the recommendations described in the Final Draft exceed the Natural Areas Program's current resources, prioritization is critical. The Final Draft prioritizes maintenance activities in certain Management Areas over others; for example, MA-1s are prioritized over MA-2s, and MA-2s over MA-3s. Therefore, Natural Areas Program staff resources currently available through the Open Space Fund will be devoted primarily to maintenance activities described in the MA-1 and MA-2 areas in the Final Draft.

Due to the complexity of the Final Draft, it is not feasible to conduct a detailed cost analysis of the Final Draft.

MR-11. PROJECT MERITS

Project merit comments reflect a reader's opinion about a particular issue without recommending a change to the Public Draft itself. These ranged from commentors who expressed their support of the Natural Areas Program to those opposed to the fundamental values of the Program and Natural Areas. There are people who think the Natural Areas Program is the wrong place to spend money, and others who think not enough money is spent. There are project merit comments for all of the themes as well as the Public Draft itself.

Some of the major comments within the project merit category included the assertion that people should take precedence over plants and that parks in San Francisco should be made completely available to visitors and their pets regardless of the sensitive species. Other sub-themes include statements about invasive species versus native species, urban parks versus natural areas and wildlife refuges, and questions on the benefit of spending money on the Natural Areas.

Project merit comments, while not addressing the Public Draft itself, reflect the high level of interest that people have in the Natural Areas. Because there is no place for such opinion comments to be incorporated into the Final Draft, project merit comments are not treated further within this document. These comments are included in their entirety in the Response to Comments and are part of the public record. These comments are available for review by the Recreation and Park Commission.

Table 3.1-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Lake Merced.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Lake Merced	3A	Anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Lake Merced	3B	Anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Lake Merced	8A	Campbell, C.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Lake Merced	2A	Cantwell, K.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Lake Merced	2B	Cantwell, K.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Lake Merced	10A	Hu, K	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Lake Merced	10B	Hu, K	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	Reference to Sunest Circle removed from Issue LM-7 in Sec. 6.1
Lake Merced	10C	Hu, K	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	Text added to Issue LM-7 referring to the influence of Fort Funston on DPA usage
Lake Merced	10D	Hu, K	Sensitive Species	Content	The plan protects eucalyptus trees for cormorant nesting sites. See Issue LM-3 and MR-8
Lake Merced	10E	Hu, K	Sensitive Species	Editorial	Text "presently occurs" replaced with "last observed in 2000" in Table 6.1-2 CRLF entry
Lake Merced	4A	Murdock, E.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Lake Merced	4B	Murdock, E.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Lake Merced	4C	Murdock, E.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Lake Merced	4D	Murdock, E.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Lake Merced	4E	Murdock, E.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
Lake Merced	9A	Murphy, D	Wildlife	Editorial	Text in Section 6.1, Wildlife, has been modified to include the occurrence of duckweed
Lake Merced	9B	Murphy, D	Wildlife	Content	Wildlife buffers based on consultant experience and conversations with regulatoray agencies. Also see Issue LM-3
Lake Merced	5A	Pfister, C.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Lake Merced	5B	Pfister, C.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Lake Merced	1A	Spriggs, C.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Lake Merced	1B	Spriggs, C.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Lake Merced	1C	Spriggs, C.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Lake Merced	1D	Spriggs, C.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10

Lake Merced	1E	Spriggs, C.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Lake Merced	1F	Spriggs, C.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Lake Merced	7A	Vulpe, C.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Lake Merced	7B	Vulpe, C.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Lake Merced	6A	Waddell, M.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-7

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City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

Attn: NAP MAP
McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park
501 Stanyan Street, San Francisco, CA 94117
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For On-line version See Significant Natural Area Tab in right Corner Blue Bar Center Page! Then select Comment Form on next screen.

NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, 2005 Thursday

Natural Area Site Name:_____ Park: LAKE MERCED

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 =.exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration 1 2 3 4 (5)
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 (5)
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 (5)
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

There should be NO OFF LEASH AREAS unless ENCLOSED BY A BARRIER TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC. NON-NATIVE ANIMALS SHOULD BE REMOVED IN FAVOR OF NATIVES.]A]B

Trees 1 2 3 (4) 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

MORE TREE REMOVAL IN CRITICAL AREAS.]C

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 (5)
Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 (5)
Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments
The NAP is understaffed! LAKE MERCED HAS MANY AREAS that should be restored WITH NOT ENOUGH People to HANDLE the EXTRA WORK.] D
* The NAP is the most EFFICIENTLY RUN program IN the City.]
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Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

MORE AREAS should be restored to their natural state] F

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*
Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

Name/Affiliation(s) (*if any*): CRAIG SPRIGGS FRIENDS OF LAKE MERCED
Phone: 415-661-1668
Email: Swiggs@Pacbell.net
Address: 175 BUCKINGHAM WAY #104 S.F. 94132

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? ____ Site(s) of interest: ____

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 (5)

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Letter 2

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Karen Cantwell, Golden Gate National Recreation Area - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Karen Cantwell, Golden Gate National Recreation Area - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Lake Merced

Restoration Score -
Restoration Comments - Please consider using locally genetic appropriate plants for revegetation efforts at Lake Merced. A

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score -
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan (Plan) for the Natural Areas Program of the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (SFRPD).
The National Park Service (NPS) did not receive a copy or advance notice of the plan directly and requests to be added to the mailing list for this project. We have interest in the proposed actions at Lake Merced, which is adjacent to park property at Fort Funston. Please send future cor
respondence and notices to Superintendent, attn: Karen Cantwell, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Fort Mason, Building 201, San Francisco, CA 94123.

We are supportive of the management strategies presented in the plan. Since natural systems and sensitive species are not limited to property boundaries at any particular site, it is advantageous that the SFRPD and the NPS share a management vision for areas at which we share boundaries.] B

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score -
Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

Name - Karen Cantwell, Golden Gate National Recreation Area Phone - 415-561-4842 Email - Karen_Cantwell@nps.gov Address - GGNRA, Fort Mason, Building 201, San Francisco, CA 94123

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

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Letter 3

Subject: Fw: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.

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07/10/2005 12:50 PM
To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Lake Merced

Restoration Score - 1
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score - 1
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score - 1
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 1
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score - 1
Trees Comments - Stop the illegal girdling of trees. Stop removing windbreaks.

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Grasslands Score - 1
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score - 1
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments - A fully staffed maintenace crew

Plan Score - 1

Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

Name -
Phone -
Email -
Address -

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

Lake Merced
Letter 4

Subject: Fw: Second Attempt - please use this version

Attachments: GG Audubon Comments - NAP Plan - jul05.doc



GG Audubon
ments - NAP P

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"Golden Gate Audubon" <ggas@goldengateaudubon.org> **To: <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org>** **cc:** **Subject: Second Attempt - please use this version**

07/28/2005 04:57 PM

Hi Lisa,

Please use this attached version for our comments, and thank you again.

Tara Zuardo
Golden gate Audubon

-----Original Message-----
From: Elizabeth Murdock [mailto:emurdock@goldengateaudubon.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2005 4:30 PM
To: 'Tara Zuardo'
Subject: FW: Reply requested ....if you wish and can....

Elizabeth Murdock

Executive Director

Golden Gate Audubon Society

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-----Original Message-----
From: Dan Murphy [mailto:murphsf@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2005 2:35 PM
To: Elizabeth Murdock; Alan Hopkins; Bennett, Bob; Deirdre Elmansoumi; Garrett, Autumn; 'matthew zlatunich'; Noreen Weeden; Smith, Nancy
Cc: jacqui@bccranch.com
Subject: Re: Reply requested ....if you wish and can....

Sorry all, forgot the copy of Jake's e-mail on my other message. Dan

Special urgency has now been given to the July 28 deadline for comments to the Natural Areas Program management plan.
Because of the
creation of a new Web site giving negative, inaccurate, and misleading information--and because there is an icon to press on that Web site that will send your message to all parties:
NAP director
Lisa Wayne, the Mayor, all Supervisors on the Board of Supervisors, R-P Commission, and general manager Yomi Agunbiade--the anti-NAP folks have been flooding recipients with harsh, untrue, and negative comments about NAP.

http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/index.html

Please visit this site, click 'comment' section at the top, then clickthe icon at the bottom of the page that will send your message to all parties, and make comments supportive of the Natural Areas Program IN YOUR FIRST SENTENCE (bear in mind that Supervisors aides will be unable to read all of the message, so get the favorable comments in right up front. Avoid negativity, but point out incorrect statements. When you click the icon, a blank email from your own computer will pop up, so it is like a regular email.
You might
delete the bcc (blind copy) to naprapper@yahoo.com.

Possibly the site was purposely titled naprap so people could easily confuse it with NAP. BE VERY CLEAR THAT YOU REFER TO THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM or THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN (spell it out) when that's what you mean.

I am providing background information below for your understanding and guidance. If possible please use your own thoughts and language.
The web site focuses on a few parks in particular:
Bernal Hill.
Please send positive comments on Bernal--unless you think that the NAP is giving away too much on Bernal, as I do.

These comments will be considered as part of the public comment and review for the management plan and will be considered along with input received on comment forms and letters. It's critical that you get your comments in by 5pm Thursday July 28.

Even a short positive comment is better than none at all.

--- Elizabeth Murdock <emurdock@goldengateaudubon.org>
wrote:

> Hi, All -
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> Sorry - a quick turn around on this. If anyone is online and wishes to
> offer a few comments on the NAP COMMENTS, feel free. I will post them
> online at 4 pm today.
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> Thanks especially to Dan Murphy, Matt Zlatunich and
> Jacqui Smalley for their
> tremendous contributions to this process!!
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> Please keep these internal to the committee for now,
> in case we make
> changes. Let me know if anyone would like a final
> copy.
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> Best,
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> Elizabeth
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July 27, 2005

San Francisco Recreation & Parks
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RE: Comments and Support for Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Significant Natural Areas Resource Areas Management Plan. Founded in 1917 and representing roughly 6,000 members and supporters, Golden Gate Audubon is dedicated to protecting Bay Area birds, other wildlife and their natural habitats. We conserve and restore wildlife habitat, connect people of all ages and backgrounds with the natural world, and educate and engage Bay Area residents in the protection of our shared, local environment.

Golden Gate Audubon applauds the efforts of the San Francisco Department of Recreation & Parks to restore and preserve the natural areas of San Francisco. We offer the following comments that we hope will help produce the best plan possible.

1. The NAP Plan encompasses only a small portion of San Francisco's total parks. It is important to remember that there are many other areas of natural value in the city. For example, the Chain-of-Lakes in Golden Gate Park provide vital bird habitat, but exist outside of the NAP Plan. In addition, there are other small parks, parts of large parks and golf courses that remain important avian habitats. These outside areas should not be allowed to suffer or be impacted by exotic plantings, overuse or development.

2. We also urge the Recreation and Parks Department to ensure that flexibility exists within the Natural Areas Management Plan to conserve, restore and protect additional key habitat areas in the city, if additional information becomes available and indicates a need to protect natural resources in areas not currently identified in the plan. (For example, western bluebirds were observed nesting in The Presidio this year—the first known nesting of these birds in the City in roughly 70 years. Should these birds begin to nest in other areas, the Natural Areas Program should have the flexibility to conserve this natural resource.)

3. We commend the plan for restricting dog access in the most sensitive habitat areas (e.g., MA-1 and MA-2 areas). We understand that ongoing work on dog access and dog play areas will be facilitated in large part through the Dog Advisory Committee. It is critical that the NAP staff work closely with other City committees and agencies on this process,

to ensure that natural areas are adequately protected as dog areas are developed to meet dog-play needs.

4. The NAP does not contain a marsh management plan. Such a plan would be an important tool to create and manage new and continuing habitat for wildlife.

5. It is important that the Plan incorporate an element to preserve large stick nests, such as those created by owls, hawks, ravens, herons and cormorants. Unused nests should be left undisturbed after they become uninhabited, because all of these birds reuse nests. If a tree with such a nest is scheduled for removal, there should be at least a two-season window before it is cut. Red shouldered hawks nest widely in San Francisco. Their stick nests are small and deep, making it very difficult to determine if they are in use. A specific protocol needs to be developed for application to that species.

   Additionally, protocols to determine distances that human impacts should be kept away from these nests should be developed with scientific support. For example, the distance people should stay from the heron and cormorant nests at Lake Merced should be researched in ornithological literature. Distances should be based not solely on this literature, but should be gauged taking into account the specific site features at Lake Merced and other key sites. Moving boats within comfort zones of these nests should be taken into account and restricted and controlled accordingly. Raptors, owls and other creators of stick nests must be included in this study. A

6. In order to restore as much of the City's native ecosystem as possible, work should be staged so that easily restored elements of habitat and species are introduced first, and more difficult species or elements introduced thereafter.

7. Treatment of mammals in the document is incomplete. The Plan should aim to restore native fauna where possible in the City, in order to recreate native ecosystems that have been lost. Many of these native ecosystems (and native species) have suffered serious declines within recent history, and efforts should be undertaken to restore species and habitats in key areas. Brush rabbits, long-tailed weasels, ground squirrels and opossums have disappeared from areas such as Lake Merced. B

8. Information regarding types of recreation and specific information on trails is not covered in the Plan. There should be an appendix directing the reader to other documents or references. This will result in a final document that is full and complete.

9. Erosion at Lake Merced is so significant that it threatens the entire infrastructure on site. C Erosion control throughout the NAP Plan area is a significant issue that should have an overall plan for control. Native plants can hold banks, even in unstable areas, and must be considered part of any erosion control plan.

10. Dogs create havoc with wildlife. Especially in lakes such as Lake Merced, where dogs swim near the concrete bridge and at the fishing beach by the Boathouse daily. Dog owners encourage their dogs to swim in the lake and to chase waterfowl. Dogs add to D

erosion problems on slopes and dig up plantings. Fences need to be placed around new plantings until they are established. It is important that dogs are restricted and controlled. Control needs to be enforced through ticketing by parks personnel. If there continues to be an absence of enforcement by Recreation & Parks of regulations to restrict and control dogs in open water then a full Environmental Impact Report should be done to demonstrate there is no impact on protected wildlife or water quality.

11. Cat colonies result in widespread mortality among wildlife such as birds, frogs and turtles. Cat colonies should be restricted to areas near parking lots, if they must be included at all. Cat colonies at Lake Merced near the wood bridge and the mesa west of Sunset Circle need to be removed. E

12. There is no mention of a snag policy in the NAP Plan. Standing snags are necessary in wooded areas. The standard is three per acre in forests. While this may or may not be appropriate for natural areas in the Plan, it should provide a guideline for snag density. Snags provide cavities for nesting birds, roosting birds and all the insects and fungi that make up the ecosystem of the branch of tree. Their retention should be in areas where they won't endanger people or property, such as paths or roads.

One of Golden Gate Audubon's San Francisco bird experts has volunteered to be available to provide specific information about birds and other wildlife within the NAP Plan. His name is Dan Murphy, (415) 564-0074, murphsf@comcast.net. The members of the Natural Areas Program should feel free to contact him whenever they need specific information. In addition, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (510) 843-9912 for additional resources.

Thank you again for this opportunity to comment on the formation of this valuable plan for San Francisco's natural areas.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Murdock
Executive Director

Lake Merced
Letter 5

Subject: Fw: The Natural Areas Program Draft Management Plan

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cc:

Subject: The Natural Areas Program Draft Management Plan

Dear Sir/Madame:

I am very much in favor of the NAP Draft Management Plan.

I am very concerned that the Natural Areas Program (NAP) is being falsely disparaged through misleading information at the NAPRAP web site (<http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/index.html >http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/index.html).
I am supportive of the plan and the goals of the NAP. My main concern is that not enough area is being protected from off-leash dogs. Please implement the plan and expand the restrictions on off –leash dogs wherever possible, especially at Bernal Hill and Pine Lake Park.

See below for a summary of the misleading information provided by NAPRAP. You should discount much or all of what they say. Their tactic of

flooding you with emails does not represent the feelings of the majority of

the community,

Sincerely,

Charles Pfister
945 Taraval St.
San Francisco, CA 94116

SUMMARY OF MISLEADING STATEMENTS MADE BY NAPRAP

There are many inflammatory and misleading statements throughout the NAPRAP. A few are summarized here.

Fencing:

What NAPRAP says:
1. The text refers to a "cyclone fences" (Parcel 4 article).
2. It implies that fencing is widespread instead of isolated: "Natural areas also require protection from public access (fencing off), as native plants are not hardy, and traffic by people or animals can bring seeds from

non-native plants into the Natural Areas which will grow and choke out the native plants." (FAQ section).
3. It misrepresents the fencing plans: "Yet, the NAP proposes to exclude access to the Natural Areas by perimeter fencing and the elimination of many trails utilized by the public. Lakes such as Pine Lake, and Lake Merced will have fencing surrounding the water so that the shore is not accessible. Children will wait 3-5 years or more to feed the ducks again."

(FAQ section).
4. States that there will be many fenced trails at Bernal: "Visitors to the

park will be restricted to the fenced trails NAP has designated." (Your Park"Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. No cyclone fences will be used
2. Fencing will be used only as a last resort and when other mechanisms have been tried and failed.
3. Pine lake access to the water will be allowed. The perimeter trail will

remain open to people and dogs
4. Fences will only be used at Bernal as a last resort and to reduce erosion caused by access up steep slopes.

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Vegetation:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Ignores the plan"s incorporation of non-native trees to remain for wildlife and aesthetics: "NAP advocates envision natural areas as areas where all non-native plants have been removed, and only native plants are replanted." (FAQ section)

What the plan says:
1. Non-native trees and other vegetation are protected in the plan including most of the urban forest and other non-native plants important to

native wildlife

Original Habitat:

What NAPRAP says:
1. States that there are not sensitive species at Bernal, fencing will be installed, and wildlife will be destroyed: "A detailed evaluation of the specific plan for Bernal Heights reveals that there is little or no original habitat there, and there are no threatened, endangered, or sensitive species (by definition of State or Federal agencies) there. On the contrary, NAP intends to destroy the current ecosystem and introduce species some members of the local native plant society and the local Audubon society personally consider "sensitive". In doing so, they will limit public access and fencing will be installed to confine park visitors to the walkways they have chosen for you. The changes in the ecosystem will have an unknown effect on the wildlife currently in this area. And in

fact, NAP plans to destroy wildlife that interferes with their plan here and at all "Natural Areas"." (FAQ section) 2. Refer to species as random: "To allow a few individuals from local special interest groups to define a random species as "sensitive" and destroy parkland to find a place for that "sensitive" species is a violation of the public trust." (FAQ section) 3. Untruthful statements: "There is little or no "original habitat" on Bernal Hill." (Your Park"Bernal Section)

What the plan says:

1. There are sensitive species at Bernal. Bernal has significant and important plant habitat and populations.
2. The delineation of sensitive species is not random. It was based on an evaluation of the distribution of plants

around the city, the identification of plant species with three or fewer populations and identification of species that may soon go extinct from San Francisco.
3. There is abundant native habitat on Bernal Hill

Erosion:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Ignores the erosion control measures and trail safety in the plan: "The NAP proposal acknowledges that erosion in the park properties endangers the

public safety. Yet, repeatedly, the NAP plans to remove non-native plants and trees that are proven superior to resist erosion and replace them with native plants. Native plants are inferior in resisting erosion. NAP planners are not deterred." (FAQ Section) 2. Claims to know which plants are superior for erosion control: "Native plants are inferior to non-native plants in controlling erosion " as was evidenced by the failure of Natural Areas at Fort Ord, along Great Highway,

and at Fort Funston. Ice plant is the proven solution to sandy slopes which

must resist erosion. Nasturtium grow readily as well as ivy in the Pine Lake area. All of these plants would be superior in erosion control to preserve the health of the lake." (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. Erosion control measures are presented in Chapter 5. After land is exposed as part of restoration efforts, erosion control measures are implented 2. The assertion that native plants are less adept at controlling erosion is unfounded. In fact, non-native trees that tear down hillsides and iceplant are probably some of worst species for controlling erosion.

Recreational Use:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Claims that certain areas are not habitats: "Other parks where NAP intends to make aggressive changes are Stern Grove/Pine Lake and Lake Merced. Neither of these areas are currently habitats, and the creation of

such in heavily utilized urban parks such as these reflects a basic lack of

concern for the recreational park user by SFRPD) planners." (FAQ Section) 2. Ignores recreational uses such as bird watching, walking, and everything

other than dogs swimming in the lake: "The Natural Areas Program does NOT foster recreational access. There is no pressing reason to create a Natural Area at Pine Lake. Restoration of water quality and the lake"s health can easily be accomplished without creating a Natural Area." (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. There are natural areas at Pine Lake. There are not plans to restrict public access on the trail around the lake 2. The plan attempts to improve recreational access in all natural areas

Trees:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Implies that all eucs will be removed at Pine Lake and that there will be no windbreak (Your Park " Pine Lake Section) 2. Implies all the trees will be removed: "Removing eucalyptus trees as NAP

proposes will hasten erosion. Additionally, the destruction of eucalyptus trees at Stern Grove (merely because they are non-native) is another violation as the Operational Plan requires arboreal maintenance and reforestation of all SF parks. Because the eucalyptus dominates the landscape at Stern Grove, reforestation would not be possible without removing ALL the eucalyptus. Certainly destroying healthy eucalyptus trees

does not qualify as arboreal maintenance!" (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:

1. and 2. The plan proposes no eucalyptus removed at Pine Lake

Cats:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Plan recommends killing feral cats and other wildlife: "This would refer

to the killing of feral cats and any other wildlife NAP deems unacceptable." (Your Park " Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. The plan does not include killing of cats. The recommendation for feral

cats says that removal and relocation of predators may result in death and other unintended negative consequences. Therefore the proposed removal or relocation must be submitted in writing to SFRPD for review and recommendation. In each case the Department will consult with SFSPCA to determine whether relocation or removal is feasible and if so how best it can be done.

Dogs:

What NAPRAP says:
1. "A large portion of the hill will be changed to on-leash;
essentially off-leash dogs will be limited to the paved pathways and flat areas only." (Your Park " Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. More than two thirds of the hill top will remain off-leash. The proposed on-leash section is largely steep hillsides. Dogs will still be allowed on leash is this areas.

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Letter 6

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:28 AM -----

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

I am 100% against the NAP program. It is bad for park users, dog owners, kids, and represents an attempt by a very small minority to overtake a disproportionately large area of public land.

The bias against alien species has its roots in xenophobic and racist attitudes. As part of children's school curriculum here in San Francisco, students will be asked 'what non-native invasive species threaten your native plant?' A chilling question when it gets applied elsewhere.

There is no reliable ecological or biological method that can distinguish between aliens and natives. Sensitive species designation should be limited to plants identified by Federal and State statutes on Endangered Species. Instead, private organizations such as local chapters of the Audubon Society, California Native Plant Society, and the Sierra Club have been allowed in the NAP to define which plants are native, and which are "sensitive species". These groups are not scientific organizations, nor are they democratic. Ultimately, these decisions are made by a handful of hobbyists and activists. Their decisions will result in families and their pets losing access to almost a thousand acres of park property.

NAP will restrict access of the public and their pets to our parklands.
Attempting to keep nature 'pure', 'wild' and alien free may be impractical, impossible or even undesirable. Humans have existed with nature for tens of thousands of years. Dogs accompanied the Ohlone, the indigenous people of San Francisco, in the 1700s and they resided along with the "native plants". There is no scientific basis for excluding people, their pets, and wildlife from the Natural Areas. The theory that the presence of people, dogs, and wildlife hastens the demise of native plants is unsupported. Yet, the NAP proposes to exclude access to the Natural Areas by perimeter fencing and the elimination of many trails utilized by the public. Lakes such as Pine Lake, and Lake Merced will have fencing surrounding the water so that the shore is not accessible. No more kids feeding ducks. A

There are a hundred other reasons why NAP is bad for a grand majority of San Francisco residents. Please consider working to shelve this insane and ridiculous program.

Michael Waddell
Lower Haight

Lake Merced
Letter 7

Subject: Fw: Support for THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM

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Subject: Support for THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM

To whom it may concern,
I am writing in support of the THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM . I think it is a reasonable and will restore a small part of San Francisco to some semblance of its natural state. I would urge support of the plan. I am concerned about some misleading statements that have been put forward by NAPRAP which is opposed to its implementation. I would urge our city leaders not to be mislead by these inaccurate statements.

Fencing:
What NAPRAP says:
1. The text refers to a "cyclone fences" (Parcel 4 article).
2. It implies that fencing is widespread instead of isolated:
"Natural areas also require protection from public access (fencing off), as native plants are not hardy, and traffic by people or animals can bring seeds from non-native plants into the Natural Areas which will grow and choke out the native plants." (FAQ section).
3. It misrepresents the fencing plans: "Yet, the NAP proposes to exclude access to the Natural Areas by perimeter fencing and the elimination of many trails utilized by the public. Lakes such as Pine Lake, and Lake Merced will have fencing surrounding the water so that the shore is not accessible. Children will wait 3-5 years or more to feed the ducks again." (FAQ section).
4. States that there will be many fenced trails at Bernal: "Visitors to the park will be restricted to the fenced trails NAP has designated." (Your Park"Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. No cyclone fences will be used
2. Fencing will be used only as a last resort and when other mechanisms have been tried and failed.
3. Pine lake access to the water will be allowed. The perimeter trail will remain open to people and dogs 4. Fences will only be used at Bernal as a last resort and to reduce erosion caused by access up steep slopes.

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Vegetation:
What NAPRAP says:

1. Ignores the plan"s incorporation of non-native trees to remain for wildlife and aesthetics: "NAP advocates envision natural areas as areas where all non-native plants have been removed, and only native plants are replanted." (FAQ section)

What the plan says:
1. Non-native trees and other vegetation are protected in the plan including most of the urban forest and other non-native plants important to native wildlife

Original Habitat:
What NAPRAP says:
1. States that there are not sensitive species at Bernal, fencing will be installed, and wildlife will be destroyed: "A detailed evaluation of the specific plan for Bernal Heights reveals that there is little or no original habitat there, and there are no threatened, endangered, or sensitive species (by definition of State or Federal agencies) there. On the contrary, NAP intends to destroy the current ecosystem and introduce species some members of the local native plant society and the local Audubon society personally consider "sensitive". In doing so, they will limit public access and fencing will be installed to confine park visitors to the walkways they have chosen for you. The changes in the ecosystem will have an unknown effect on the wildlife currently in this area. And in fact, NAP plans to destroy wildlife that interferes with their plan here and at all "Natural Areas"." (FAQ section) 2. Refer to species as random: "To allow a few individuals from local special interest groups to define a random species as "sensitive" and destroy parkland to find a place for that "sensitive" species is a violation of the public trust." (FAQ section) 3. Untruthful statements: "There is little or no "original habitat" on Bernal Hill." (Your Park"Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. There are sensitive species at Bernal. Bernal has significant and important plant habitat and populations.
2. The delineation of sensitive species is not random. It was based on an evaluation of the distribution of plants around the city, the identification of plant species with three or fewer populations and identification of species that may soon go extinct from San Francisco.
3. There is abundant native habitat on Bernal Hill

Erosion:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Ignores the erosion control measures and trail safety in the plan:
"The NAP proposal acknowledges that erosion in the park properties endangers the public safety. Yet, repeatedly, the NAP plans to remove non-native plants and trees that are proven superior to resist erosion and replace them with native plants. Native plants are inferior in resisting erosion. NAP planners are not deterred." (FAQ
Section)
2. Claims to know which plants are superior for erosion control:
"Native plants are inferior to non-native plants in controlling erosion " as was evidenced by the failure of Natural Areas at Fort Ord, along Great Highway, and at Fort Funston. Ice plant is the proven solution to sandy slopes which must resist erosion. Nasturtium grow readily as well as ivy in the Pine Lake area. All of these plants would be superior in erosion control to preserve the health of the lake." (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. Erosion control measures are presented in Chapter 5. After land is exposed as part of restoration efforts, erosion control measures are implented 2. The assertion that native plants are less adept at controlling erosion is unfounded. In fact, non-native trees that tear down hillsides and iceplant are probably some of worst species for controlling erosion.

Recreational Use:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Claims that certain areas are not habitats: "Other parks where NAP intends to make aggressive changes are Stern Grove/Pine Lake and Lake Merced. Neither of these areas are currently habitats, and the creation of such in heavily utilized urban parks such as these reflects a basic lack of concern for the recreational park user by SFRPD) planners." (FAQ Section)
2. Ignores recreational uses such as bird watching, walking, and everything other than dogs swimming in the lake: "The Natural Areas Program does NOT foster recreational access. There is no pressing reason to create a

Natural Area at Pine Lake. Restoration of water quality and the lake"s health can easily be accomplished without creating a Natural Area." (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. There are natural areas at Pine Lake. There are not plans to restrict public access on the trail around the lake 2. The plan attempts to improve recreational access in all natural areas

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Trees:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Implies that all eucs will be removed at Pine Lake and that there will be no windbreak (Your Park " Pine Lake Section) 2. Implies all the trees will be removed: "Removing eucalyptus trees as NAP proposes will hasten erosion. Additionally, the destruction of eucalyptus trees at Stern Grove (merely because they are non-native) is another violation as the Operational Plan requires arboreal maintenance and reforestation of all SF parks. Because the eucalyptus dominates the landscape at Stern Grove, reforestation would not be possible without removing ALL the eucalyptus. Certainly destroying healthy eucalyptus trees does not qualify as arboreal maintenance!" (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. and 2. The plan proposes no eucalyptus removed at Pine Lake

Cats:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Plan recommends killing feral cats and other wildlife: "This would refer to the killing of feral cats and any other wildlife NAP deems unacceptable." (Your Park " Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. The plan does not include killing of cats. The recommendation for feral cats says that removal and relocation of predators may result in death and other unintended negative consequences. Therefore the proposed removal or relocation must be submitted in writing to SFRPD for review and recommendation. In each case the Department will consult with SFSPCA to determine whether relocation or removal is feasible and if so how best it can be done.

Dogs:

What NAPRAP says:
1. "A large portion of the hill will be changed to on-leash;
essentially off-leash dogs will be limited to the paved pathways and flat areas only." (Your Park " Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. More than two thirds of the hill top will remain off-leash. The proposed on-leash section is largely steep hillsides. Dogs will still be allowed on leash is this areas.

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Letter 8

Subject: Fw: naprapper inflammatory lies - NAP Comments

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Did the publishers of naprapper read the NAP draft management plan?
There are many inaccuracies that intentionally misguide the reader.

NAPRAP state the following misinformation on fencing:
1. The text refers to a "cyclone fences" in the (Parcel 4 article).

2. It implies that fencing is widespread instead of isolated: "Natural areas also require protection from public access (fencing off), as native plants are not hardy, and traffic by people or animals can bring seeds from non-native plants into the Natural Areas which will grow and choke out the native plants." (FAQ section).

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(Your Park - Bernal Section)

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I urge the Board of Supervisors to request the publisher of this document to come forward.

Lake Merced
Letter 9

NAP/MAP General comments

Following are a few general comments regarding the Natural Areas Plan.

I find it troubling that some questions at the NAP meeting I attended alluded to not restoring habitats as completely as possible. I can't say I think it a good idea to restore rare, endangered, or extirpated native plants in an early restoration stage. However, the goal of restoration in every site should be to reassemble the maximum amount of native plant diversity as possible. Only then are we talking about restoration. This comment might be particularly relevant to Pine Lake Park.

There is a major problem in all of our parks with water features. In the case of NAP, this seems only to apply to Lake Merced and Pine Lake. The problem is that there is a very active minority of dog walkers who use the lakes as their dog swimming holes. This needs to end, promptly. For the first time of which I am aware, Mallards reproduce at Pine Lake. That's something of a miracle since so many potential ground predators use the uplands around the lake. The last time I was at the lake. I observed a young lady with a dog that she encouraged to chase the young ducks. There is no point to reporting such incidents because there is no possible response. The fact of the matter is though, this is illegal and this infraction needs strict enforcement for the sake of wildlife and water quality. If the Recreation and Park Department opt not to enforce regulations against dog owners who use our open waters, they need to begin the process of doing a full Environmental Impact Report and showing there is no impact to protected wildlife and water quality.

A comment I couldn't find a place for in my Lake Merced comments has to do with new habitats. Only this year did duckweed become a significant element of the Lake Merced ecosystem in the shallows of the impound lake.. It needs mention. A

There is no mention of a snag policy. It is important to keep some standing snags in wooded areas. A rule of thumb is 3 per acre in forests. That may or may not be appropriate for woodlands in our natural areas, but it should provide a guideline for snag density. I don't support keeping them near paths, or near places where they could damage people or property, but I most certainly support a policy that demonstrates the Department's acknowledgement of the need to provide snags for cavity nesting birds, roosting birds and all the insects, fungi and such that make up the ecosystem of a dead tree or branch.

It would be of benefit to many species if large nests, when abandoned, were left untouched for at least 2 nesting seasons. It is common for large stick nests to be reused by birds of the species the built them and by birds of different species.

Protocols for determining distances that should be kept from nests need to be established. All protocols should be developed with scientific support. For example, the distance people should stay from the heron and cormorant nests at Lake Merced should be B

researched in ornithology literature and deted based on that and on the special features of Lake Merced. It is certain both es tolerate much more disturbance anyone would think reasonable. Moving bome well within the zone that would drive off many other populations. Factors lit should be taken into account when developing a policy for this situation. Needb say, this should cover raptors and owls, and other species as situations arise.

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Subject NAPMAP Public Comment

(My Public Comment can be read embedded as text, or in the attached doc.)

From: Karin Hu, Ph.D.

Re: Public Comment on the June 2005 SNRAMP: Changes Needed

I am a SF native who grew up studying insects & other animals in SF parks. I did my doctoral thesis on insect vision. I have good knowledge of SF Natural History (plants and animals) and excellent grasp of scientific methods and evaluating scientific findings (I teach this course). Having served on the Green Ribbon Task Force, the Board of Supervisor's NAP Citizen's Advisory Committee, and the NAP ad hoc group I've been able to observe progress made from 2001 to the present. For example, some of the things I like about the June 2005 Draft Management Plan:

--eliminates calling entire parks "critical areas," and in fact, has deleted the term and now more clearly distinguishes high priority areas (containing true remnants & species needing protection) from low priority areas.

--acknowledges the value of the Urban Forest (Urban Forestry Statement). Additionally, it provides definitions of "tree", "sapling" and "seedling" and will hopefully prevent the earlier controversy about Bayview Hill where opponents said "hundreds of trees" were cut down and NAP said "seven trees were cut."

--a commitment to Monitoring, i.e. tracking what is needed, what is planted, what is the outcome/success rate, and reporting annually to the public. Be sure to follow through on this and actually do it.

--initiating involvement with the public. Prior to 2001, NAP was operating below the radar. The public was largely unaware that NAP existed, and NAP violated its own commitment to a public process. Currently, NAP has made an attempt to involve the public. (The community workshops with the severely truncated Question and Answer Period, and censoring of group discussion raised suspicious about NAP outreach, as did the faulty on-line response form, but you still have a chance to make good.) Be certain that you

"walk the talk," i.e. use public comment as you would a focus group. What is the public telling us that will help make NAP successful?

--inviting stakeholders to the table. I appreciate the opportunity of being in the ad hoc group.

On the other hand, there are still major problems to be resolved. I know you are anxious for the program to "move forward," but there are some costly controversies that NAP is still mired in. Since some of the controversial proposed actions are unlikely to take place, I'm not sure why you include them in the plan. Politically it is very expensive to kill cats, remove wildlife, introduce sensitive species in high-use recreational areas, use herbicides, etc. and there is no clear benefit (i.e. lack of scientific evidence) that these measures protect remnants or conserve natural resources in San Francisco. Those proposals are counter-productive because it turns the public against what could be a very good program that protects, conserves, and enhances native landscapes.

Your strongest Public Comment support is probably from the CNPS, a modest core of adult NAP volunteers (I'm not including schoolchildren who are usually forced by their teachers to participate), the handful of people in the Sierra Club conservation committee (not the recreation division of the Sierra Club), a few Audubon folks, some NAP employees, and a well-known group of people who know more about the "off-leash dog problem" than they know or care about natural resources. The majority of San Franciscans are alarmed when they learn the details of NAP, the high costs of expanding the native landscape.

No doubt you probably feel you have already made too many compromises. Prior to Feb 2001, NAP operated as it wished and had grand plans for restoration, basically operating carte blanc. The interference of "the public" put the brakes on some of those plans. But given that NAP is funded by public funds on public lands, it's only right that the public determine land uses.

Maybe I'm too optimistic, but I believe a program can be designed that can garner the support of the majority of San Franciscans AND support the goals of NAP (though to be frank, it wouldn't necessarily support the current acreage and current/future costs).

I'm dividing my comments into General Issues, applicable to the whole program, and then a few comments on individual parks.

I have so much to say, starting to write my Public Comments was almost paralyzing. This isn't polished or comprehensive. I still have more to say, but it's 10:30PM July 28, 2005. Following are some main points.

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. ISSUE: Cost of NAP and accountability
 NAP currently costs almost $1,000,000/year, and receives additional funding through the Capital Projects division of Rec and Park.
 NAP encompasses over 1,000 acres of park. Currently each NAP gardener has over 100 acres to maintain.
 NAP recognizes that it cannot maintain all sites and that the greatest amount of attention will be the high priority sites (MA1 and MA2). However, MA1 and MA2 still comprise over 600 acres, i.e. more than 50% of NAP acres
 NAP maintains that volunteers will help maintain these sites. However, only about dozen of the 31 sites have stewardship groups. The majority of volunteer hours are donated by school groups and other one-time volunteers. Volunteers enjoy building sites and planting, but it is difficult to recruit for long-term weeding and other routine maintenance tasks.

 Many NAP sites have been planted but are now neglected, overgrown, weedy plots.
 NAP maintains that grants will help maintain these sites. However, these grants are not identified and "future grants" are not a dependable source of funding

 Recreational needs should receive priority, i.e. people before plants in urban parks. Competing Rec and Park programs and facilities are also in dire need of staff and funding (e.g. athletic fields, recreational programs, day camps, building and equipment maintenance, watered and mowed lawns, accessible trash cans, clean restrooms, etc).

 NAP must provide detailed long-term plans that state the funding, staff and volunteer hours, and other resources needed to create, maintain and monitor each site. Until detailed NAP plans are available, NAP actions should not be initiated, and sites should remain as open space but not designated as NAP acres.

2. ISSUE: Introduction of "sensitive" species
 NAP can introduce "sensitive species" even if there is no record they ever existed at that site.
 "Sensitive species" can be defined by the Audubon Society, California Native Plant Society, and Sierra Club
 The presence or introduction of sensitive species can result in loss of recreational access.

 Do not introduce new species into the park. NAP was designed to protect remnants, not to recreate nature preserves.
 "Sensitive species" should be defined only by Federal and State statues on Endangered Species, not

by private clubs such as the Audubon Society, CNPS and the Sierra Club.

3. ISSUE: Removal of cats
 NAP will remove cats (NAP General Recommendation GR-7, page 5-6). The plan cites studies that are not scientifically sound (i.e. not peer-reviewed) and that were done in rural and island sites, not dense urban parks. If NAP traps cats, which may include feral as well as roaming pet cats, the majority of these cats will not be adoptable, i.e. they will be killed.
 Cats are currently part of the urban ecosystem and may help keep rodents in check.
 The SPCA Feral Fix Program has successfully reduced the number of feral cats in a humane manner.

 Delete General Recommendation GR-7 (removal of cats) from the Plan.

4. ISSUE: Removal of non-native wildlife and plants. NAP proposes the removal of non-native animals such as turtles, frogs, and non-native trees such as the blue gum eucalyptus. People enjoy their local wildlife, the trees have high aesthetic value, and many of the non-native plants provide protection against erosion and against fire hazards (as contrasted to native grasses and shrubs). Scientific studies must be conducted at park sites and there must be a clear benefit BEFORE controversial actions are taken. In many cases, the existing ecosystem works fine and shouldn't be tinkered with.

 Non-native wildlife and plants can co-exist with native species. Do not remove them.

5. ISSUE: Reduction in off-leash recreation
NAP proposes changes to off-leash dog recreation (legal DPA and de facto areas). For example, the Bernal Hill DPA will be reduced by 20%. Changes are also proposed at McLaren Park and the Golden Gate Park DPAs.

 Off-leash dog recreation and the native remnants have co-existed for decades.
 No restrictions until there is scientific evidence documenting a detrimental impact of off-leash recreation and until all other measures (i.e. trail borders, erosion controls, etc.) have been attempted to mitigate any impact.

6. ISSUE: Herbicides: NAP has stated that 2% of staff time is spent administering herbicides.
 Although herbicides are widely used throughout the park system, the use of herbicides in Natural Area sites is new. These are previously neglected sites which were not maintained as

weed-free. The Precautionary Principle, adopted by the SF Dept of Environment, indicates that in the absence of data, one selects the safest option. Since there is a lack of scientific data supporting the safety of herbicide formulas (glyphosate and additives) we should not expose park visitors to unnecessary risk.

 Do not use herbicides in the Natural Areas.

7. ISSUE: Response to Public Comment
 NAP has stated public comment will be "incorporated as appropriate." Who decides what is appropriate—the citizens or NAP staff and its consultant? Given the impact of this 20-year NAP plan and the history of Rec & Park's lack of response to public comment, it is important to demand that revisions of the NAP Management Plan address public concerns from the Public Comments form, as well as previous comments about NAP from letters to RPD, Supervisor hearings, PROSAC and other public meetings. The public is already suspicious that you are simply going to ignore public comment. Many people I talked to said, "why bother to write anything. RPD always ignores it anyway," and frankly, I don't have any evidence to refute that.

 Public concerns must be given serious consideration. This 20-year plan needs to have the public support. Paid attention to the critics of the plan. It's nice to hear praise about your plan, but keep in mind that those who agree with you make you feel good, but those who disagree with you make you better and stronger.

SPECIFIC PARK COMMENTS

PINE LAKE

--Delete mention of the *Western Pond Turtle from the Plan because its existence at Pine Lake is uncertain..

Additionally, positive identification of the WPT is shaky. Of the 4 people (two teams) who may have identified the turtle, only D.Ebert, the EIP author of the management plan (and perhaps C.Reading, SF State Grad Student who was later hired by EIP) stand behind WPT identification. M. Paquin, the 3rd observer says a positive identification cannot be made without having the turtle in hand (because mud may obscure red-earred slider identification), and R. Zebell, the 4th observer is not willing to state that he saw a WPT, but is only willing to say he has confidence in D. Ebert's identification.

Note: The California red-legged frog sighting at Lake Merced has now been discounted in the June 2005 plan

because later surveys failed to confirm the sightings. The 2002 plan read: "It seems likely, based on historic accounts and sighting in spring 2000, that a small population of California red-legged frog persists in Impound Lake" p. 6.1-8 (2002 draft). This was changed to

"At this point it is assumed that the California red-legged frog is no longer present in Impound Lake or at other locations within the Lake Merced Natural Area," (p. 6.1-10 (2005 draft)

Similarly, the WPT at Pine Lake has NOT been confirmed by later surveys and should be deleted from the Plan.

----Delete mention of the *Western Pond Turtle from the Plan because it is unlikely any NAP actions would occur (per personal communication with Lisa Wayne, June 2005), but the possibility of recreational restrictions threatens acceptance of the NAP plan.

--Delete mention of the Western Pond Turtle from the Plan because if it is there, it is likely to have been introduced.
IF there is a WPT at Pine Lake it is unlikely it was born there. The WPT requires open, sunny, sandy areas for egg incubation and the shady eucalyptus trees have been standing for over 100 years. IF the WPT is there, it probably arrived at Pine Lake the same way the other turtle species did, i.e. acquired as a pet (perhaps found in Marin County or Santa Clara County) and later dumped into Pine Lake when it was no longer wanted.

--IF a Western Pond Turtle exists at Pine Lake, the turtle should be relocated to another site that provides a) a sunny open sandy area to provide appropriate nesting conditions, and b) a sufficient population of other Western Pond Turtles to provide the opportunity for mating and genetic diversity to insure a viable future. If NAP created a "Turtle Island" sanctuary at Lake Merced East Lake (where a population of WPT possibly already exists, and is a low-use area) this would be a great public relations opportunity (like SF Garter Snakes in Pacifica). A basking island, complete with a sandy area suitable for egg incubation and protected from predators, could help insure the long-term success of this species.

--Do not remove the non-native turtles that currently exist at Pine Lake. People LIKE to watch these turtles, and there is no scientific evidence that these turtles are prey on Western Pond Turtle, or evidence that there is competition for resources.

--Do not introduce ANY sensitive species. There is no historical evidence that Lessingia or SF gumplant (Grindelia hirsutula var maritime) ever grew there. Western Pond Turtle and Pacific chorus frogs should not be introduced either. Pine Lake is a high-use

recreational area and the presence of sensitive species could conflict with its current use.

--Do not state that dogs are restricted from going into the water. There is much more goop (sediment), rotting vegetation and trash in the water in areas where there is NOT access or dogs in the water, e.g. the willow shrub, bulrush and swampknot area. Leave the eastern access beach open for dog water recreation. Plant swampknot or other low borders on the perimeter to discourage entry at other points.

LAKE MERCED

--The Mesa is a DPA. It was formerly landfill. Do not use this area to plant sensitive species such as the SF Wallflower. A

--Do not say "Sunset Circle" is an alternative to the Mesa as a DPA. "Sunset Circle" sounds nicer that the term used in the previous draft, "Sunset Parking Area" but it still means "go play in traffic." B

--Note: the plan states "DPA currently experiences low use levels, perhaps due to lack of parking and abundant foxtails," Lack of parking & proximity to high-speed traffic are probably the main reasons, but proximity to Fort Funston (as stated in earlier draft) is probably main factor. If FF becomes unavailable, use at LM DPA may increase. C

--on one hand, you promote native landscapes that could support the (non-threatened) white-crowned sparrow, on the other hand, you're ready to cut down more eucs, which have proven to be attractive to a protected species, the double-crested cormorant. The plan states: p. 1.6-7 "Recently, cormorants were observed nesting on the north shore of East Lake in the eucalyptus grove below the Mesa". (in addition to the older nesting site. Shouldn't NAP be providing MORE, not less, cormorant habitat?

--the plan states that one of the Mesa's special attributes is that it supports the white-crowned sparrow. It should be noted that the "Spanish tile habitat" of my house also supports the white-crowned sparrow. They were nesting there earlier this year. Bottom line, the sparrow doesn't need native plants.) D

--Table 6.1-2: delete "presently occurs" for the California Red-legged Frog. The text indicates it is not found at Lake Merced. E

MINOR POINT

Be consistent in how you count DPA and NAP sites. Currently, the 3 DPA areas in Golden Gate Park are

counted as "three" while the 4 NAP sites are counted as "one."

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Table 3.2-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Mount Davidson.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Mount Davidson	5A	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	5B	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	5C	Anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Mount Davidson	5D	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	5E	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	5F	Anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Mount Davidson	5G	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	5H	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	5I	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	5J	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Mount Davidson	5K	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Mount Davidson	5L	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Mount Davidson	10A	Cahill, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	10B	Cahill, P.	Trees	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	10C	Cahill, P.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Mount Davidson	10D	Cahill, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	10E	Cahill, P.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	10F	Cahill, P.	Trees	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	11A	Eby, V.	Trees	Reference	See MR-4
Mount Davidson	11B	Eby, V.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Mount Davidson	11C	Eby, V.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Mount Davidson	11D	Eby, V.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	11E	Eby, V.	Plants	Content	See MR-4
Mount Davidson	11F	Eby, V.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Mount Davidson	2A	Gaar, G.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	2B	Gaar, G.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Mount Davidson	2C	Gaar, G.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Mount Davidson	2D	Gaar, G.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	2E	Gaar, G.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Mount Davidson	7A	Kaufman, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	7B	Kaufman, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Mount Davidson	7C	Kaufman, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Mount Davidson	7D	Kaufman, S.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Mount Davidson	7E	Kaufman, S.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	7F	Kaufman, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Mount Davidson	7G	Kaufman, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	7H	Kaufman, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Mount Davidson	7I	Kaufman, S.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	7J	Kaufman, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	7K	Kaufman, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Mount Davidson	7L	Kaufman, S.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	7M	Kaufman, S.	Project Merit	Project Merit	Weighting of comments on the draft Management Plan based on affiliation is inappropriate. This recommendation was not implemented in reviewing comments.
Mount Davidson	7N	Kaufman, S.	Project Merit	Project Merit	Weighting of comments on the draft Management Plan based on affiliation is inappropriate. This recommendation was not implemented in reviewing comments.
Mount Davidson	7O	Kaufman, S.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Mount Davidson	7P	Kaufman, S.	Plan Costs	Content	Bench installation is recommemed, see Recommendation GR-11e in Sec. 5
Mount Davidson	7Q	Kaufman, S.	Plan Costs	Content	See Sec. 6.2 Soils, Erosion and Public Use and GR-13
Mount Davidson	4A	Lawler, T.	Plants	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	4B	Lawler, T.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Mount Davidson	4C	Lawler, T.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Mount Davidson	4D	Lawler, T.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	4E	Lawler, T.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Mount Davidson	4F	Lawler, T.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	4G	Lawler, T.	Trees	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	4H	Lawler, T.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Mount Davidson	4I	Lawler, T.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Mount Davidson	4J	Lawler, T.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Mount Davidson	4K	Lawler, T.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	4L	Lawler, T.	Trails	Content	See MR-7

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Mount Davidson	4M	Lawler, T.	Trees	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	4N	Lawler, T.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
MtDavidson	15A	Munz, J	Trees	Content	See MR-4 and Issue MD-1 in Sec. 6.2. Approxiamtely 85% of trees to remain
Mount Davidson	3A	Noguera, G.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Mount Davidson	1A	O'Leary, A.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Mount Davidson	1B	O'Leary, A.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	1C	O'Leary, A.	Trees	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	1D	O'Leary, A.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	1E	O'Leary, A.	Trees	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	1F	O'Leary, A.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	1G	O'Leary, A.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	1H	O'Leary, A.	Trails	Content	Roads already exist and no changes are proposed to the roads.
Mount Davidson	1I	O'Leary, A.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Mount Davidson	1J	O'Leary, A.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	8A	Reitan, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	8B	Reitan, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Mount Davidson	8C	Reitan, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Mount Davidson	8D	Reitan, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	8E	Reitan, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	8F	Reitan, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Mount Davidson	8G	Reitan, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	8H	Reitan, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Mount Davidson	8I	Reitan, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	8J	Reitan, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	8K	Reitan, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Mount Davidson	8L	Reitan, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
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Mount Davidson	8N	Reitan, J.	Project Merit	Project Merit	Weighting of comments on the draft Management Plan based on affiliation is inappropriate. This recommendation was not implemented in reviewing comments.
Mount Davidson	8O	Reitan, J.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Mount Davidson	8P	Reitan, J.	Plan Costs	Content	Bench installation is recommemed, see Recommendation GR-11e
Mount Davidson	8Q	Reitan, J.	Plan Costs	Content	See Sec. 6.2 Soils, Erosion and Public Use and GR-13
Mount Davidson	12A	Rosenthal, N.	Trees	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	12B	Rosenthal, N.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	12C	Rosenthal, N.	Trees	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	12D	Rosenthal, N.	Trees	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	12E	Rosenthal, N.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	12F	Rosenthal, N.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	14A	Schipper, J.	Trails	Reference	See Issue MD-1. Native species are an important component of this grassland that should be preserved and enhanced.
Mount Davidson	14B	Schipper, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Mount Davidson	14C	Schipper, J.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Mount Davidson	14D	Schipper, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Mount Davidson	13A	Schmidt, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	13B	Schmidt, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Mount Davidson	13C	Schmidt, D.	Sensitive Species	Project Merit	See MR-8
Mount Davidson	13D	Schmidt, D.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Mount Davidson	13E	Schmidt, D.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Mount Davidson	13F	Schmidt, D.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
Mount Davidson	13G	Schmidt, D.	Trees	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	13H	Schmidt, D.	Trees	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	13I	Schmidt, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	13J	Schmidt, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	13K	Schmidt, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-6

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Mount Davidson	13L	Schmidt, D.	Plants	Editorial	This record is found on Figure 6.17-4 in the Bayview Hill section. This is not on Mt. Davidson.
Mount Davidson	13M	Schmidt, D.	Plants	Editorial	As no source was provided as to the existence of Islay cherry on strawberry hill in the 1800s, no addition will be made to Table 6.15-2
Mount Davidson	13N	Schmidt, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Mount Davidson	13O	Schmidt, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-7.
Mount Davidson	6A	Sigg, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	6B	Sigg, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Mount Davidson	6C	Sigg, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Mount Davidson	6D	Sigg, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	6E	Sigg, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	6F	Sigg, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Mount Davidson	6G	Sigg, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	6H	Sigg, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Mount Davidson	6I	Sigg, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	6J	Sigg, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	6K	Sigg, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Mount Davidson	6L	Sigg, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Mount Davidson	6M	Sigg, J.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Mount Davidson	6N	Sigg, J.	Plan Costs	Content	Bench installation is recommemed, see Recommendation GR-11e in Sec. 5
Mount Davidson	6O	Sigg, J.	Plan Costs	Content	See Sec. 6.2 Soils, Erosion and Public Use and GR-13
Mount Davidson	6P	Sigg, J.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Mount Davidson	6Q	Sigg, J.	Wildlife	Reference	See MR-6
Mount Davidson	9A	Wilson, B.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11.

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Natural Area Site Name: Mt. Davidson Park:

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Restoration 1 2 3 (4) 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

I'm surprised at how much has been accomplished under such adverse conditions.] A

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 (5)
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Too much emphasis has been put on making trails better for dog owners who often (usually) allow their animals to roam freely off trail – often far ahead of owners. Dogs often trample plants not to trails.] B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 (2) 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

With the overabundance of euc. trees – there will never be much wildlife to sustain. Create habitat should be focus.] C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 (5) BAD – wrong emphasis
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Far too much generosity has been extended to dogs over wildlife or people who visit to see the naturalness. Far too much worry has been extended to what they want instead of what is long-term benefit.] D

Trees 1 2 3 4 (5) BAD wrong emph.
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Far too few eucs are being removed – huge areas need to be opened to the sky. Grn idy is strangling the euc. stranglers. Hundreds of saplings need to be removed ea. year. Too much worry has been given to what tree-huggers want instead of long-term benefits.] E

I ~~thought I had~~ sent 6 forms via your website only to find out that the site wasn't working. Lost work. I have only enough energy to submit one more for Mt. Davidson + general comme

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 (2) 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

In far too small an area. Let grasslands sustain themselves while new work is started elsewhere – new wildflowers, habitats F

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 (5) don't need

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Wild areas do not need pretty landscaping + therefore do not need to be made to look like regular man-made parks. Do not need roads. G H

Other Comments

NAP needs to focus on the work ahead + learn to shut-out the dog owner/tree-hugging nay-sayers. Use your energy to promote your Program + work instead of defending against the liars. I

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

Dog owners must keep their dogs leashed/leash in hand or be eliminated from natural areas. If they do not show respect to others, they have to understand consequences + dogs stay home. Stand up to them! J

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Restoration 1 (2) 3 4 5

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Reintroduction of rare plants would help preserve species + diversify habitat A

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 (2) 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Dogs + people need to stay on trails – Professional dog walkers bring 6-12 dogs to Lilac Dog Pages B

Trees 1 (2) 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Not removed

Trees within falling distance of homes are liability for City + Need to be removed not pruned. Neighbors worried about dangerous trees. C

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments City should have large goat herd - kept at ZOO - Would be used to control poison oak/blackberry / Reduce fire HAZARD. Used by RP/ PUC etc. D

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Rock outcrops are spectacular - Remove trees in formations before roots erod the rocks. E

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Restoration 1 2 3 (4) 5
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Recreation and Trails 1 2 (3) 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

More of the Blue gum Trees need To Be Removed = Fire Danger = A

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

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Site: Mt. Davidson Park

Restoration

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

s the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below. A

So far so good but some things still need work. The newly placed plants need to be protected from hikers and unleashed dogs so some fencing of the areas planted w/natives would be good. Also, while some folks may not agree, I think that more trees will need to removed (the big eucalyptus that cast so much shade) B

Recreation and Trails

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

There are quite a few "unofficial" trails. These should be closed/fenced. C

lensitive Species/Wildlife

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

re the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.

As I said in the first comment, some fencing is needed to protect non-established plantings. D
And the Leash Laws must be enforced. E

ogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

re the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as xpected? Please explain below

Dogs running off leash are a real problem. Both to the habitat and to peoples safety. Leash Laws must be enforced. F

ees

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

o the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be less intensive removal? Please explain below.

The big ecucalyptus are a problem. Many more should be removed to allow more native trees room to grow. The big eucalyptus block sun and light from getting to the plants below. G

asslands/Wildflowers

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.

Again, fencing to protect newly planted areas. Some closure of the unofficial trails and strict enforcement of the Leash Laws — H I

Landscaped Areas

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain below

Seems OK - this is not my area of interest.

Other Comments J K L

Leash Laws need to be enforced - newly planted areas should be fenced - unoffcial trails should be closed.— more of the big eucalyptus need to be cleared— M

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the succeseful managem this Natural Area?

We saw hawks when we were up near the cross clearing brush -- very exciting. — N

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improveme would you like to see?

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    <system.web>
        <customErrors mode="RemoteOnly" defaultRedirect="mycustompage.htm"/>
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Site: [redacted] Mt. Davidson

Restoration

○1 ●2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain be

Expected more pro-active restor. activity to west. (——] A

Recreation and Trails

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Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

too accessible. too many dogs off leash + getting ahead of owners on trails. Bad encounters.] B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

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Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.

far too little. too much concern about politics & removing trees (euc.) + dogs than doing best for natural elements] C

D

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

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[redacted] not enough restriction (MA-2 only) - NO DOGS throughout MA1 - MA-2 On-leash only throughout / NO DOGS if compliance not adhered they're ruining all work that's been done - constant catch-up.] E

Trees

○1 ●2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Address:	

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Enter your site(s) of interest below.

already do.

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

○ 1 ○ 2 X 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

Submit

tip-toeing too much - worried about offending dog owners.

Mount Davidson
Letter 6



Jake Sigg
<jakesigg@earthlink.net>
06/20/2005 07:19 PM

To jakesigg@earthlink.net
cc
bcc
Subject NAP Mgt plan workshops detailed info/sample Comment form/SFDOG mtg

NAP MAP Natural Areas Program Management Area Plan

San Francisco Recreation and Parks (SFRPD) manages natural areas on a quarter or more of our park lands. Spread among 31 sites each one can feel like residents' second backyard. Over the last 8 years the Natural Areas Program has been operating without the benefit of a master plan. Now is your chance to learn what values the department holds in stewarding these lands and how you can be a part of the efforts to preserve and protect the last of San Francisco's native habitats.

SFRPD is developing a management plan for these lands over the next twenty years. The plan will direct:
*Restoration efforts, including removal of invasive plants and native planting
*Tree management and removal
*Increased educational, stewardship and passive recreation opportunities
*Trail routes and park improvements such as signage
*Access and activity considerations
*Actions needed to address potential conflicting uses in the natural areas

The plan drafted in 2002 is being significantly reworked to delineate distinct management areas in each park. After June 15 a revised plan will be available on-line at http://www.parks.sfgov.org, (SEE NOTE BELOW) via request on a cd-rom and in print at public locations. Learn how the plan was reworked, as well as the issues at stake, at three community meetings, each specific to the listed subset of Natural Areas as follows:

Glen Park Recreation Center
Wednesday, June 22 6:00 to 9:00
Bosworth & O'Shaughnessy
1. Balboa/Parcel 4
2. Billy Goat Hill.
3. Buena Vista
4. Corona Heights
5. Dorothy Erskine
6. Duncan-Castro
7. Fairmont Plaza
8. Glen Canyon
9. Golden Gate Park Oak Woodlands
10. Interior Greenbelt
11. Kite Hill
12. Mt. Davidson
13. O'Shaughnessy Hollow
14. Tank Hill
15. Twin Peaks

Workshops for all other open spaces will be on June 28 & 30
Stay tuned.

NOTE: If you were given alternate URLs, ignore them--they don't work. People kept running into deadends. After parks.sfgov.org, click Significant Natural Resources Areas (blue strip near top of sheet). YOU WILL WANT TO RETURN TO THIS PAGE FOR THE COMMENT

FORM. But first, on this page, click BELOW (clicking on it just created a box around it) Significant Natural Areas Mgt Plan, which boots up Acrobat Reader and the pdf. Do a Page Down, or scroll down, and just keep going. It's slow, because there's a lot of info. You'll eventually come to Table of Contents and Page Down to the particular park you want to read. (See below for one participant's sample.)

N.B. It would be desirable to attend at least one meeting, possibly others if you are able, and interested in the particular parks addressed at each meeting. However, the most important thing is to fill in the Comment form, as that is what is going into the record--and you can fill out the Comment form online. If you want to personally attend subsequent meetings, it may not be necessary to sit through the first hour, where the Department will be giving the same background information and instructions each time.

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If it's helpful, here is a sample that one person wrote; it states what that person would like to see in the Mgt Plan for Mt Davidson:

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See comments re Restoration. Also, consistent enforcement of the leash law are essential to

reduce damage to sensitive plants and wildlife.] D

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Landscaped Areas
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N/A

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Other Comments
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3 -- I'm thinking that plans overall may be "too recreational", and may not adequately protect resources.

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If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?
===

Natives/Wildlife -- What the heck is the difference between "Natural resource protection" and "Natives/wildlife"?

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Postscript on the city's URLs given out by SFRPD for the Natural Areas Mgt Plan:

I tried following them, and would come to this:

Please Notice

after 14

Unfortunately the page you are looking for cannot be found or no longer exists. Broken links occur occasionally because the City's web site is composed of many web sites maintained by separate agencies over which we have no control.
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I clicked on the search page and was greeted with this:

Directory Listing Denied

This Virtual Directory does not allow contents to be listed.

Hey, this is San Francisco Things aren't SUPPOSED to work here.

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2005 Meetings

SFDOG's General Meetings are open to members and non-members alike. All meetings are from 7:30-9:30PM on the date listed and are located at the Fort Mason Center, Building C, Room C-370, unless otherwise noted. For more information, please call 415-339-7461 or e-mail: info@sfdog.org

Tues., June 21st: Town Hall Forum on Aggression in Dogs.

Location: *Fort Mason Building A, Golden Gate Room.*

In light of recent events, SFDOG will host a town hall forum on aggression in dogs. A panel of experts will discuss what we as individuals, a community, and a city can and should do to address the problems caused by aggressive dogs. The discussion will be moderated, with an extended period for questions from the audience. Confirmed panelists:

Donna Reynolds, BADRAP (Bay Area Doglovers Responsible Aout Pitbulls)
Trish King, head behaviorist at the Marin Humane Society
Sgt. Bill Herndon, SFPD Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit
Kelley Filson, education programs manager, SF SPCA
Mara Weiss, DVM, and member of the Animal Control and Welfare Commission
Melissa Bain, DVM, Diplomate American College of Veterinary Behaviorists
Linda McKay, who's active with the Fort Funston Dog Walkers Association, will moderate the discussion.

We hope this will be an interesting and informative discussion, with everyone who attends walking away with a better understanding of the issues involved in dealing with aggressive dogs. We'll address dog-on-dog aggression, as well as dog-on-people aggression. This event is FREE and open to members and non-members alike. Please leave your dog at home for this event.

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Mount Davidson
Letter 7

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – **Natives /Wildlife**

May we contact you regarding your comments?

Name/Affiliation(s) *(if any):* Stan Kaufman, Co-Chair, Friends of Mt Davidson

Phone: 415.681.4954

Email: sekfmn@pacbell.net

Address: 144 Idora Avenue, SF CA 94127

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Yes_ Site(s) of interest: Edgehill Mt, Mt D, Corona Heights - already volunteer at all three locations

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Mount Davidson
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Mount Davidson
Letter 9

Subject: Fw: I support NAP

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 02:45 PM -----

"William F. Wilson" <wfwilson@sbcglobal.net>
07/27/2005 02:17 PM

To: gavin.newsom@sfgov.org, Michela.Alioto-Pier@sfgov.org, tom.ammiano@sfgov.org, Chris.Daly@sfgov.org, Bevan.Dufty@sfgov.org, Sean.Elsbernd@sfgov.org, Fiona.Ma@sfgov.org, sophie.maxwell@sfgov.org, Jake.McGoldrick@sfgov.org, Ross.Mirkarimi@sfgov.org, aaron.peskin@sfgov.org, gerardo.sandoval@sfgov.org, Yomi.Agunbiade@sfgov.org, Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org, margaret.mcarthur@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: I support NAP

I have had the privilege of volunteering with the Natural Areas Program on Mount Davidson. The trails we have cleared are used by everyone both with and without dogs. The only fences have been erected by private property owners that border the park. The recreational experiences for everyone have been enhanced by the work of NAP volunteers. Much of what is on the NAPRAP website is just simply wrong and is the kind of extreme rhetoric that has made conflict where there should be none and compromise impossible. Unfortunately repetition doesn't make it any truer than when it was first rebutted by Rec. and Park but if you repeat a lie often enough people begin to believe it. A

I hope that the Natural Areas Program will continue to be supported and encouraged by our official family. I would urge everyone of you to come and work with us at Mount Davidson on the first Saturday of every month.

Bill Wilson
215 Edna Street
San Francisco, CA 94112

Mount Davidson
Letter 10

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Patrick Cahill - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/21/2005 07:26 AM -----

	The SFGOV Web Applications Server <webmaster@sfgov.org>
	07/20/2005 05:57 PM

To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Patrick Cahill - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Mt. Davidson Park

Restoration Score -
Restoration Comments - Definitely augment existing native species and reintroduce rare plants in MA-1&2. This has been successful here and in other areas like The Oak Woodlands in GG Park. Increase the removal of eucalytus and replace with appropriate natives like oak, laurel, buckeye, or alder. A B

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments - Close all social trails and post signs to direct users and keep them on the formal trails, especially in the sensitive grasslands. C

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments - Continue to remove invasive plants and replace them with native flowers and fruit-bearing shrubs. These latter should gradually replace the Himalayan blackberry to the extent possible and can include huckleberry, elderberry, coffeeberry, and many others, even California blackberry. D

Dogs & Cats Score -
Dogs & Cats Comments - Require owners to leash their dogs a nd keep them on the trails, then enforce the law. Uncontrolled dogs can damage sensitive plants and threaten birds, especially those nesting in shrubs. E

Trees Score -
Trees Comments - Gradually remove more ot the eucalyptus than the plan calls for in MA-3 and replace with appropriate natives like oak, laurel, buckeye, or alder. F

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score -
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Natives/Wildlife

Name - Patrick Cahill
Phone - 415-771-3684
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Address - 1928 Taylor St., San Francisco, CA 94133

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

Mount Davidson
Letter 11

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Vera Eby - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/12/2005 07:52 AM -----

The SFGOV Web Applications Server <webmaster@sfgov.org> **To:** **<lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>**
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Vera Eby - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

07/09/2005 01:31 PM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Mt. Davidson Park

Restoration Score - 3
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score - 2
Recreation & Trails Comments - It is not clear if trees which present danger to hikers would be removed.]A

Sensitive Species Score - 4
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score -
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score - 1
Trees Comments - I would like to see even more removal than presented of the non-native trees, ie the]B
eucalyptus. And, I would like to see removal of all trees/shrubs that hang over Juanita Way and present hazards.]C
(Autos swing way out to avoid these & the potential for a catastrophic accident is high. Also the shrubbery provides coverage for lurkers--potential criminals--who can threaten Juanita Way residents.

Grasslands Score - 2
Grasslands Comments - Grasslands should be further extended.]D

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments - I see no plan for landscaping by along Juanita Way and the staired entrance to the tra il]E
to the cross.

General Comments - The area of the park that is on Juanita Way desperately needs attention. The overgrown shrubs and the trees hanging over the street (mostly eucalyptus) present hazards to Juanita Way residents.]F
(Some 20 years ago we were all evacuated in the middle of the night when some eucalyptus trees fell and caused

a mudslide.)

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score - 6
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

Name - Vera Eby
Phone -
Email - v.eby@sbcglobal.net
Address - 250 Juanita Way, san Francisco

Volunteering Comment - PERHAPS

Staff Score -

Mount Davidson
Letter 12

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Nancy Rosenthal, Secretary, San Francisco for Democracy - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/12/2005 07:37 AM -----

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cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Nancy Rosenthal, Secretary, San Francisco for Democracy - REQUESTS CONTACT!.
07/08/2005 02:59 PM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Mt. Davidson Park

Restoration Score - 4
Restoration Comments - Not enough area is allocated for plant habitat. Get rid of more Eucalyptus trees which prevent use of the land and over takes too much of the mountain, leaving large areas of shade and smoothering native plants and wildlife.]A

Recreation & Trails Score - 5
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score - 3
Sensitive Species Comments - Get rid of more of the invasive blackberry and ivy. They take up too much of the land and prevent use for trails, recreation, andcould be used for more native species which would bring in more native wildlife.]B

Dogs & Cats Score - 4
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score - 4
Trees Comments - REmove more Eucalyptus trees. They are a fire hazard, not native, and as a result destroy the habitat for native plants, flowers, and wildlife.]C

Grasslands Score - 4
Grasslands Comments - Less Eucalyputs, more grasslands, wildflowers and wildlife.]D

La
ndscape Score - 4
Landscape Comments - We need more areas designated for landscaping with natives!!!]E

General Comments - I have worked in this park with the city gardener and the neighborhood park group and was amazed that such a beautiful park is over run with invasive ivy, blackberry and Eucalyptus. Only 1/4 of the area is accessible because it is over run with invasive species.

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score - 8
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Natural resource protection

Name - Nancy Rosenthal, Secretary, San Francisco for Democracy Phone - 415 928-2690 Email - nancyrosenthal24 @aol.com Address - 1616 Taylor St. #3, SF

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 5

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Letter 13

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 (5)

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Yes- plans for these parks will help restore locally-rare plants and wildlife habitat. A

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 (5)

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Yes- there are too many trails now, many are parallel and unnecessary. These trails should be removed and planted with native plants, to enhance wildlife and plant habitat. B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 (5)

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

I'm pleased that locations of sensitive species have been identified as areas for maintenance + enhancement of sensitive species and wildlife. C

I want management to protect and expand native species habitat to the greatest possible extent. D

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Although the recommendations include some dog and cat exclusion areas, I would like to see dogs excluded from all areas that have been recently planted, and I ~~would~~ want all cats removed from all natural areas. E F

Trees 1 2 3 4 (5)

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

I'm happy to see that removal of some non-native trees is recommended. I think the plan strikes a good balance between preserving large trees and expanding native species habitat. G

Also, removal of Eucalyptus is desirable to reduce the very real risk of wildfires that could burn down entire neighborhoods, as happened in Oakland in 1991 and H

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 (5)

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Yes - the plans recognize that some tree removal and other invasive plant control and removal is needed to preserve and restore native grasslands, wildflower, + wildlife habitat. I

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 (5)

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Yes - we should plant as many natives as possible to ensure their survival over the long-term. J

Other Comments

I have no problem with non-native plants - there are about 10,000 species currently in California. It's that 1% of these plants, about 100 species, are invasive and threatening our native species, which have been reduced to less than 1% of San Francisco. K

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Saw campion on Bayview Hill grassland June 25 but [redacted] no campion was shown on map. L

Also, Islay Cherry should be mapped as a locally-rare species. There was Islay Cherry on Strawberry Hill in Golden Gate Park in the 1800s, but none today. M

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

All capital improvements should be limited to improving trails, [redacted] and decommissioning "social trails." N

One exception: permanent bathrooms are really needed on Mt. Davidson. Please locate them near the main entrance, in the Euc forest. O

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 (10)

If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments? Yes

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? ____ Site(s) of interest: I already volunteer

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City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park
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TEL: 415.831.2700 FAX: 415.831.2096 WEB: http://parks.sfgov.org

NAP MAP – Public Comments Form

Natural Area Site Name:_____ Park: MT DAVIDSON

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration 1 (2) 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

The open slopes seems fine as is. Why does this need work? Jacing Bay] A

Recreation and Trails 1 (2) 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Please keep the small "social trails" in the woods - these are great get-aways] B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

No special requirements are needed. Dogs seem calm, & stay on trails.] C

Trees 1 (2) 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

This is a great deep forest - please do not remove this shady refuge] D

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

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Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

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Other Comments

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Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

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Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

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One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle* one.

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? _____ Site(s) of interest: _____

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 5

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154 Ewing Terrace
San Francisco CA 94118-4407
July 20, 2005

John W. Murray
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McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park
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Dear Mr. Murray:

I recently reviewed the draft *Significant Natural Resource Area Management Plan.* I could go on at great length about my concerns about the entire Natural Areas Program, but I will summarize my concerns in one sentence and then comment briefly about the proposals for two of our parks in the plan.

My basic complaint is that the plan devotes far too much of our park space to the Natural Areas Program; in particular it devotes far too much of the most heavily used and most scenic and beautiful parts of our park system to the Natural Areas Program.

Regarding Golden Gate Park

Golden Gate Park is one of the great examples of landscape architecture in the world. It was designed and built by giants. The Natural Areas Program people would return large parts of it to its original ugly state.

I know that the Natural Areas people are passionate in their love for native plants and their intense dislike for non-native plants, but single minded passions more often than not ignore other values - in this case then need for beautiful public spaces and over 100 years of San Francisco history.

Regarding Mount Davidson

Mount Davidson is far more beautiful from both the distance and on the ground than its neighbor Twin Peaks. The draft plan is deceptive in saying that that it will leave many trees on Mount Davidson. The removal of many large trees and most young trees will initially seriously diminish the beauty of the forest cover on Mount Davidson and ultimately result in the complete destruction of that forest. A

Please rein the Natural Areas Program people in. We should be spending money improving our parks and playgrounds - not destroying the one while under-funding the other.

Sincerely,

John H. Munz

Table 3.3-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Glen Canyon Park.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Glen Canyon Park	10A	Aliberti, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	10B	Aliberti, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	10C	Aliberti, J.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
Glen Canyon Park	10D	Aliberti, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	10E	Aliberti, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	10F	Aliberti, J.	Plants	Content	The method for designating new Natural Areas is discussed in Section 1.
Glen Canyon Park	10G	Aliberti, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	12A	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	12B	Anonymous	Trails	Content	This area is outside of the Natural Areas and therefore the scope of this Management Plan.
Glen Canyon Park	14A	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Glen Canyon Park	14B	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Glen Canyon Park	14C	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	14D	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	14E	Anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	14F	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	14G	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	14H	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	14I	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	14J	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	14K	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	14L	Anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	20A	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Glen Canyon Park	20B	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	33A	Anonymous	Project Merit	Content	Please see Section 1 for a discussion of the criteria used to map MA-1 and MA-2 areas.
Glen Canyon Park	33B	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Glen Canyon Park	33C	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-9
Glen Canyon Park	33D	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7

Table 3.3-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Glen Canyon Park.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Glen Canyon Park	33E	Anonymous	Trails	Content	Inappropriate use of the Natural Areas should be referred to SFRPD or San Francisco Police Department.
Glen Canyon Park	33F	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	33G	Anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	33H	Anonymous	Plants	Reference	See Issue GC/OH-1 in Sec. 6.3
Glen Canyon Park	33I	Anonymous	Project Merit	Reference	Although this comment does not suggest changes to the Management Plan, it is noted.
Glen Canyon Park	32A	Cameron, C.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	30A	Chiang, R.	Creeks	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	1A	Conner, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	1B	Conner, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Glen Canyon Park	1C	Conner, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	1D	Conner, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Glen Canyon Park	1E	Conner, J.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Glen Canyon Park	1F	Conner, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	1G	Conner, J.	Wildlife	Content	The preparation schedule for this document precluded making the recommended contact.
Glen Canyon Park	1H	Conner, J.	Plants	Editorial	Change made to Recommendation GC/OH-1c
Glen Canyon Park	1I	Conner, J.	Trails	Content	Management, maintenance, operations, or removal of ropes course is outside the Natural Areas Program's purview.
Glen Canyon Park	1J	Conner, J.	Wildlife	Editorial	Change made
Glen Canyon Park	1K	Conner, J.	Wildlife	Editorial	Change made
Glen Canyon Park	1L	Conner, J.	Creeks	Content	See MR-9
Glen Canyon Park	1M	Conner, J.	Creeks	Content	See MR-9. Additionally, a water quality recommendation has been added to GC/OH-6a.
Glen Canyon Park	1N	Conner, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	Change made to Recommendation GC/OH-9a
Glen Canyon Park	1O	Conner, J.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-11

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Glen Canyon Park	1P	Conner, J.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	1Q	Conner, J.	Trails	Content	Although paving the road may be locally opposed, it remains the single best method of reducing sediment input to the creek. No change required.
Glen Canyon Park	21A	Dunn, P.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	21B	Dunn, P.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	21C	Dunn, P.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Glen Canyon Park	21D	Dunn, P.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	23A	Fowler, M.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	23B	Fowler, M.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	3A	Gaar, G.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Glen Canyon Park	3B	Gaar, G.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Glen Canyon Park	3C	Gaar, G.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	3D	Gaar, G.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	27A	Gibson, R.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	5A	Helser, C.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	5B	Helser, C.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	5C	Helser, C.	Wildlife	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	5D	Helser, C.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Glen Canyon Park	5E	Helser, C.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	5F	Helser, C.	Trails	Editorial	Change made
Glen Canyon Park	5G	Helser, C.	Trails	Content	See MR-7 and GR-14 (Sec. 5) for a discussion of signage
Glen Canyon Park	5H	Helser, C.	Wildlife	Content	Change made
Glen Canyon Park	5I	Helser, C.	Wildlife	Content	Change made
Glen Canyon Park	5J	Helser, C.	Trails	Content	If restoration activities do occur within the Silver Tree Open area, fencing may be appropriate to protect sensitive plantings
Glen Canyon Park	19A	Johnson, D.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	19B	Johnson, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Glen Canyon Park	19C	Johnson, D.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	19D	Johnson, D.	Trees	Project Merit	See MR-11

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Glen Canyon Park	19E	Johnson, D.	Dogs-On Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	19F	Johnson, D.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	19G	Johnson, D.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	31A	Kefauver, L.	Plants	Content	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	31B	Kefauver, L.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	31C	Kefauver, L.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	9A	Lehman, S.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	9B	Lehman, S.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	9C	Lehman, S.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Glen Canyon Park	9D	Lehman, S.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Glen Canyon Park	9E	Lehman, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	9F	Lehman, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	9G	Lehman, S.	Trails	Content	This area is outside of the Natural Areas and therefore the scope of this Management Plan
Glen Canyon Park	9H	Lehman, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	9I	Lehman, S.	Trails	Content	Management, maintenance, operations, or removal of ropes course is outside the Natural Areas Program's purview
Glen Canyon Park	9J	Lehman, S.	Creeks	Content	See MR-9
Glen Canyon Park	9K	Lehman, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	9L	Lehman, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	9M	Lehman, S.	Trails	Content	Management, maintenance, operations, or removal of ropes course is outside the Natural Areas Program's purview
Glen Canyon Park	16A	Mooney, M.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	16B	Mooney, M.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	16C	Mooney, M.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Glen Canyon Park	16D	Mooney, M.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-4, MR-9
Glen Canyon Park	16E	Mooney, M.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Reference	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	16F	Mooney, M.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Glen Canyon Park	16G	Mooney, M.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	16H	Mooney, M.	Cats	Content	See MR-5

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Glen Canyon Park	16I	Mooney, M.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	16J	Mooney, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	16K	Mooney, M.	Creeks	Content	See MR-9
Glen Canyon Park	16L	Mooney, M.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	16M	Mooney, M.	Creeks	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	16N	Mooney, M.	Creeks	Content	See MR-9
Glen Canyon Park	16O	Mooney, M.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Glen Canyon Park	16P	Mooney, M.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Glen Canyon Park	16Q	Mooney, M.	Creeks	Content	See MR-9
Glen Canyon Park	16R	Mooney, M.	Creeks	Content	See MR-9
Glen Canyon Park	16S	Mooney, M.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	25A	Mooney, M.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	25B	Mooney, M.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	25C	Mooney, M.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	8A	Moss, M.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Glen Canyon Park	6A	Murayama, D.	Trails	Content	Access currently exists from these points and will be maintained. No change required.
Glen Canyon Park	6B	Murayama, D.	Wildlife	Content	Insufficient information is presented in the comment to make any changes to the Management Plan. It is likely that snakes remain in Glen Canyon. See Appendix Table C-2.
Glen Canyon Park	6C	Murayama, D.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Glen Canyon Park	6D	Murayama, D.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	6E	Murayama, D.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	6F	Murayama, D.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	6G	Murayama, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	6H	Murayama, D.	Trails	Content	Although paving the road may be locally opposed, it remains the single best method of reducing sediment input to the creek. No change required.
Glen Canyon Park	6I	Murayama, D.	Trees	Content	See MR-4

Table 3.3-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Glen Canyon Park.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Glen Canyon Park	6J	Murayama, D.	Creeks	Content	See MR-9
Glen Canyon Park	6K	Murayama, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Glen Canyon Park	29A	Peabody, M. and the Wasney family	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	7A	Perieff, V.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	15A	Schipper, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	15B	Schipper, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Glen Canyon Park	15C	Schipper, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Glen Canyon Park	15D	Schipper, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Glen Canyon Park	15E	Schipper, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	15F	Schipper, J.	Trails	Content	Although paving the road may be locally opposed, it remains the single best method of reducing sediment input to the creek. No change required.
Glen Canyon Park	17A	Sigg, J.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Glen Canyon Park	17B	Sigg, J.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	17C	Sigg, J.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-10
Glen Canyon Park	17D	Sigg, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	17E	Sigg, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	17F	Sigg, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-10
Glen Canyon Park	17G	Sigg, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	17H	Sigg, J.	Trails	Content	Boardwalks are recommended for sensitive habitats around the creek (GC/OH-9b).
Glen Canyon Park	17I	Sigg, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Glen Canyon Park	17J	Sigg, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Glen Canyon Park	28A	Soto, C.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	22A	Stasukelis, L.	Trails	Content	This area is outside of the Natural Areas and therefore the scope of this Management Plan.
Glen Canyon Park	22B	Stasukelis, L.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	22C	Stasukelis, L.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	18A	Statmore, E.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8

Table 3.3-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Glen Canyon Park.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Glen Canyon Park	18B	Statmore, E.	Plants	Content	Text has been added to GR-1 to address the removal of flagging.
Glen Canyon Park	18C	Statmore, E.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	18D	Statmore, E.	Wildlife	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	18E	Statmore, E.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	18F	Statmore, E.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	18G	Statmore, E.	Trees	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	18H	Statmore, E.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	18I	Statmore, E.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	18J	Statmore, E.	Plants	Content	Text has been added to GR-1 to address the removal of flagging
Glen Canyon Park	18K	Statmore, E.	Plants	Content	Text has been added to GR-1 to address the removal of flagging
Glen Canyon Park	18L	Statmore, E.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	18M	Statmore, E.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	18N	Statmore, E.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	18O	Statmore, E.	Plants	Content	This is a scientifically based Management Plan
Glen Canyon Park	18P	Statmore, E.	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	18Q	Statmore, E.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	18R	Statmore, E.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	13A	Stoia, K.	Trails	Content	Conceptual fencing is presented in Appendix H. No change required.
Glen Canyon Park	4A	Stookey, R.	Creeks	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	26A	Thompson, A.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-1
Glen Canyon Park	26B	Thompson, A.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Glen Canyon Park	11A	Velykis, K.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	11B	Velykis, K.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Glen Canyon Park	11C	Velykis, K.	Wildlife	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	11D	Velykis, K.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Glen Canyon Park	11E	Velykis, K.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	11F	Velykis, K.	Plants	Content	See MR-6

Table 3.3-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Glen Canyon Park.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Glen Canyon Park	11G	Velykis, K.	Plants	Content	The area discussed in the comment is outside of the Natural Area. No change required.
Glen Canyon Park	11H	Velykis, K.	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Glen Canyon Park	11I	Velykis, K.	Trails	Content	This area is outside of the Natural Areas and therefore the scope of this Management Plan.
Glen Canyon Park	11J	Velykis, K.	Trails	Content	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	2A	Will, T.O. and Will, R.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	2B	Will, T.O. and Will, R.	Trails	Editorial	The existing MA-3 areas do not support the resources to be classified as MA-2. No change required.
Glen Canyon Park	2C	Will, T.O. and Will, R.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	2D	Will, T.O. and Will, R.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	2E	Will, T.O. and Will, R.	Trails	Content	Signage is already recommended in GR-14
Glen Canyon Park	2F	Will, T.O. and Will, R.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Glen Canyon Park	2G	Will, T.O. and Will, R.	Sensitive Species	Content	Management of aircraft flight patterns is outside the Natural Areas Program's responsibilities. No change is required.
Glen Canyon Park	2H	Will, T.O. and Will, R.	Dogs-On Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	2I	Will, T.O. and Will, R.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Glen Canyon Park	2J	Will, T.O. and Will, R.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Glen Canyon Park	2K	Will, T.O. and Will, R.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	2L	Will, T.O. and Will, R.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	2M	Will, T.O. and Will, R.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Glen Canyon Park	2N	Will, T.O. and Will, R.	Plants	Content	An outreach recommendation has been added to GR-14
Glen Canyon Park	2O	Will, T.O. and Will, R.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Glen Canyon Park	2P	Will, T.O. and Will, R.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	24A	Wright, M.	Plants	Reference	See Sec. 6.3 Sensitive Plant Species and Issue GC/OH-1
Glen Canyon Park	24B	Wright, M.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	24C	Wright, M.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-11

Table 3.3-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Glen Canyon Park.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Glen Canyon Park	24D	Wright, M.	Trails	Editorial	Trail maps are intended for the use of SFRPD staff in managing the resources. Because of this, distances are not required. No change to plan.
Glen Canyon Park	24E	Wright, M.	Trails	Editorial	Trail maps are intended for the use of SFRPD staff in managing the resources. Because of this, distances are not required. No change to plan.
Glen Canyon Park	24F	Wright, M.	Wildlife	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	24G	Wright, M.	Dogs-On Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	24H	Wright, M.	Trees	Project Merit	See MR-11
Glen Canyon Park	24I	Wright, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6. Even if weeds and non-native grasses are currently hidden from public view, they could eventually grow into new areas and overtake native and sensitive species.
Glen Canyon Park	24J	Wright, M.	Plants	Reference	See Sec. 6.3 Sensitive Plant Species and Issue GC/OH-1
Glen Canyon Park	24K	Wright, M.	Plants	Content	Please see Section 1 for a discussion of MA-3 areas. Coordination with neighborhood groups and volunteer efforts in Glen Canyon are welcomed. Please contact the Natural Areas Program for more information.
Glen Canyon Park	24L	Wright, M.	Trails	Content	This area is outside of the Natural Areas and therefore the scope of this Management Plan.
Glen Canyon Park	24M	Wright, M.	Trails	Content	This area is outside of the Natural Areas and therefore the scope of this Management Plan.
Glen Canyon Park	24N	Wright, M.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11

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Restoration 1 2 (3) 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Some native plants have been introduced, some re-introduced but much more needs to be done. Yellow-eyed grass in the seep area along the boardwalk remains unprotected. A

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 (4) 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

I do not think any trail that leads directly into Silvertree/Glen Ridge Day Care should be open for off leash dog walking (eg. trail on West side of Creek.) B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 (2) 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

So far not enough is done to protect sensitive plant life. By allowing some invasive plants to remain in MA-3 areas for purposes of nectar + larval food will be a big problem since even with careful maintenance they will be invading other areas. C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

are as expected but not what I feel will be effective. So far any signs posted are removed (by dog walkers?) Certainly dog walkers need to be educated about damage done to plants and wildlife. Dogs digging for gophers is a big problem in the Canyon especially in Winter when ground is soft from the rains. D

Trees 1 2 3 (4) 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 (4) 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Goats shouldn't be used on steep hillsides in Glen Canyon.] E

Landscaped Areas (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Don't see that any areas have been designated for landscaping with natives. Of course this depends on ones definition of "landscaping". Mine would be planning where and what will be planted with a definite map.] F

Other Comments

Under "wildlife" BIRDS - should consult with David Armstrong (415) 584-6650. He is the most knowledgeable as to birds in Glen Canyon Park at the present time. You should get a bird list from him and a list of nesting birds. (see attached comments)] G

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Section GC/OH-1c should include fringe cups (Tellima grandiflora) on the west side of the creek near pool #3.] H

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

Removal of the ropes course.] I

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If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses (Natural resource protection) – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 (2) 3 4 5

river comments. 6:3 Glen Canyon Park

Under "Wildlife" 6:3-8 Reptiles/Amphibians J
The alligator lizard found in Glen Canyon Park is not the northern alligator lizard. It is the southern alligator lizard: you do have the correct scientific name.

under Invertebrates: 6.3-9 K
The following native snails should be listed ① banana slug (Ariolimax californicus Dashyphallus) ② Helminthoglypta arrosa and ③ Haplotrema minimum.

Recommendation GC/OH-2b: 6.3-13 I am not enthused about new pool habitat. So far the 3 pools we have in the park are labor intensive and do not function as they should. The water quality is poor and the quantity of water would have to be increased in order to have water in the pools year round. The stream needs to be flowing with enough force to keep a clear channel and also provide open water for wildlife. As it is now the stream gets blocked by the dams or debris, slowed down, so the water goes underground. By the end of the summer there is no surface water. L

Issue GC/OH-6 and Recommendation GC/OH-6a: 6.3-15 M
The source/sources of pollution must be found and controlled. Past tests of water quality have pointed out that frogs and salamanders would not survive.

Issue GC/OH-9 and Recommendation GC/OH-9a: 6.3-17
Signage has been put [illegible]d torn down in the past in the seep in an effo[illegible] keep dogs out of the seep and protect the yellow-[illegible] (grass growing there. A railing needs to be put u[illegible] along the boardwalk an[illegible] some type of fencing at the end[illegible]e boardwalk to keep dogs and people out of that a[illegible]a. N

GC/OH-9b + 9C: 6.3-18 yes! yes! O P

Recommendation GC/OH-10a: 6.3-18
The idea of paving Alms Road has been fought and voted down by Glen Park residents several times in recent years. A paved road leads to more traffic and safety problems as well as pollution. At one time it was suggested that the road be paved so the Silvertree building would be more accessable for parties. Friends of Glen Canyon Park, Glen Park [illegible]sociation, and GP Dog all oppose paving and would [illegible]e the road changed into a wide path designated for service vechicles and pedestrian use on[illegible] The large area across from Silvertree which is used for parking and turn around should be made smaller. The creek bank and channal is too shallow in that area. Temporary fencing may be necessary until plantings can get established on the creek bank and fill in that part of the road which has been used in the past as parking space. Q

Jean Conner - Friends of Glen Canyon Park

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 (5)
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

This plan makes strong policy recommendations for the restoration of Glen Canyon. Great work. Please garner the appropriate budgetary resources to implement them. I would recommend making the MA-3 areas in the park MA-2 areas instead. A B

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 (5)
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain. C

I think the access proposed for the park is appropriate. I appreciate the existing trail work & the removal of social trails. I would increase interpretive educational signage in the park. D E

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

The neighborhood is very proud of the red tailed hawk & great horned owl presence in the park. Please take all necessary steps to ensure these species thrive. In recent months I have noticed aircraft overflights above the canyon & I do not think the canyon of the sensitive raptors are an appropriate flight path. Please include a measure that prohibits commercial/private aircraft overflights F G

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

I support the on-leash dog policy for Glen Canyon. Turquoise Way has had a recent crime spree with respect to home robberies & dog walkers provide frequent monitoring of the backs of these homes H I

Trees 1 2 3 (4) 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Although controversial, I would encourage the dept. to not shy away from the removal of non native tree species, so long as sensitive wildlife species are protected. I further encourage the planting of native species. J K

Comment due date should be included on form.

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 (3) (4) 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

The wild grass lands in Glen Canyon are ~~very~~ an important habitat type and I ~~support~~ recommend the removal of non-native grass species and the restoration of native grass species, in addition to the efforts to reduced hillside erosion. L

Landscaped Areas (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

The landscaped areas at the bottom of Glen Canyon were overlooked in the plan. I recommend that landscaped areas focus on native vegetation. M

Other Comments

I think the plan should adopt formal policies regarding outreach to area home owners of information on the importance of permeable surface area & infiltration; planting of natives as opposed to invasive non-natives; reducing run-off from private property; avoidance of herbicide/pesticide use, etc. N

~~Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?~~

I believe the plan should adopt implementation policies that indicate potential sources of funding & partnerships to ensure the plans measures are implemented. A policy should be included that embraces partnerships with conservation groups, such as the Point Reyes Bird Observatory (research), California Native Plant Society, and Friends of Glen Canyon. O

~~Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now?~~ When funds ~~are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?~~ I would like to see the Canyon and the creek restored and protected as a significant natural area. P

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If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses (Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife)

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Y Site(s) of interest: Glen Canyon

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Goats should be used more frequently to control dense poison oak, blackberry etc. City should keep herd at 200 for use by R+P, PUC etc. A

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Off-leash dogs are doing much damage to grassland. Digging, defecating etc! Dogs must remain on ALMS Road B

Trees 1 (2) 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Trees that could fall on Glenridge/Silver tree building should be removed. / Liability and dangerous C

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

Professional/commercial dog walkers need to be licensed.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

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If your ranking was anything but excellent, ~~which did you find were under valued on this site?~~ *Circle one.*

Recreational uses (Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife)

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? ____ Site(s) of interest: ____

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 (4) 5

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Restoration 1 2 3 (4) 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

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Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 (5)
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

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Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

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Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

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Trees 1 2 3 (4) 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

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Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 (5)

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 (4) 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

I APPLAUD THE PLAN'S EFFORTS TO RESTORE AND IMPROVE THE SLAIS CREEK WATERCOURSE, INCLUDING THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF POOLS FOR WILDLIFE. A

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

NO

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? ~~(ALREADY VOLUNTEER)~~ YES Site(s) of interest: LAKE MERCED MES,

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 (4) 5

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 (5)
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

The reintroduction is going well and I look forward to further enhancements to native plant/wildlife habitat. A

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 (5)
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

I applaud the plan to limit social trails in sensitive areas and build more bridges and boardwalks to protect wetlands. B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 (5)
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

The recommendations spelled out for the management areas seem well reasoned and appropriate. C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 (5)
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Off-lease dog use in Natural areas, especially the Creek channel must be discouraged by signage, enforcement and if necessary barriers to protect the wetlands ecosystem D

Trees 1 2 3 4 (5)
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

I agree that there are more Blue Gum trees whose removal would enhance light to the Creek, enable native shubs to prosper and allow more water to flow in the Creek rather than be sucked up by these huge trees. E

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 (5)

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 (5)

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

The SNRA Mgt. Plan does not mention as one of the entrances to Glen Canyon Park the one which starts from Christopher Park in Diamond Hts. This is another important entrance/exit with significant traffic. F

Other Comments

Glen Canyon Park is a gem that needs our protection. Currently there is far too much inappropriate activity within this fragile system (esp. hiking on erosive slopes, off leash dogs, litter). Interpretive signage is a 1st step to helping educate the public G

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

I have encountered a sphinx moth near the Creek bed when working with a volunteer crew. I've also seen Pumpkin Spiders in the meadow at the higher side of the wooden walkway in the early autumn. H I

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

Fence the Creek near Silver Tree Open area - the Creek presents too attractive a "play area" for the children currently. J

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If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses (Natural resource protection) (Natives /Wildlife)

This ranking is as things currently stand before implementation of proposed recommendations

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? ____ Site(s) of interest: GCP already a volunteer

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 (5)

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Restoration 1 2 3 (4) 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 (3) 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Better access from Turquoise Way and from Arts School.] A

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Wonder about the snakes that have been in our park. Any sign of them?] B

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 (2) 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Dogs on leash in natural area. Regarding off leash unacceptable on west side of East side of Islais Creek. Of course dogs are off leash constantly in G Canyon Park. Suggest, off leash area on old road behind recreation center on west side.] C

Trees 1 (2) 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

More removal of Blue Gum all out of creek bed as water is sucked up by the Blue Gum. Not to manage German Ivy, but to eventually irradicate.] D E

Also on East side grass land removal of Blue Gum.] F

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 (4) 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Along O'Shaughnessy Blvd Broom and Pampas Grass not addressed.]G

Other Comments

The paving of Alms Road has been discussed and at the time, concerned people in the community, were against paving the Alms Road.]H

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All of the Blue Gum removed from the creek.]I
Stream and Seep Enhancement]J
The trails on E and W side of Creek, improved.]K

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Recreational uses (Natural resource protection) – Natives /Wildlife

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 5

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Natural Area Site Name: Glen Park Canyon Park: Glen Park

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 (5)
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 (5)
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 (5)
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 (5)
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Trees 1 2 3 4 (5)
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 (5)

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 (5)

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

I love this park. I walk here everyday 4 times to the bridges. I'm so happy it is improving. A

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

I really think the leash law needs to be enforced strictly This is an on-leash park!

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

I feel really strong about the negative impact all the dogs have running off leash have on A

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

my park experience and the significant Natural Resource that is Glen Canyon

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

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Other Comments

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 **(5)**

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Great work, particularly along creek and elsewhere A

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 **(4)** 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Seems ok B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 **(3)** 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

~~For~~ I think some areas should be protected from dogs, but I don't know which are sensitive. Not dog owners

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 **(3)** 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

biased C

Please enforce on-leash in sensitive areas D

Trees 1 2 **(3)** 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

removal ok, but not much replanting of trees E

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

weeds (radish + thistle that I can identify) are taking over] F

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

playground great. frontage on Elk St & Diamond Heights terrible] G H

Other Comments

Rope course near Elk St. eye sore - bids climbing at night] I

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Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

Save creek J new trees K control weeds L better planning for special programs, like rope course] M

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 5

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5 ? I currently do not have enough info

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Understanding that we must balance human and non-human needs, I would like to see as many areas as possible reverted to native habitat as possible, focusing on the greatest good to the most needy native species. A

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

In relation to the comment above, I feel that access should be a very low priority, and that habitat be enhanced for native species as much as possible. B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Of all the people I have spoken with regarding feral cats (and pet cats allowed to roam free), I have never heard a cogent argument for their protection. Like the SPCA/Audubon Cats Indoors program, we need a huge public outreach program, so that cat lovers (like myself) fully understand the destructive impacts on native fauna by cats. C

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Ditto, as above, eucs and other aliens should be appropriately phased out for the benefit of native flora especially focusing on those species most at risk. D

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

The urgent need to promote plants and animal habitats should stay the focus of the NAP. Please do not let uneducated, vocal dog and cat owners dictate policy for their own selfish purposes. E

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

I think that St. Mary's Urban Youth Farm, and undeveloped areas of the SF Zoo, should be considered as ~~SF~~ SNRAs and managed to help struggling native species. F

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

More native trees, especially Black cottonwood, willows, Choke-cherry, red alder, CA buckeye, coast live oak, and other natives should be grown and planted, as well as host plants to native fauna, and plants important for CA quail and herps. G

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Recreational uses (Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife) → Much more important than recreational uses.

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Yes Site(s) of interest: All in my area.

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 (5) – They did

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Restoration 1 2 3 (4) 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain. The plan is good. Continued efforts are required to keep highly invasive plants, such as ivy and fennel from choking out existing native plants. Native fringe cup, for example, has established itself and spread in shady areas, when English ivy and forget-me-not were removed. A

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 (4) 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

I think we must all keep to trails on our walks to avoid turning the park into a trampled waste land! With so many people, and so little open area in the city, we cannot afford to tread all over everything. B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

The plan sounds good. C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

The dog issue addressed for Glen Canyon is the one of keeping dogs out of the creek and wetlands. This is essential since there are so many dogs, and so little creek left in S.F. D

Trees 1 2 3 (4) 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

I think there should be more removal of trees. The Eucalyptus trees have the capacity to take over the park and obliterate every other habitat. Certainly, new sprouts should be removed as described in the plan. I was glad to see the Eucalyptus removed around the creek E

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 (4) 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Again, the plan sounds good. As radishes or fennel or thistles are removed, often poppies, lupines, and morning glories are right underneath, ready to become more visible and spread when the non-native, choking invasives are removed. F

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

The only "landscaped" area in Glen Canyon Park is a little patch near the ball field on Elk St. G

Other Comments

There's a wonderful, spreading patch of Clarkia (farewell to spring) on the steep slope, east of the creek. This area was previously completely covered with fennel. There are also two patches of Douglas iris, 5 to 6 ft in diameter, past the boardwalk at the marshy area. I was there with a volunteer group when these were planted several years ago (as small plant slips). The native plants will prosper if given half a chance! F (cont'd)

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Fences to restrict dog access to the creek. H

Maintenance and even improvement of children's play ground and ball fields. I

The boardwalk over the wetland is great. People can see the plants without destroying their habitat. J

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

Only because I think the trend is always toward use, use, use; so that nature needs the help most

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Restoration 1 2 (3) 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Pine Lake needs restoration. Soon there will not be any water at all.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5

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Glen Park needs an off leash dog area.]A

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

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Grasslands/Wildflowers **1 2 3 4 5**

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Landscaped Areas **1 2 3 4 5**

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Other Comments

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The recreation center and playing fields need To be upgraded] B

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Site: Glen Canyon

Restoration

1 2 3 4 **5**

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below.

the plan looks great in this respect

Recreation and Trails

1 **2** 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain

readily available in other city parks.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

1 2 **3** 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below

should be of a very high priority I think.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

1 2 3 **4** 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain below

two concerns will be balanced.

Trees

1 2 3 **4** 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

I h

Grasslands/Wildflowers

1 2 3 **4** 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.

Landscaped Areas

1 2 3 **4** 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain below.

fences and handrails as we have now.

MORE NATURAL MATERIALS USED INSTEAD OF METAL FENCING PLEASE

A

Other Comments

Park by disabled people or Park & Rec crews.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

especially for very young children.

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○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5 ○6 ○7 ●8 ○9 ○10

If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?

●Recreational uses ○Natural resource protection ○Natives/Wildlife

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Mayor Gavin Newsom
Acting General Manager Yomi Agunbiade

MOST IMPORTANT (AND NOT MENTIONED IN DRAFT PLAN) – PLEASE BAN CARS FROM THE PARK!

Thanks!

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Site: ~~15th Avenue Steps~~ Glen Park - Canyon

Restoration

○1 ○2 ○3 X4 ○5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain be

Vol's doing great job but fighting loosing battle with dogs A

Recreation and Trails

X1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

too much access for dogs - they're ruining all work B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

X1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.

not enough emphasis - too much attempt to make as a "recreational" park instead of urban wilderness C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. nor expected? Please explain below

NO DOGS in Canyon - there is NO compliance w/ on-leash status - they have not earned right to use at all - NO DOG D

Trees

○1 ○2 X3 ○4 ○5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal address or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

too much worry about offending tree-huggers - large areas need to be removed (eucs) + replanted w/ natives E

Grasslands/Wildflowers

○ 1 ☒ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.

Dogs have to be kept off slopes so grasslands will be able to flourish F

Landscaped Areas

☒ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not

too easy for dogs to get into unseen G

Other Comments

NO DOGS in Glen Canyon - they have lost the privilege of using because they ruin work being done. H

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvem would you like to see?

Everything would progress beautifully if dogs were not allowed to go in + ruin it all. I

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☒ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5 ○ 6 ○ 7 ○ 8 ○ 9 ○ 10

too much access to dogs J

If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?

○ Recreational uses ☒ Natural resource protection (1) ☒ Natives/Wildlife (2)

May we contact you regarding your comments?

Name/Affiliations:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Address:

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Enter your site(s) of interest below.

already do

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

1 2 X 3 4 5

Submit

too worried about not getting dog] K
people, tree-huggers] L
mad.

Mayor Gavin Newsom
Acting General Manager Yomi Agunbiade

Glen Canyon
Letter 15

City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form

Natural Area Site Name:_____ Park: Glen Park

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Restoration 1 (2) 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Huge removal of big trees all at once. How many years until something grows back? A, B

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 (4) 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Nice new steps. C
Good blockage of "straight down" Mt. bike paths D

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 (3) 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

None are needed here. Dogs are not a problem here except when commercial walkers bring through large packs – they should be licensed + monitored. E

Trees 1 2 3 (4) 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 (3) 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Please keep Alms Road wild, dirt.] F

Other Comments

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

Name/Affiliation(s) *(if any)*: Mr. and Mrs. Joel Schipper
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Phone.

Email: JSchipper@pacbell.net

Address:

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? _____ Site(s) of interest: _____

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 5

Glen Canyon
Letter 16

Subject: Fw: NAP Plan Comments

Attachments: nap_plan.doc


nap_plan.doc
(32 KB)

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 09:37 AM -----

Michael Mooney <michaelmooney@yahoo.com>
07/24/2005 08:37 PM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: NAP Plan Comments

Hi Lisa,
My comments are pasted below and attached. My attempt to post these comments via the internet seemed to fail. Thanks, Mike Mooney

Michael Mooney's Comments on NAP Management Plan, July 24, 2005

Glen Canyon

Restoration = 5

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Rec and trails = 4

Yes. Closing many of the damaging social trails is a great idea. B

There are plenty other trails for getting around. Unfortunately, I believe that more than 3% trail edge fencing will be needed to reduce impacts by dogs and people in the creek area. C

Sens species = 4

Yes. Pruning some willow trees and enhancing pooling in the creek area will improve habitat for native creatures. D

Dogs and cats = 3

I did not see much in the plan regarding dog play areas in Glen Park.
This is unfortunate. I know that dogs are common in the park and there should be a plan for accommodating them in a way that minimizes disturbance to the native habitats. For example, on-leash dog walking should be encouraged on designated trails, but not in creek, grasslands or other sensitive areas. Monitoring of dog feces pollution should also be considered. Finally, removing feral cats from the park should be a part of the plan. E F G H

Trees = 4

I'd like to see more eucalyptus trees removed, as long as this does not disturb the owls and hawks. Eucs make it very difficult to restore and maintain native habitat and good creek flow. I

Grasslands = 4

Yes, though I'd prefer a slightly more aggressive restoration plan. J

Landscaped = 4

Yes

Factual info, Natural features

From personal experience (both paid and non-paid work), I know that restoring the creek and creek banks will dramatically improve plant and wildlife habitat. After removing some thick stands of blackberry, small euc saplings and pruning willow trees, I observed an increase in bird activity in the creek. I think that the proposed management plan does a good job of building on these efforts. Special attention and effort, though, should be made in minimizing human and non-human impact on the creek and creek banks. K L M N

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Balance rec and natives = 8

Undervalued = Natural Resource Protection

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400 Spear St #115 SF 94105

Presentation = 4

Already aware of vol opps.

Start your day with Yahoo! - make it your home page http://www.yahoo.com/r/hs (See attached file: nap_plan.doc)

These comments are same as those in e-mail.

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DUPLICATE

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Glen Canyon
Letter 17

Subject: Fw: further McLaren and Glen Canyon comments

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Jake Sigg <jakesigg@earthlink.net>
07/26/2005 02:12 PM

To: lisa.wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: further McLaren and Glen Canyon comments

(See attached file: NAP_MAP_Glen_Cyn.doc)(See attached file: NAP_MAP_McLaren_additional.doc)

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Restoration 1 **2** 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Inadequate staffing makes this impossible; if we are to preserve and enhance the natural values of the areas under NAP jurisdiction, staffing must be greatly augmented.]A

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 **5**
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Yes]B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 **2** 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

No—see first item, above]C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
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Trees 1 2 3 4 5
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The program is overly generous in terms of tree protection. Plans for planting indigenous trees along the creek is adequate; however, there should be more removal of non-native trees, particularly in creek area by Silver Tree Day Camp, but also on eastern grassland slope, where they should be totally eradicated.]D
Although there is no present need or resources to manage the trees in the MA-3 areas, there should be allowance for phased replacement with more wildlife-supporting vegetation in the future, in the event that resoyurces should become available.]E

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Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

No. See first item.]F

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5
Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Because this is the only riparian area under NAP, and one of only two in the city, special effort should be made to restore/reintroduce/introduce species appropriate to this type of habitat, and judicious reintroduction of species that are appropriate, such as Woodwardia fern and stream orchid (Epipactis gigantea). G

Other Comments

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H I J

Creek-viewing platforms/boardwalks, interpretative features, such as an entrance kiosk, and a few unobtrusive interp signs.

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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Glen Canyon
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Subject: Fw: COMMENTS ON GLEN CANYON PARK / Attention: NAPMAP

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:35 AM -----

Elizabeth Statmore <statmore@earthlink.net> 07/28/2005 11:59 AM

To: lisa.wayne@sfgov.org, yomi.agunbiade@sfgov.org, margaret.mcarthur@sfgov.org, bevan.dufty@sfgov.org, aaron.peskin@sfgov.org, Ross.Mirkarimi@sfgov.org, Jake.McGoldrick@sfgov.org, Michela.Alioto-Pier@sfgov.org, fiona.ma@sfgov.org, Tom.Ammiano@sfgov.org, Sean.Elsbernd@sfgov.org, Sophie.Maxwell@sfgov.org, Gerardo.Sandoval@sfgov.org, jimmer.cassiol@sfgov.org, gavin.newsom@sfgov.org

cc: Elizabeth Statmore <statmore@earthlink.net>

Subject: COMMENTS ON GLEN CANYON PARK / Attention: NAPMAP

The web-based form for comments on the Natural Areas Program has never worked properly.

GLEN CANYON PARK -- Natural Areas Program Comment form

RESTORATION - RATING = 1 (poor)

The so-called "sensitive species" are being arbitrarily defined and protected.

These shoudl be defined ONLY by Federal and State statues on endangered species. A

Also the restoration project is heavily dependent on littering the canyon with toxic plastic/vinyl flags with galvanized spears that are left to deteriorate, fly away, and ruin the landscape. Nobody monitors or picks these up as they get blown around and into the water supply, where they clog the flow of Islais Creek and choke native animals. B

RECREATION AND TRAILS - RATING = 1 (poor)

No. The proposals ruin the park for human recreation. Period. C

SENSITIVE SPECIES/WILDLIFE - RATING = 1 (poor)

No -- the policies are are insane and even racist. The claims about "native" species and wildlife are racist and belong to a definition of nature that harks back to the Nazis. This park has not been a "natural" area since the

early 1700s. It is nonsense to claim the hobbies of the native plant people are anything but a racist program. D

Native and non-native species can coexist peacefully.

DOGS, CATS, & NON-NATIVE WILDLIFE - RATING = 1 (poor)

There has been ZERO scientific evidence of negative impact of off- leash recreation on the park and claims about this upon which the plans have been based are ludicrous. E

Furthermore, the bullying tactics of the so-called "native plant" and dog-hate groups must be stopped. All points of view should be treated respectfully -- even those of the people who enjoy recreation with their off-leash dogs. F

TREES - RATING = 1 (poor)

The so-called urban forestry plan shows contempt and blatant disregard for the City's history. It is disgusting how these people have been permitted to hijack the people's own parklands for their own personal agendas. G

The eucalyptus trees in GCP are historic! They were planted by Mayor Adoph Sutro at a historic ceremony in the late 1800s. No effort has been made to balance the importance of human history with environment. H

GRASSLANDS/WILDFLOWERS - RATING = 1 (poor)

Grasslands and wildflowers are being selectively cultivated to the detriment of the park itself. Certain invasive species, such as Himalayan blackberries and German and English ivy are allowed to run wild, despite claims of an intent to restore native species.

And cutting these back merely cuts them back -- it doesn't remove them. I

In addition there's no agreement about when and how the so-called "native plant" people will remove all the damaging and destructive vinyl flags they have littered the parks with. These primary-colored "Urban Farmer Store" brand flags are already littering the ground and choking the flow of Islais Creek. Birds who have choked to death on the flags lie dead on the path. J

And since when does the City allow commercial, for-profit companies such as Urban Farmer to litter public parks with plastic, non- biodegradable trash with their name and contact info? K

LANDSCAPED AREAS - 4 (OK)

These are OK. L

OTHER COMMENTS

Urban parks are for PEOPLE to pursue recreation of their choices -- including walking politely with our off-leash dogs.

The bargain we have made as city dwellers is that we will leave the large-scale environment and land untouched

That means, we need as much recreation area INSIDE the city as possible. M

In addition, emphasis should be placed on graffiti deterrence around the Silver Tree school and litter deterrence aimed at gangs and "off- leash" teenagers. N

OTHER FACTUAL INFORMATION

Dr. Leland Yee's comments about the racist shadings of the so-called "native plant" debate should be entered into evidence and considered.
It is shameful that this debate has been permitted to degrade into such language. O

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THIS PARK THAT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AND ACCESSIBLE AS NOW

RPD should LEAVE THE TRAILS ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WHO WALK POLITELY WITH THEIR OFF-LEASH DOGS. We pick up more trash on a daily basis than the RPD staff does in a month.] P

In addition, the off-leash dog-walking community is the primary reason why GCP is not overrun with drug dealers and criminals.] Q

- - -

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RATING = 1 (poor)

- - -

If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?

_X_ Recreational uses

- - -

CONTACT INFO REGARDING MY COMMENTS

Elizabeth Statmore
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1131 Diamond Street, 94114

- - -

How well did the presentation, info, and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

RATING = 1 (poor)

The propaganda around this entire program has been a bad jok] R

Glen Canyon
Letter 19

Subject: Fw: Draft Plan Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 09:55 AM -----

Dave Johnson <dogrocket@mindspring.com>
07/21/2005 03:33 PM

To: lisa.wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Draft Plan Comments

Hi Lisa, here are my comments on the plan. Not sure why the web form isn't working, but at the meeting I attended you said it was the comments, not the ratings, that were valuable, so here's some prose I distilled down from the individual comment areas on the form. The park I'm commenting on is Glen Canyon.

First let me say that I think the draft plan is great, and I don't want to change a thing. I think you have done a simply amazing job of balancing the needs of the remaining natural areas with the realities of an urban park setting. I absolutely LOVE the "Natural barriers for Natural areas" attitude, and the emphasis on maintaining traffic flow. A
Bravo! I will pay my taxes this year with a little more eagerness than usual :-)

(As an aside, I also want to say that the meeting at Glen Park was brilliantly managed and conceived. Breaking it up into individual areas for the bulk of the meeting worked very very well. I was thoroughly impressed.)

As for details, Glen Canyon is a special place, with many types of daily-use visitors. I think it's absolutely critical that free and open traffic flow is maintained throughout the Glen Canyon (note: NOT car traffic! I want to keep cars out of Glen Canyon!). B Your trail plan is great, closing the most damaging social trails but providing good alternative routes and keeping the "network" feel of the trails. C

I have no problem with selective removal of trees, though I know many people do. Again, I think you've done an excellent job of balancing these issues: the planned tree removals are very moderate, with a clear benefit. D

You have wisely sidestepped the dog issue in Glen Canyon That should not be your concern, I'm sure you'll agree :-) I love that you have placed the emphasis on putting barriers, where needed, around the areas that need protecting, not around the people, dogs, strollers, etc. that are nearby. The plan strikes a very good balance between the need to preserve and enhance natural areas with the realities of a heavily-used urban park. E F

So all in all, I applaud your effforts. I know that it's quite a juggling act for you. Thank you for your hard and ↓

thoughtful work. I know you are in a contentious position, and you have handled it with tact and aplomb.

And please sign me up for the volunteer list in Glen Canyon!

Dave Johnson
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58 Chenery Street

Glen Canyon
Letter 20

Subject: Fw: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 09:26 AM -----

The SFGOV Web Applications Server <webmaster@sfgov.org>	07/25/2005 09:17 PM

To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Glen Canyon

Restoration Score -
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 3
Dogs & Cats Comments - Keep dogs on leash] A

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 3
Grasslands Comments - plant threatened species, more natives] B

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score -
Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

Name -
Phone -
Email -
Address -

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

Glen Canyon
Letter 21

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Pat Dunn - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 09:21 AM -----

The SFGOV Web Applications Server <webmaster@sfgov.org>
07/22/2005 10:33 AM

To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Pat Dunn - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Glen Canyon

Restoration Score - 3
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score - 2
Recreation & Trails Comments - Need off-leash trails for dogs] A

Sensitive Species Score - 3
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 1
Dogs & Cats Comments - You must preserve open space for ALL users of Glen Park, including dogs and their people. This part is very important for dogs in the city to get exercise, and it has worked well to allow this. Why change something that works and is so important to many people and dogs?] B

Trees Score - 3
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 4
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score - 3

Landscape Comments -

General Comments - Please ban ALL cars from driving in Glen Canyon]C

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments - yes--allowing dogs to run off leash] D

Plan Score - 2
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

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Address - 421 Eureka St.

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 4

Glen Canyon
Letter 22

Subject: Fw: NAPMAP comment period - Second extension

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 07:13 AM -----

"Stasukelis, Lori| (SAN FRANCISCO, CA -SC)" <lori_l_stasukeli|s@ml.com> 07/21/2005 01:10 PM

To: "Lisa Wayne" <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: RE: NAPMAP comment period - Second extension

Lisa,

Thank you for your email reminders.

My primary concerns are with Glen Park Canyon which we use frequently, and have for about 20 years. My sons attended Tiny Tots in the Rec Center, "graduated" into Glenridge Cooperative Pre-school and Nursery School, attended Silver Tree Summer camp, and now my elder is a junior counselor there.

I appreciate all of the technical language and environmental terms of these reports, but as a "civilian," I can only address things in layman's terms.

My priorities:

1. Keep the preschool. I was thrilled to be there and have my son attend a city preschool with no fences and boundaries far enough away they were rarely, if ever breached by the students. A

2. Keep dog access. The overwhelming majority of the dogs I have met along the trails are well behaved and positive. Having so many people walking the dogs in the canyon also gives me a sense of security, as the canyon is very remote, especially in the back. I am comforted to know that if there were trouble, someone is not too far away. B

3. I have grave concerns about the eucalyptus trees. It is not from a pure native versus invasive plant perspective, either. It is one of safety.

If you look at old Glen Park pictures through the SF Library website, you can see that 100 years ago there were virtually NO trees in The Canyon. That leads me to the conclusion that most of the large trees are approximately the same age....Old, and aging quickly.

This homogeneity has me concerned in that just during this camp season my son has told me that one large tree has fallen in the canyon, and at least one other very large branch has come crashing to the ground C

near Silver Tree. Given these big trees are about the same age, I have come to the conclusion much more danger lies ahead.

Therefore, I beg the removal of these trees gets started soon, and selectively, starting with the most vulnerable trees, closest to where the children are. If they are falling in good weather, I have much bigger concerns come storm season.

Again, thank you for your reminders.
Sincerely,
Lori Stasukelis
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Day: 415 955 3816

-----Original Message-----
From: Lisa Wayne [mailto:Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2005 12:20 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients
Subject: NAPMAP comment period - Second extension

Dear Park Advocates and Colleagues

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department is extending the comment period on the Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan for a second time. The new comment period deadline is July 28th. Please see the attached announcement for details.

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   San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
   501 Stanyan Street
   San Francisco, CA 94117
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Attn: NAPMAP
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Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Mark Fowler - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Mark Fowler - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Glen Canyon

Restoration Score - 3
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score - 4
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score - 2
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 1
Dogs & Cats Comments - Please leave a majority of the park accessible to dogs. This is the only large, open space park in the Glen Park area, where dogs are able to run and excercise. It would be a HUGE negative to restrict dog activity in any manner; and I am wholeheartedly opposed to restriction of dogs in this park. A

Trees Score - 3
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 3
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score - 3
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - Keep Glen Canyon park open to ALL dogs. Do NOT restrict access to any area within the park. The park is there for all residents to enjoy, and a good percentage of my enjoyment comes from the fact that I am able to run/excercise my dog there on a daily basis. B

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score - 3
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Natural resource protection

Name - Mark Fowler
Phone - 415-846-6153
Email - mfinsf@hotmail.com
Address - 86 Sussex Street, San Francisco, CA 94131 (Glen Park)

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 3

Glen Canyon
Letter 24

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP comment period extended

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/20/2005 10:59 AM -----

Molly Wright <mw2click@yahoo.com>
07/20/2005 10:47 AM

To: Lisa Wayne <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org>
cc: mrice100@aol.com
Subject: Re: NAP MAP comment period extended

Dear Lisa, I am having trouble using the on-line survey. I am sending my comments directly to you. Please forward them to your survey committee.

Thanks,
Molly Wright
360 Sussex Street
San Francisco 94131

415-337-6574 or 415-522-3551 (days)
email: mw2click@yahoo.com

FOR GLEN CANYON PARK

Restoration:
I'm neutral about rare plants. Are they too sensitive?] A
Other people might be excited about this, so OK] B

Recreation and trails: C D E
Good Job! Can you mark the trails on a map and show the distance? Loop trail distance? I like to boast "I walked the 2 mile loop!"

Sensitive Species/Wildlife:
The plan proposed is balanced and practical. Great Job!] F

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife:
Thank you for allowing on-leash dogs in the Natural Areas. As a woman, I would not be able to visit the natural areas without the company of my dog. This is very important to me. And yes, I am "pro-leash".] G

Trees:
Well balanced. OK!] H

Grassland/Wildflowers:
I noticed lots of weeks and non-native grasses. If these grasses are hidden away from public view, who will care?] I
Are native grasses too sensitive?] J

Landscaped Areas:
It appears that the MA3 areas are the left over and buffer zone to the special MA1 & MA2 areas. There is no stated plan for these areas. The entrance at Sussex & Elk is a weed patch to collect trash. What can we do as a neighborhood, if the park has no plan for it?] K

Comments:
*Auto traffic on the access road needs to be monitored and reduced. Any plan for the road upgrade MUST include the goal of decreasing auto velocity and limiting quantity of autos going to and from the SilverTree Building. This is an important issue to the neighborhood.] L

*Consider using some of the SilverTree building for nature classes, etc. NAP info could be more accessible to park users.] M

Overall - great Job!] N

--- Lisa Wayne <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org> wrote:

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> San Francisco Natural Areas Stakeholders and Colleagues
>
> The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department has extended the
> comment period for the Significant Natural Areas Management Plan (see
> attached announcement). Please share this information with any and
> all interested parties and organizations. Your help distributing this
> information is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Lisa Wayne
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> (See attached file: NOTICE SNRAMP DEADLINE
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Letter 25

Subject: Fw: Thinking Globally Acting Locally

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 09:04 AM -----

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07/27/2005 04:36 PM

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cc:
Subject: Thinking Globally Acting Locally

My name is Mike Mooney and I am a strong supporter of the Natural Areas Program and the new proposed management plan. I have both volunteered for and been paid (by the California Native Plant Society) to help restore some of the natural areas. The one I know best is Glen Park. I love doing this kind of work and advocacy because it allows me to help maintain biodiversity right in my own backyard.

The Glen Park Natural Area is awesome for many reasons, but the one thing I like best is Islais Creek. It is one of two uncovered creeks in the City. It offers habitat to many native plants and animals and serves as an opportunity for urban folks to appreciate and support its natural aspects and values.

The proposed management plan for Glen park is well done and reasonable. A
If anything, in my opinion, it does not go far enough to protect the natural resources. Nonetheless, I strongly B
support the plan because it offers a realistic approach to protecting a lot of the native habitat while also striking a C
balance with other competing uses of the park.

Please support the Natural Areas Program.

Thanks, Mike Mooney
400 Spear St #115 SF 94105

Glen Canyon
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Subject: Fw: I support the Natural Areas Program (NAP)

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 10:42 AM -----

Arnie Thompson <arnie@sfsu.edu> 07/28/2005 10:25 AM

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cc:

Subject: I support the Natural Areas Program (NAP)

Dear Mayor Newsom, Supervisors and SFRPD Management,

I support the Natural Areas Program. As a geomorphologist at SFSU preparing a study on erosion and sedimentation effects of eucalyptus trees (specifically Eucalyptus globulus) in coastal California, I appreciate the City of San Francisco's efforts to preserve our natural heritage. I consider NAP and the parks department in general a very worthwhile use of my tax dollars!

Individuals opposed to NAP would try to have you believe that the program wants to deny the public access to our parks by putting up cyclone fences, etc. This is just silly. Fencing put up by NAP is designed to keep people and pets out while new plantings get established, and in any event, given NAP's measly budget I don't think they could afford a cyclone fence. Think of NAP fencing as similar to what the sports program uses when reconditioning turf on athletic fields. NAP doesn't want to take parkland out of public circulation; on the contrary, they encourage public participation and restoration of our native plant communities to improve the outdoor experience. Once established, native plants require less water and maintenance than introduced plants while providing habitat for rare butterflies and other species. Any assertion that native plants lead to more erosion that introduced plants is highly suspect, a question that I intend to answer with my scientific research.

To me, most criticisms of NAP look like thinly-veiled attempts by off-leash dog advocates to open up all parks, playgrounds, beaches and natural areas to off-leash dog access. Dogs are swell and dogs have their place in our city, but so do kids, native plants and plant enthusiasts. As a father of a six year old (Rebecca will tell you 6 & 3/4!), I like having safe places for her to play where she won't step in dog doo or get threatened by aggressive dogs. I think we have plenty of opportunity to accomodate all park users' needs; for example, I support making grassy areas and the .33 mile dirt road in Glen Park legally open to off-leash dog walking while enforcing on-leash for the rest of the park for the sake of restoration efforts. Please consider sound science and reject baseless assertions when making your decisions! A B

Thank you,
Arnold C. Thompson

11 Wawona St.
San Francisco 94127

Glen Canyon
Letter 27

Subject: Fw: NAP comments - please respond

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:27 AM -----

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Please respond to Ryan*PC Gibson

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc: margaret.mcarthur@sfgov.org, info@sfdog.org
Subject: Re: NAP comments - please respond

Dear Lisa Wayne:

I would like to provide my feedback on the NAP proposal. As an environmentalist, and a dog owner I believe that the proposal is too extreme. I have read the documentation, and attended a meeting at Glen Park Recreational center in an effort to try and understand the proposal.
The information provided so far is not clear enough on the impact the changes would have on many users of the park. I find that the maps are unclear, and explanations inadequate. The form provided online does not work, so I am providing my comments here.

When certain sections of Bernal Heights are proposed to be marked off limits, how will this impact the ability of citizens with their dogs from enjoying the park? Bernal Heights has a very dramatic topography, which means that the full area is not passable, because they are too steep. My concern is that the selection of areas in Bernal Heights will fragment the passable areas in such a way that it is not possible to walk along a path for any length of time. Right now, it is possible to walk 40 minutes to an hour at a normal pace without retracing your steps. This is the reason we visit Bernal Heights; for this type of walking, and panoramic vista viewing. I would like to see this type of "use case" taken into consideration for proposed changes.

From reading the documentation, I do not believe that dog owners are being considered enough in some of these areas. Dog owners are not marginal users of Glen Park, GGP and Bernal Heights but essential members of the park community. People with dogs use the park year round and in all weather, providing citizen-stewardship and watchful eyes to the area.
While there may be a small minority of dog owners that do not act responsibly, the same could be said of many other groups including children. It would be unthinkable of banning children from our parks. By rendering large portions of the park inaccessible to people with dogs, NAP could in effect be banning us from these parks. A

The proposal does not provide scientific evidence that dogs negatively impact the environment. I would argue that this idea goes against common sense. Without the protection of shoes and clothes, a dog's natural instinct is to tread carefully. My observations are that dogs walking with their responsible owners have negligible environmental impact. Dogs seem like a natural part of the landscape, as opposed to introducing new species of plants (as NAP proposes).

I would like to add as a final comment, that the mass destruction of feral cats seems barbaric. What research

provides evidence that feral cats are threats to endangered species? How are the judgments being made that the life of one type of creature is of greater than another?

Thank you for your time considering my comments.

Ryan Gibson
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San Francisco, CA 94131

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Subject: Fw: NAP Comment

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:40 AM -----

"Carol Soto" <csoto@stanlyinsurance.com> **To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>**
cc:
Subject: NAP Comment
07/28/2005 12:46 PM
Please respond to csoto

Dear Lisa,

I belong to Sierra Club, plant native plants in my garden in Noe Valley and generally support restoration of native habitat.
That said, I would like to request that NAP is thoughtful of all uses in restoring those San Francisco parks like Bernal Hill, Pine Lake, Glen Park that are heavily used for recreation. It is a difficult balance you face but restoration will have the best chance to florish in those places that are not used that much for recreation. Alternatively, you might consider fences--though they do not create "natural looking" spaces, they would keep dogs and people out of those areas you are restoring.] A

Because San Francisco is so small, we need to be sure that recreation and restoration can co-exist rather than one trumping the other.

Thank you,

Carol Soto

Glen Canyon
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Subject: Fw: San Francisco Natural Places

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:51 AM -----

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07/28/2005 02:27 PM

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cc: damien raffa <miuraraffa@earthlink.net>
Subject: San Francisco Natural Places

Dear Mayor and Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support and admiration of the city's Natural Areas program. I'm a Bernal Heights resident, and love the natural and wild open space that tops our hill, which serves as the rich magnetic center of our entire district.

I have been so touched by living in the shadow of this special place, that I have been inspired to make a film about it, (in progress) entitled, Bernal Hill—Still Wild At Heart.

I also take frequent walks there will my children, to introduce them to the beauty, the feel, and the natural laws of wild spaces, plants, and animals. We visit and enjoy other natural areas in the city as well, including Glen Park Canyon, the Presidio, and the area south of Ocean Beach.

A

These places and the natural lives that survive and thrive in them depend on our sense of stewardship and the quality of our care. They are so important to those of us who live and raise our families here!
They make San Francisco utterly unique.

Please don't let them slip away or become ravaged and overrun through lack of care and lack of resources. Without them, San Francisco would be a much narrower, poorer, and less interesting place to live.

Sincerely,

Melissa Peabody
& the Wasney Family

Glen Canyon
Letter 30

Subject: Fw: SUPPORT Natural Areas, PLEASE

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:54 AM -----

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cc:

Subject: SUPPORT Natural Areas, PLEASE

> Fellow San Franciscans:
>
> The Natural Areas Program in Glen Canyon Park should convince everyone that it is not only compatible with other recreation, but that it actually enhances the outdoor experience!
>
> The origin of Islais Creek (ending way down in the Bayview) is in Glen Canyon Park, but its flow had been reduced to a trickle by thirsty Eucalyptus trees and its winter water reduced to mud by desultory hikers.
The NAP replaced the Eucs with willows and myrtles and created a meandering wooden path that elevated visitors' feet above the mud. The result?
Winter water area that remains wet in summer so that folks can travel over with their dogs and enjoy the setting AND the return of lots of insects and birds sheltered in the willows and myrtles that flit around for all to see, including my favorite--dragonflies! And now there is more fresh water flowing into the ground to emerge in the Bayview to cleanse Islais Creek.
>
> Please support the Natural Areas Program. As with everything else in
> San Francisco it advocates a gradual process of improvement and, over time, should continue to be responsive to the needs of the general public. Thank you.
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> Sincerely,
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> Robin Chiang
> President
> FRIENDS OF ISLAIS CREEK
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Letter 31

Subject: Fw: Comments on Natural Areas Program plan

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 08:18 AM -----

Lindsay Kefauver <kefauver@mindspring.com> **To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org**
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07/28/2005 03:35 PM **Subject: Comments on Natural Areas Program plan**

Please see attached comment letter.

Thanks,

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27 July 2005

NAP MAP
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Public comments on NAP MAP

I have several general concerns about the NAP MAP and I hope and trust that NAP's staff will honestly weigh the public concerns.

In general the plan proposes a massive reduction in the amount of parklands available to all San Franciscans. The scope of the plan has no identifiable budget, besides the stated 1 million dollars a year. So essentially, if approved, Rec. & Park will be asking San Franciscans to write NAP a BLANK CHECK for the stated 20 years.

I can't approve of a program that has such power to take a way "up to 100 acres of the Dog Play Areas" that the dog community has fought so long and hard to establish. San Franciscans in good faith negotiated with Rec. & Park for these areas with no idea that another Rec. & Park program would be allowed to override the decisions of the Dog Advisory Committee and the Rec/Park Commission. Furthermore NAP's plan says it can take these acres

without review by the DAC or this Commission.

There is disagreement whether the current total DPA acreage is as much as 124 acres. NAP MAP's potential grab of "up to 100 acres" would eliminate almost all of the measly DPA acreage.

These are my recommendations to NAP.

San Francisco recreational needs should receive a priority – people before plants in urban parks. Nap must provide a detailed long-term plan that states the funding, staff and volunteer hours and other resourced need to create, maintain, and monitor each site. Because Rec. & Park.

NAP needs to remember that it was designed to protect remnants of species in our parks, not to recreate nature preserves. After all you cannot turn a city into a series of nature preserves. Non-native wildlife, trees & plants can co-exist with native species. So do not remove them.

Nap should not be permitted to remove feral cats from any of these parks.
So, delete General Recommendation GR-7 from the plan.

Additionally, off leash dog recreation and the native remnants have co-existed for decades. There should be no restrictions until there is scientific evidence documenting a detrimental impact of off-leash recreation and until other measures like trail border & erosion controls have been tried.

Do not slaughter any more trees in the city's parks. Several areas of
Glen Park resemble a logging site.
Do not use herbicides in the Natural Areas.

Specifically at Pine Lake area of Stern Grove:
Do not create a Western Pond turtle habitat especially when you don't even know that it exists there.
Do not remove other turtles, or any natural predators because if they exit there, then it proves that it can co-exist with the mix at Pine Lake.
Do not sacrifice any more eucalyptus trees for a nature preserve.
Do not introduce rare plant species such as SF Gum plant or Lessingia.
And do not restrict dogs from going into the lake. Dogs have been wading there for as long as the lake has existed.

Specifically at Bernal Hill & Glen Park Canyon off-leash areas:

NAP proposes to reduce the existing Bernal Hill DPA by about 20%.
The plan states that "off-leash activities should be limited to the flat areas..." these being the roads and remnants of a dumpsite.
The plan proposed that leashes be required on the steep slopes (Bernal) and trails (Glen Canyon) because some of these slopes/trails contain plants which the California Native Plant 'Society deems "sensitive."
It is important to know these plants are not considered rare b Federal or State Endangered Species regulations.] A

Do not slaughter any more trees in the city's parks. Several areas in
Glen
Canyon resemble logging sites.] B

The very existence of several native plant species on Bernal Hill & Glen Canyon indicates that these plants can successfully co-exist with off-leash dog recreation. It does not make sense to create a new nature preserve in these high-use recreational areas.] C

Respectively,

Lindsay Kefauver
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Glen Canyon
Letter 32

Christy Cameron
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July 28, 2005

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VIA FAX: (415) 661-1979
Attn: NAPMAP

Dear Ms. Wayne and NAP:

I am a San Francisco resident, homeowner and taxpayer. Please accept the following comments to the Natural Areas Program Management Areas Plan (NAPMAP).

Address the public's concerns.

I frequent several parks that have designated Natural Areas, including Stern Grove/Pine Lake Park, Golden Gate Heights Park, McLaren Park, and I occasionally visit Bernal Hill and Glen Canyon. I attended NAP Community workshops. I am very concerned that NAP failed to incorporate the public's concerns regarding this unpopular program. The public has made its concerns known to NAP and Ms. Wayne at numerous meetings, including the few community meetings that were held in response to the public outcry, San Francisco Board of Supervisors hearings, Board of Supervisors' committee meetings, and PROSAC meetings. Ms. Wayne and NAP are fully aware of the public's concerns and wishes. My comments apply to all the Natural Areas in the San Francisco parks.

Tax dollars should be used first for park maintenance and recreation programs.

The cost of this unpopular program is unsupportable when compared to the unmet needs of San Francisco residents. I have found NAP to be evasive when questioned about the cost. Nevertheless, NAP has been unable to totally obscure the cost to the public. I understand that the budget for 2005-2006 is close to one million dollars. Ms. Wayne and the Volunteer Coordinator are each paid $93,000 plus benefits. Eight gardeners have been assigned to NAP. In addition to this enormous amount, acquisitions and habitat restoration work can use the Capital Projects program. I understand $3.4 million was spent on Parcel 4. I also understand that the part of NAP within the Capital Project has authorization to hire 16 gardeners.

San Francisco residents expect that their tax dollars will be used to maintain recreation areas in our parks and fund recreation programs for children and seniors. As any visit to any of our parks will clearly reveal, we need more gardeners to maintain our parks. The enormous funds that NAP is taking from our park maintenance and recreation programs needs to be severely reduced and curtailed.

Do not introduce new species into our parks.

I am particularly concerned that NAP can introduce "sensitive species" even if there is no record that they ever existed at the site. In addition, "sensitive species" should only be defined by Federal and State statues on endangered species, not by private groups such as the California Native Plant Society, the Audubon Society and the Sierra Club. These groups have their own agendas that are not necessarily the same as the interests of the residents of San Francisco who pay the taxes and use the parks. The introduction of such "sensitive species" will undoubtedly curtail recreational access. I had understood that NAP was designed to save native "remnants", not create new areas by planting new species and taking over areas that are merely "naturalistic". I strongly object to the introduction of either Lessingia or Gumplant in any Natural Area..

Do not remove non-native wildlife and plants.

The diversity of plant and wildlife is San Francisco is greater now than when Europeans arrived. The diversity of trees and plants have created a habitat for birds and butterflies that have migrated here. Migration of plants, birds, and animals is the history of the planet. Migrations and change doesn't stop at one isolated moment, the day Europeans arrived. San Franciscans love the diversity here and they love the trees. They do not want the tress taken out, even if they are non-native.

Do not cut off public access in the Natural Areas, including MA1 and MA2 areas.

I, and other members of the public, have repeatedly (at public hearings and in written comments) pointed out that San Francisco is an urban area of very high density. The few parks and open space areas that we have need to be available to the public for recreation. **The first priority of the San Francisco Department of Parks and Recreation is, and must remain, parks and recreation for the public.** I strongly object to the restriction of public access (and fencing) around Pine Lake and in parts of McLaren Park.

I also strongly object to the removal of the social trails in Golden Gate Heights Park. I, and many other residents, enjoy trail walking in this area. The portion of Golden Gate Heights Park designated a Natural Area is not a remnant, it is "naturalistic" and not appropriate for the a Natural Areas designation. The proposed trail does not compensate for the lack of open space access. True open space access means a place to walk and play and wander. Restricting the public to a few (NAP acceptable) trails takes needed open space away from the public's use.

Do not limit off-leash dog walking recreation in existing DPA and de facto areas.

Off-leash dog walking recreation and native remnants have co-existed for decades. San Franciscan families love their dogs and off-leash dog walking is a beloved San Franciscan tradition The NAP proposed changes to existing off-leash areas is highly controversial among residents. Adopting NAPMAP in its current form will not end this controversy.

I strongly, object to the to following provisions of NAPMAP with respect to off-leash dog walking:

- Bernal Hill DPA reduction from 21 acres to 13 acres
- McLaren Park DPA reduction from 60 acres to 51 acres
- Pine Lake no access zone
- restrictions on de facto off-leash dog walking areas in Glen Canyon] A
- restrictions on de facto off-leash dog walking trails area of Golden Gate Heights Park

Do not adopt General Recommendation GR-7 (removal of cats).

The SPCA Feral Fix Program has been successful in reducing the number of feral cats. If NAP traps cats it may well include roaming pets of San Francisco families. In addition, and cats that are trapped are unlikely to be adopted and thus will be killed.

The City of Ventura trapped and eliminated feral cats at Ventura Beach and discovered that it had created an enormous problem with respect to rats. The feral cats had kept the rat population in check and when the cats were trapped and killed the rat population exploded. NAP may be unaware that San Francisco already has a rat issues in many neighborhoods. Should the number of feral cats be significantly reduced it is likely that the rat population in San Francisco will greatly increase.

Thank you for considering my comments to NAPMAP.

Sincerely,

Christy Cameron

Christy Cameron

cc: Mr. Yomi Agunbiade, Acting General Manager
Ms. Margaret Mc Arthur, Park and Recreation Committee Liaison

831 2096 NAP MAP

SIGNIFICANT NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS MANAGEMENT PLAN –

COMMENTS

Glen Canyon
Letter 33

7-25-05

for: Bernal Hill

Restoration: 3 - Not enough areas are being designated for #1 & 2 NAP work.

Recreation and trails: 4 - Try to accommodate areas for the very large crowds that come here occasionally for July 4th fireworks displays and other events who go en masse to the top of the hill and on the hillside. This could destroy future plantings.

Sensitive species/wildlife: 2

Dogs etc.: 2 – Illegal off-leash dogs make using the park very difficult for me and others. I have had to stop going there That is unacceptable, especially as there is already an 8acre DPA to use. That is an adequate space for the usage and should not be increased. This park should have on-leash only on main paths only.

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Grasslands/wildflowers: 3

Landscaped areas: 2 – Unless illegal off-leash dog use is curtailed, why bother planting anything, it will only be dug up!

Other comments: None

Primary goals: 4 – natural resource protection

Meeting: 3

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SIGNIFICANT NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS MANAGEMENT PLAN –

COMMENTS

Glen Canyon Letter 33

7-25-05

for: Glen Park

Restoration: 3 - Not enough areas are being designated for #1 & 2 NAP work.] A

Recreation and trails: 4 - Formal trails and steps up to the rock outcroppings up the canyon are important as the present informal paths are eroding and any existing steps are virtually useless. I would also like special consideration for the beautiful source of the creek, up the canyon, below the school. There are many informal trails through the low trees to it and other nearby areas. These need to be reduced or some formalized. Schoolkids regularly party in this remote area.] B] C] D] E

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Sharp Park	11A	Battalio, B.	Creeks	Content	Evaluation of re-connecting Laguna Salada to the Pacific was beyond the scope of this Management Plan. This option was not addressed as a feasible alternative in the 1992 evaluation of Laguna Salada.
Sharp Park	9A	Blincoe, N. and Root, B.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Sharp Park	9B	Blincoe, N. and Root, B.	Trails	Content	See Issue SP-12 (Sec. 6.4) which has been added to the section to address the rifle range issue of contaminated soils.
Sharp Park	9C	Blincoe, N. and Root, B.	Trees	Reference	Erosion risks of tree removal are addressed in Appendix F. Additionally, it is expected that tree removal will be phased in over many years thereby reducing the risk of erosion.
Sharp Park	9D	Blincoe, N. and Root, B.	Plan Costs	Content	The language of GR-14 (Sec. 5) has been changed to specifically include Pacifica schools.
Sharp Park	3A	Bose, R.	Trees	Content	Proposed tree removal will implemented gradually. See MR-4
Sharp Park	10A	Cantwell, K.	Trails	Content	The specifics of road closure in relation to proposed trails on Mori Point should be addressed by working directly with SFRPD staff. No change is required for the plan.
Sharp Park	10B	Cantwell, K.	Sensitive Species	Content	Sharp Park and Twin Peaks are the only place where federally listed species occur. The SFRPD staff is well aware of their presence and already coordinates activities to actively avoid these species.

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Sharp Park	10C	Cantwell, K.	Creeks	Content	Evaluation of re-connecting Laguna Salada to the Pacific was beyond the scope of this Management Plan. This option was not addressed as a feasible alternative in the 1992 evaluation of Laguna Salada.
Sharp Park	10D	Cantwell, K.	Creeks	Content	Language has been added to SP-4c to reflect this suggestion in this comment that the pond level be maintained during red-legged frog breeding season.
Sharp Park	10E	Cantwell, K.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-11
Sharp Park	10F	Cantwell, K.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Sharp Park	12A	Crow, R.	Trails	Content	A trail is proposed to connect to adjacent open space lands on the southeast side of Sharp Park (See Figure 6.4-5).
Sharp Park	5A	Curtis, J.	Trails	Content	See Issue SP-12 which has been added to the section to address the rifle range issue of contaminated soils.
Sharp Park	5B	Curtis, J.	Trails	Content	See Issue SP-12 which has been added to the section to address the rifle range issue of contaminated soils.
Sharp Park	5C	Curtis, J.	Trails	Content	GR-13 has been added to Section 5 and addressed within each sub-section to account for public safety considerations.
Sharp Park	5D	Curtis, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Sharp Park	5E	Curtis, J.	Trails	Content	Interpretive signage is identified in the Management Plan, see Sec. 6.4 Soils, Erosion, and Public Use.
Sharp Park	5F	Curtis, J.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-7
Sharp Park	5G	Curtis, J.	Trails	Content	Issue SP-12 has been added to address the contaminated soils of the rifle range. Construction of a lodge is beyond the scope of the Management Plan.

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Sharp Park	5I	Curtis, J.	Trails	Content	This area is outside of the Natural Areas and therefore the scope of this Management Plan.
Sharp Park	5J	Curtis, J.	Trails	Content	Fencing of Laguna Salada, Horse Stable Pond, and Arrowhead Pond are only included as a last resort (Issue SP-8). Fence designs are recommended (Appendix H) but actual selection would occur once this option is utilized. No change is required of the Management Plan.
Sharp Park	5K	Curtis, J.	Wildlife	Content	As described in the Management Plan, no new trails are planned for these sensitive habitats. The secondary earthen trails near Laguna Salada will remain (Figure 6.4-5). No change required.
Sharp Park	5L	Curtis, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1 and MR-2.
Sharp Park	5M	Curtis, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	The Management Plan restricts access to these areas (Issue SP-8). Additional enforcement is beyond the abilities of the Natural Areas staff. No change required.
Sharp Park	5N	Curtis, J.	Creeks	Content	See MR-9.
Sharp Park	5O	Curtis, J.	Wildlife	Content	The status of the population of San Francisco garter snakes is discussed in 6.4 Sensitive Reptile/Amphibian Species. No change required.
Sharp Park	5P	Curtis, J.	Creeks	Content	Restoration activities for Laguna Salada are discussed in Issue SP-4. No change required.
Sharp Park	5Q	Curtis, J.	Creeks	Project Merit	See MR-11

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Sharp Park	5R	Curtis, J.	Trails	Content	The berm is outside of the Natural Areas and therefore beyond the scope of this Management Plan. No change required.
Sharp Park	5S	Curtis, J.	Creeks	Project Merit	See MR-11
Sharp Park	5T	Curtis, J.	Wildlife	Content	Bullfrog control is detailed in Issue SP-4. No change required.
Sharp Park	5U	Curtis, J.	Plants	Content	Natural Areas staff currently coordinate volunteer efforts. The Management Plan does not address how they do this. Use of local people and meeting places is certainly preferred, but beyond what this Management Plan has been tasked with doing.
Sharp Park	5V	Curtis, J.	Trails	Content	This area is outside of the Natural Areas and therefore the scope of this Management Plan.
Sharp Park	5W	Curtis, J.	Creeks	Project Merit	See MR-11
Sharp Park	5X	Curtis, J.	Creeks	Content	Most of these areas are outside of the Natural Area. Long-term management of these areas will remain with golf course staff unless they request otherwise.
Sharp Park	8A	Curtis, J.	Trails	Reference	Existing trails can be found on Figure 6.4-2 and proposed trails on Figure 6.4-5. The area east of Highway 1 does not support many trails.
Sharp Park	8B	Curtis, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-10
Sharp Park	8C	Curtis, J.	Wildlife	Editorial	Edit made to Section 6.4 Invertibrates
Sharp Park	8D	Curtis, J.	Wildlife	Project Merit	See MR-11
Sharp Park	8E	Curtis, J.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-1
Sharp Park	8F	Curtis, J.	Trees	Content	The section has been revised to indicate that SFRPD will work with the City of Pacifica to comply with appropriate local regulations.

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Sharp Park	8G	Curtis, J.	Trees	Content	It is hard to expect that restoration work would create more of a fire hazard than the existing eucalyptus forest. A recommendation has been added to the Management Plan (GR-13) to address fire safety concerns. No change required.
Sharp Park	8H	Curtis, J.	Trails	Content	See Issue SP-12 which has been added to the section to address the rifle range issue of contaminated soils.
Sharp Park	8I	Curtis, J.	Trails	Content	See Issue SP-12 which has been added to the section to address the rifle range issue of contaminated soils.
Sharp Park	8J	Curtis, J.	Trails	Content	See Issue SP-12 which has been added to the section to address the rifle range issue of contaminated soils.
Sharp Park	8K	Curtis, J.	Plants	Reference	See Issue SP-5.
Sharp Park	8L	Curtis, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	SFRPD staff will coordinate with the City of Pacifica as required.
Sharp Park	8M	Curtis, J.	Trails	Content	See Issue SP-12 which has been added to the section to address the rifle range issue of contaminated soils.
Sharp Park	8N	Curtis, J.	Project Merit	Content	See MR-11
Sharp Park	8O	Curtis, J.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Sharp Park	8P	Curtis, J.	Wildlife	Content	There are no records of western pond turtles from Laguna Salada. Should they be observed, the appropriate management actions may be taken. The record of San Bruno elfin butterflies in spring 2005 has been added to the report in Sec. 6.4 Sensitive Invertebrate Species.
Sharp Park	8Q	Curtis, J.	Trails	Content	The berm is outside of the Natural Areas and therefore beyond the scope of this Management Plan. No change required.

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Sharp Park	8R	Curtis, J.	Trails	Content	This area is outside of the Natural Areas and therefore the scope of this Management Plan.
Sharp Park	8S	Curtis, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-1 and MR-2. The Management Plan restricts access to these areas (Issue SP-8). Additional enforcement is beyond the abilities of the Natural Areas staff. No change required.
Sharp Park	1A	Houillion, J.	Plants	Editorial	Edit made to section.
Sharp Park	1B	Houillion, J.	Wildlife	Editorial	Edit made to section.
Sharp Park	1C	Houillion, J.	Creeks	Editorial	Recommendation SP-9c added to Management Plan. Sanchez Creek through the golf course is outside of the Natural Area and part of golf course operations.
Sharp Park	1D	Houillion, J.	Creeks	Content	See MR-9
Sharp Park	1E	Houillion, J.	Trails	Editorial	Edit made to section
Sharp Park	1F	Houillion, J.	Creeks	Content	Text in SP-1c was revised. Also see MR-9
Sharp Park	2A	Houillion, J.	Trails	Content	Nothing in the Management Plan suggests that the Archery Range conflicts with Natural Areas. In fact SP-7a suggests that SFRPD work with the SF archers. No change to Management Plan.
Sharp Park	2B	Houillion, J.	Creeks	Content	See Issue SP-12 which has been added to address the contaminated soils of the rifle range
Sharp Park	2C	Houillion, J.	Plants	Content	Most of this area is outside of the Natural Area and therefore the scope of the Management Plan. Removal of some of this material is described in Recommendation SP-3a.

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Sharp Park	2D	Houillion, J.	Creeks	Content	Recommendation SP-9c added to Management Plan. Sanchez Creek through the golf course is outside of the Natural Area and part of golf course operations. However, SP-9d encourages the different divisions within SFRPD to work collaboratively to restore the creek.
Sharp Park	2E	Houillion, J.	Trails	Content	The only new trail proposed is a connection to adjacent open space lands. This should not greatly increase use of this area. No change to Management Plan.
Sharp Park	2F	Houillion, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Sharp Park	2G	Houillion, J.	Creeks	Content	Recommendation SP-9c added to Management Plan. Sanchez Creek through the golf course is outside of the Natural Area and part of golf course operations. However, SP-9d encourages the different divisions within SFRPD to work collaboratively to restore the creek.
Sharp Park	2H	Houillion, J.	Trails	Content	Nothing in the Management Plan proposes to change how the Natural Areas staff interacts with the San Francisco Archers. No change to Management Plan.
Sharp Park	2I	Houillion, J.	Plants	Content	It is expected that Natural Areas staff will coordinate their activities with the archery club to ensure everyone's safety. No change to Management Plan.
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Sharp Park	2K	Houillion, J.	Trails	Content	A sentence was added to Recommendation SP-7a asking that SFRPD evaluate the possibility for perimeter trails.
Sharp Park	2L	Houillion, J.	Trails	Content	Advertisement of available recreational opportunities to the public is outside the scope of this document. No change made to Management Plan.
Sharp Park	4A	Johnston, D.	Trails	Content	See Issue SP-8
Sharp Park	4B	Johnston, D.	Trails	Content	The recommendations for Sharp Park include informational signage. No change to Management Plan.
Sharp Park	7A	Lancelle, J.	Trails	Content	See Issue SP-12 which has been added to the section to address the rifle range issue of contaminated soils.
Sharp Park	7B	Lancelle, J.	Trails	Content	See Issue SP-12 which has been added to the section to address the rifle range issue of contaminated soils.
Sharp Park	7C	Lancelle, J.	Trails	Content	See Issue SP-12 which has been added to the section to address the rifle range issue of contaminated soils.
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Sharp Park	7E	Lancelle, J.	Creeks	Content	See Issue SP-12 which has been added to the section to address the rifle range issue of contaminated soils.
Sharp Park	7F	Lancelle, J.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-11
Sharp Park	13A	Pitschel, R.	Trails	Content	There are no proposed changes to management of the archery club.
Sharp Park	13B	Pitschel, R.	Trails	Content	See Issue SP-12 which has been added to the section to address the rifle range issue of contaminated soils.
Sharp Park	13C	Pitschel, R.	Plan Costs	Content	No capital improvements have been proposed for Sharp Park. No change required.

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Sharp Park
Letter 2

Subject: Fw: Further Comments

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Jim Houillion <jhouillion@sonic.net> 07/28/2005 04:35 PM

To: Lisa_Wayne <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
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Subject: Further Comments

Hi Lisa,

Here's some more comments. This is in three parts: → Duplicate of Sharp Park -1

1. **Comments on the Sharp Park section of the MAP**
2. **An adaptation of the paper that Phil Hoehn and I submitted to PROSAC in January 2004**
3. **Comments on Appendix F & Section 5, GR-14 Forestry/Tree Removal**

These have also been mailed on paper to 501 Stanyan.

Thanks,
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SHARP PARK

This is an adaptation of a proposal that Phil Hoehn and I submitted to the NAP and to the Park Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC) in January 2004.

This SNRA has by far one of the largest formally dedicated non-environmental uses in any SNRA, the Archery Range. Much of the Archery Range area is not designated as part of the SNRA. At the same time the Archery Range usage isn't confined to the non-SNRA areas but does extend into areas designated as SNRA. Thus, these two usages overlap and are intertwined. This would perhaps seemingly create a conflict between these two usages. However, we suggest that this might not be so, and propose instead that a partnership of cooperation and mutual benefit be formed to enhance both the SNRA and the Archery Range. A

Further toward the ocean lies the site of the former gunnery range. The top levels of the soil here are said to be contaminated with materials from the gunnery range. There has been a debate about whether to bury the contaminated soil on site or remove it to another location. Beneath the surface flows, through culverts, Sanchez Creek. In view of the buried creek we think it essential that the contaminants at least be removed from anywhere near the creek. The creek should be opened and appropriate native vegetation be restored along its banks and surrounding area. B

Along with the gunnery range contaminants there are dumped debris at various locations along the road leading through this area and concentrated in an area just east of the golf course. These should also be removed and these areas should be restored with native vegetation or put to other viable use. C

The creek as it flows through the golf course should be put into the SNRA and restored, including opening it up where it has been culverted underground. D

A proposal has been made to increase the use of Sharp Park by establishing hiking trails, campsites and other amenities. While favoring increased use of some parts of the Park, we see the relatively low use of the Archery Range as a benefit to the SNRA. We do not favor a great increase in use of this area. E

We do favor:

1. Having NAP staff and volunteers survey areas dominated by non-native species and come up with a long-range plan for gradually replacing F

much of them with native vegetation.

2. The inclusion of all of Sanchez Creek into the SNRA, including the part in the golf course, and its full restoration for its entire length. G

3. San Francisco Natural Areas Program working closely with the San Francisco Archers (custodians of the Archery Range for several decades) to help preserve the existing natural area, enhance its ecological viability, and continue its use as an Archery Range. H

4. Habitat restoration work parties being conducted during the time each month the Archery Range is closed for maintenance. I

5. Consideration of having group hikes through the area during the maintenance downtime. Group hikes, under the auspices of a responsible organization, e.g., Sierra Club, San Francisco Hiking Club, California Native Plant Society, Girl Scouts, in order to ensure that all hikers leave the area before archery practice resumes. J

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7. Having RPD publicize the recreational opportunities available in the Archery Range/Natural Area and encouraging the San Francisco Archers to publicize RPD's habitat restoration work and its volunteer opportunities. L

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Letter 3

Subject: Fw: NAPMAP comment

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 09:35 AM -----

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07/22/2005 12:53 PM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc: Sean.Elsbernd@sfgov.org
Subject: NAPMAP comment

Dear Lisa

Recent press coverage of NAPMAP gives the impression that only dog-owners criticize the Plan. Not so. I am a dogless member of the Nature Conservancy

and a concerned San Franciscan.

The Plan means to:
- close 10 miles of "social" trails (ones that are there because people use them, not because someone built them) and add 1 mile of trail;
- cut down 18,400 trees;
- and block dog access to areas at Pine Lake, Mc Laren Park, and 33 acres of Sharp Park (which is in Pacifica).

In some areas, eucalyptus trees, blackberry and ivy will be removed. Native

plants will be put in. These areas will be maintained as native habitat.

What the plan has not emphasized is the resources required. Eucalyptus woods with an understory of blackberry and nasturtium require no management. They

can be left alone for decades. In this form, they are relatively inaccessible, esthetically pleasing, and form a habitat for many birds and small animals.

Once they become a "native area", they need intensive management to prevent

invasive species from taking over. MA-1 areas are small islands in a space filled with exotics: People, plants, fauna. Left untended, they would quickly revert to weedy wastes, overgrown with non-native grasses, oxalis, wild mustard, dandelion, ivy and blackberry. They need inputs of manpower and weed-killer, and in some cases,

actual efforts to plant lupins and sticky monkey-flower and other preferred species.

Recs and Parks is not known for its depth of financial resources. Even with

help from idealistic and enthusiastic volunteers – and it's to SF's credit that there are many of these – it would seem unlikely that 31 areas will be

maintained.

There's the esthetic consideration. As soon as an area becomes an open area, trash tends to blow through. Plastic bags. Beer cans. Bottles. Rags. In eucalyptus woods, the undergrowth conceals them. Open areas – if they're trafficked – tend to become messy. Who will provide daily trash pick-up?

For some areas, there are concerns about fire-risk. In SF's cool and foggy climate, Monterey pine and eucalyptus woods with blackberry understories aren't a fire-threat. Grasslands, which dry out much faster and therefore act as tinder, could be. There was a recent grass fire within city limits.
Besides being easily flammbale from the usual causes - smokers, unauthorized campfires - it becomes an easy target for vandals. For people whose homes are contiguous with MA-1 and MA-2 areas, this can be a worry.

Many of these areas – MA-1,2, and 3 – are already animal and bird habitats.

Though some Native Plant fanatics have said that eucalyptus and blackberry do not support native animals and bird, the evidence is they do. Great horned owls nest within SF city limits in eucalyptus trees. Hawks use them as hunting perches. Flickers build nesting holes in eucalyptus branches.
Blackberry bushes provide cover for a lot of small animals, and nesting areas for birds. Berries provide food. Native animals have adapted to this landscape. Removing trees and bushes destroys habitat for animals and birds

that live there.

Adding weed-killer probably doesn't do much for them, either. Though it's clear that the quantum of weedkiller to be used is much less than Recs and Parks commonly uses in its parks and other maintained areas, it still introduces these chemicals into a space where they were not in use before.

While Recs and Parks have clearly acknowledged the value of urban forests, the plan still calls for cutting down 3,400 trees in SF. These are not necessarily diseased trees. (That's a separate issue – diseased and unsafe trees do need removal, but that has nothing to do with Natural Areas.) The 3,400 trees mentioned are those that are to be removed primarily from MA-2 areas. In addition, 15,000 trees are to be removed from Sharp Park in Pacifica. The plan therefore calls for the removal of 18,400 trees. That's a lot of trees. A

There is no evidence – except perhaps in habitats along bodies of water – that native habitats do anything to preserve native species. In fact, in the San Francisco setting, they appear to be impoverished habitats, with little

or no cover or food. Birds and animals are quite common in gardens full of non-native species, and in roadside trees.

A Recommendation

Do the taxpayers really want to pay for this flawed vision?

Instead of reaching beyond any realistic use of resources, Recs and Parks should rethink this idealistic but inadequate draft plan.

Rather than focusing on 31 areas scattered through two cities, they should focus on perhaps 2-3 habitats, where they can do existing fauna the most good.

I commend your government for opening up this debate. Framing it as "Dog-owners vs. Nature-lovers," does us all a disservice.

Sincerely,

Rupa Bose

Sharp Park
Letter 4

From: Jon Campo/RPD/SFGOV
To: lisa.wayne@sfgov.org, christopher.campbell@sfgov.org
Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2005 07:32AM
Subject: Re: access to laguna salada

Jon:

It would be best to keep humans out as we ll, if for no other reason than they will bring their dogs with them , but it will be very hard to enforce. The most sensitive times of yea r would probably be Jan-May. Frog eggs would be the issue early in th is period and more mobile garter snakes in the latter part. A

The other factor is how much of an area y ou are considering. If you are only talking about the immediate vici nity of the pond/wetland areas, the prohibition is feasible and warranted . If it includes the existing trail and road, that's a losing battle an d educational materials would be better. B

Dave

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>>> Jon Campo <Jon.Campo@sfgov.org> 07/08 /05 10:49 AM >>>

Hi Dave,

We are in the process of writing our 20 y ear management plan for the Natural Areas Program. I have a question for you regarding the Sharp Park Laguna Salada site. Our draft manage ment plan states that Horsestable pond and Laguna Salada will b e off-limits to dogs due to the sensitivity (SFGS, RLF) of the site. Woul d you agree with this action or would you also include humans in the excl usion of the site?

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Sharp Park
Letter 5

Attachment B is the SAN MATEO COUNTYWIDE GUIDE Sustainable Buildings
The attachment is at 811 Stanyan St.

July 21, 2005

SAN FRANCISCO RECREATION AND PARK DEPT.
NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE NATURAL AREAS MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO SHARP PARK PROPERTY, FROM JOHN CURTIS, 423 BELFAST AVE., PACIFICA, CA 94044

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADD TO MY COMMENTS THAT I HAVE PREVIOUSLY SENT TO YOU ON YOUR QUESTIONAIRE FORM. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE MOST GLARING PROBLEM THAT YOU HAVE SIMPLY IGNORED IN YOUR REPORT, AND THAT IS THE LEAD CONTAMINATION PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OLD RIFLE RANGE.

A THE MANAGEMENT PLAN, AS PRESENTED, DESCRIBING ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, HAS A HUGE HOLE IN IT. WITH ALL THE DISCUSSIONS OF TREES, HABITATS, THE ARCHERY RANGE, WHAT IS BEING IGNORED AND NOT EVEN LIGHTLY ACKNOWLEDGED IS THE 600-POUND GORILLA IN THE CENTER OF THE ROOM -- THE LEAD-POISONED LAND WHERE THE RIFLE RANGE WAS OPERATED FOR DECADES.

AS IT EXISTS TODAY, SHARP PARK, EAST OF HIGHWAY 1, IS A LIGHTLY-USED, ALMOST FORBIDDING PLACE, EXCEPT FOR ARCHERS. MOST PACIFICANS ARE NOT AWARE THAT THERE IS A REAL PARK EAST OF THE HIGHWAY. TO THEM, SHARP PARK IS THE GOLF COURSE, CLUBHOUSE AND LAGUNA SALADA.

WITH YOUR PROPOSAL TO THIN TREES AND OPEN TRAILS ON THE SLOPES, UPGRADE THE WATERSHED, RESTORE HABITATS WITH NATIVE PLANTS, YOU WILL SUDDENLY OPEN UP THE LAND TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL USE. THAT'S A

B GOOD THING. BUT YOU MUST DEAL WITH THE DANGEROUS (NOT TO MENTION UGLY) AREA WITH LEAD POISONING IN SOME EFFECTIVE AND BENEFICIAL WAY AND NOT JUST HAVE A FENCED-IN, OFF-LIMITS TOXIC SITE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE IMPROVED FACILITIES.

C AS YOU OPEN UP THIS PARKLAND, MAKE YOUR IMPROVEMENTS AND ENTICE ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL USE. I SUGGEST THAT MOST RECREATIONAL USES BE LOCATED IN THE FLAT AREAS TO DISCOURAGE EXCESSIVE USE OF THE REMOTE AND DIFFICULT TO MONITOR UPPER SLOPES. THE SENSITIVE HABITAT AREAS SHOULD BE

D CAREFULLY BUFFERED FROM DESTRUCTIVE HUMAN ACTIVITY, PERHAPS WITH AN INTERPRETIVE CENTER, WITH RESTROOMS AND TELEPHONES. THERE COULD BE RAISED WOODEN WALKWAYS

E IN APPROPRIATE HABITAT AREAS WITH SIGNS AND BROCHURES TO EXPLAIN THE IMPORTANCE AND FRAGILITY OF THE HABITAT. HILLSIDE TRAILS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PLANNED AND HUMANGED, AND, IF POSSIBLE, CONNECT WITH TRAILS IN

F ADJACENT PUBLIC PARK LANDS. THE HILLSIDE AREAS MAY INCLUDE EXPANDED LUPINE COLONIES FOR MISSION BLUE BUTTERFLIES AND ROCK OUTCROPPINGS FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO ELFIN BUTTERFLY, WHICH WAS RECENTLY IDENTIFIED ON NEARBY UPPER MILAGRA RIDGE (SEE ATTACHMENT "A": GGNRA STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS APRIL/MAY 2005 NEWSLETTER). THEREFORE, TRAILS SHOULD CONFINE HIKERS TO AREAS AWAY FROM BUTTERFLY HABITATS.

G THE LEAD CONTAMINATION IS A HUGE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM POTENTIALLY LEACHING TOXINS INTO THE WATERSHED AND DOWNSTREAM INTO LAGUNA SALADA. IT'S ALSO A HUGE MONEY PROBLEM.

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HERE IS ONE SOLUTION FOR BOTH THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND MONEY PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LEAD-CONTAMINATED AREA. I SUGGEST THAT THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO MAY WANT TO CONSIDER CONSTRUCTION OF AN INN/LODGE ON THE RIFLE RANGE SITE. THE POISONED LAND COULD BE EXCAVATED AND REMOVED TO A DISPOSAL SITE. THIS APPROACH WOULD LEAVE AN EXCAVATED AREA THAT COULD BE USED FOR UNDERGROUND PARKING FOR THE LODGING FACILITY. ANOTHER APPROACH COULD BE TO EXCAVATE THE CONTAMINATED LAND, STORE IT SAFELY, AND CONSTRUCT A LEAK-PROOF CONCRETE VAULT TO TOTALLY CONTAIN THE CONTAMINATED SOIL IN A CLOSED STRUCTURE. A LODGING FACILITY OR RELATED PARKING COULD BE BUILT OVER THE SEALED VAULT.

A LEAD POISONING SOLUTION COULD BE FINANCED THROUGH A COMBINATION OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS WITH A HOTELIER, WHO WOULD HAVE A BEAUTIFUL AND PROFITABLE FACILITY IN A SYLVAN LOCATION NEAR TO THE AIRPORT AND THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO AND NEARBY BEACHES.

AN INN/LODGE SHOULD INCLUDE RESTAURANT(S), LOUNGE, OUTSIDE DINING AREAS, MEETING SPACE FOR SMALL CORPORATE CONFERENCES WHICH COULD DOUBLE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS LIKE WEDDINGS AND PARTIES. THE FACILITY SHOULD BE RUSTIC BUT CONTAIN UP-TO-DATE CONNECTIONS FOR COMPUTERS AND CONFERENCING. THIS KIND OF RECREATIONAL USE SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE HONORA SHARP BEQUEST. THIS FACILITY COULD INCLUDE A GYM/SPA AND POOL. THE EXISTING GOLF COURSE, ARCHERY RANGE

TRAILS, AND BEACHES WOULD BE ATTRACTIVE FEATURES FOR A LODGING FACILITY IN THIS LOCATION.

THIS NEW FACILITY COULD BE PLANNED IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE CITY OF PACIFICA. ADDITIONAL GRANTS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (LIKE BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM MONEY) MAY BE AVAILABLE. IT WOULD BE IDEAL IF SITE CLEAN-UP AND CONSTRUCTION OCCUR CONCURRENTLY WITH INITIAL LOGGING OPERATIONS AND REPLANTING. BY THE WAY, ROOMS ABOVE THE GROUND FLOOR MAY HAVE SUPERB VIEWS OF THE GOLF COURSE, MORI POINT AND THE OCEAN.

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I FEEL CERTAIN THAT THIS PROPOSED LODGE WILL BE POPULAR AND A COMMERCIAL SUCCESS IF IT IS WELL-DESIGNED TO FIT INTO THE WOODED, SYLVAN SETTING. I ALSO SUGGEST THAT THIS FACILITY BE AN EXAMPLE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, BUILT WITH "GREEN" PRINCIPLES, MAYBE INCLUDING SOLAR PANELS TO REDUCE UTILITY COSTS. THE RESTAURANT(S) COULD COOPERATE WITH AND BE A PART OF PACIFICA'S NEW BIO-FUEL PROGRAM. I HAVE ATTACHED A COPY OF "SAN MATEO COUNTYWIDE GUIDE: SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS" (see ATTACHMENT "B").

THERE ARE SEVERAL ADVANTAGES TO CONSTRUCTION OF AN INN/LODGE IN THIS LOCATION:

1) SOLVING THE LEAD CONTAMINATION PROBLEM
2) EASY ACCESS FROM FREEWAYS AND SHARP PARK ROAD. SHUTTLES COULD PROVIDE SERVICE AND CONNECTIONS TO BART. A SHUTTLE VAN COULD CONNECT TO THE AIRPORT, GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE, AND TO SAN FRANCISCO AND

HALF MOON BAY FOR SHOPPING.

3) AN ON-SITE, FULL-TIME PRESENCE (EYES AND EARS), AS YOU OPEN THE LAND FOR ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL USES, RATHER THAN CREATING AN UNSUPERVISED ATTRACTIVE NUISANCE AND MAJOR POLICING PROBLEM WITH BEER PARTIES, FIRES AND TRASH IN AN EASILY ACCESSED OPEN AREA.

4) HOPEFULLY, A DEDICATED REVENUE STREAM, THROUGH LEASES, RENTALS AND OTHER FEES, FOR LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE OF THE PARK. AS YOU KNOW, THE BUILDING OF A PARK IS ONE THING; FUNDING MAINTENANCE IS ANOTHER THING AND A MUCH PROBLEM. THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, LIKE THE CITY OF PACIFICA AND G.G.N.R.A., SUFFERS FROM BUDGET CUTBACKS, AND PARK MAINTENANCE STAFFS ARE STRETCHED WAY BEYOND THE LIMITS, WITH DISASTROUS RESULTS.

5) FOR MANY PEOPLE, THIS TYPE OF FACILITY (LODGING, DINING, SPECIAL USE ROOMS) IS THEIR PARK EXPERIENCE. NOT EVERYONE WANTS TO OR IS ABLE TO HIKE, GOLF OR SHOOT BOWS AND ARROWS. THE BEACH CHALET, FOR INSTANCE, IS A PARK AND RECREATION EXPERIENCE, AS ARE CLIFF HOUSE, THE CLUBHOUSE AT THE GOLF COURSE, AND LODGES IN OUR NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS, AND THESE USES ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT AND JUST AS VALID AS TRAILS. IT'S ALL ABOUT BRINGING PEOPLE WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF INTERESTS AND ABILITIES INTO OUR PARKS.

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NOW, HERE ARE SOME ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS AND

SUGGESTIONS FOR SHARP PARK:

H 1) THE HIGHWAY 1 UNDERCROSSING FOR GOLF CARTS AND PEDESTRIANS IS OFTEN A RATTY MESS, OFTEN DANGEROUS AT NIGHT, AND SHOULD BE IMPROVED AND MAINTAINED.

I 2) THE CHAIN LINK FENCE ALONG THE NORTHERN EDGE OF THE GOLF COURSE IS IN TERRIBLE AND UNSIGHTLY REPAIR.

J 3) IF YOU ARE SERIOUS ABOUT PROTECTING AND IMPROVING HABITATS FOR SENSITIVE PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES, EXPERIENCE HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT SIGNS AND LOW FENCES WON'T CUT IT. TO AVOID A TAKE, DIRECTLY OR INADVERTENTLY, YOU WILL NEED TO ATTRACTIVELY FENCE THESE PORTIONS OF THE SITE WITH CONTROLLED ACCESS FOR MAINTENANCE AND MOSQUITO ABATEMENT. SIGNS SHOULD BE POSTED ON SUPPORTS INSIDE AND AWAY FROM THE FENCING, SO THAT THEY CANNOT BE RIPPED DOWN EASILY, IDENTIFYING THESE AREAS AS PART OF A "SPECIES RECOVERY PROGRAM." ANY TRAILS IN THE SENSITIVE AREAS SHOULD BE ON ELEVATED STRUCTURES TO ALLOW FREE MOVEMENT OF SPECIES BELOW AND VERY CAREFULLY PLANNED. SAN FRANCISCO GARTER SNAKES LIKE TO BASK IN SUNNY AREAS, AND GROUND-LEVEL ASPHALT TRAILS WITH PEDESTRIANS AND BIKES CAN BE DEADLY TO THE SPECIES, WHICH, UNLIKE OTHER GARTER SNAKES, COWER INSTEAD OF FLEEING WHEN CONFRONTED, MAKING THEM EASY PREY. SOONER OR LATER, AND HOPEFULLY NOT TOO LATE, YOU WILL HAVE TO BITE THE BULLET.

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L MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN TO KEEP OFF-LEASH DOGS.

M ↓ IDIOTS AND POACHERS OUT OF THE ENDANGERED/THREATENED

M (cont'd) SPECIES HABITATS. I HAVE ATTACHED A BROCHURE FROM U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE ABOUT THE SAN FRANCISCO GARTER SNAKE (see ATTACHMENT "C").

N 4) ON PAGE 6.A-2, THE REPORT STATES THAT SANCHEZ CREEK FLOWS INTO ARROWHEAD LAKE AND THAT "SANCHEZ CREEK IS DIRECTED THROUGH CULVERTS UNDER MANY OF THE FAIRWAYS IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE GOLF COURSE." SANCHEZ CREEK SHOULD BE TAKEN OUT OF THE CULVERTS AND "DAYLIGHTED" TO ALLOW FOR AN EASY MIGRATORY CORRIDOR FOR RED-LEGGED FROGS AND SAN FRANCISCO GARTER SNAKES. SANCHEZ CREEK IS PART OF A LARGER ENDANGERED SPECIES HABITAT, THAT INCLUDES LAGUNA SALADA, THE HORSE POND, MORI POINT, WETLANDS ON THE ROCKAWAY QUARRY AND CALERA CREEK THROUGH VALLEMAR. THIS SYSTEM OF WETLANDS AND UPLAND CORRIDORS IS CRITICAL TO THE FROGS AND SNAKES. BY THE WAY,

O I WAS INFORMED BY A LEADING HERPETOLOGIST WHO WORKS ON S.F.G.S. ISSUES, THAT MORI POINT/LAGUNA SALADA WETLANDS SUPPORTED A THRIVING COMMUNITY OF THE RARE SNAKES IN THE 1950'S, THAT MAKES THAT SECOND ONLY LOCATION FOR THE SPECIES, SECOND ONLY TO THE SAG PONDS (SINCE DRAINED) ALONG SKYLINE BLVD. SO, LET'S MAKE

P THIS REMAINING WETLAND HABITAT LIVE AGAIN!

Q 5.) I STRONGLY SUPPORT YOUR RECOMMENDATION IN SP-4a. PLEASE, GET THOSE DAMNED OLD TIRES OUT OF THE HORSE STABLE POND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE SMALL ISLANDS IN LAGUNA SALADA ARE A GREAT IDEA. HOWEVER, USING THE LEVEE FOR

R VEHICLES IS ASKING FOR TROUBLE. I LIVED IN THE WEST SHARP PARK NEIGHBORHOOD FOR TWENTY-TWO YEARS, AND I HAVE SEEN CARS AND MOTORCYCLES DRIVING ALONG THE BERM

R (cont'd) AND ACROSS THE GREENS. USUALLY GETTING STUCK AND TAKING UP THE LAND. I HAVE SEEN BOOBS DRIVE ON THE BERM, OPEN ADOOR TO LET THEIR DOGS RUN ON THE BEACH, WHILE THEY SIT IN THEIR CARS GUZZLING BEER. ANY VEHICULAR ACCESS ALONG THE BERM MUST BE TIGHTLY CONTROLLED WITH GATES OR SOME OTHER MEASURES.

S (a.) PLEASE, MAKE SURE THAT RECOMMENDATION SP-5a IS ENFORCED. I REMEMBER SEEING GROUNDS WORKERS IN HAZMAT OUTFITS SPRAYING HERBICIDES THAT DRAINED INTO THE WETLANDS HABITAT.

T 7) SHOW NO MERCY FOR BOULDOGS. RELOCATE THEM FAR AWAY, KILL THEM, TAKE THEM TO THE NEAREST FRENCH RESTAURANTS. I DON'T CARE. JUST GET RID OF THEM.

U 8) A "PARK VOLUNTEERS" PROGRAM TO MAINTAIN TRAILS AND REMOVE INVASIVE SPECIES IS A GREAT IDEA. THIS PROGRAM COULD BE HOUSED IN A SMALL INTERPRETIVE CENTER ON THE PROPERTY EAST OF HIGHWAY 1 (RATHER THAN MAKING VOLUNTEERS TREK INTO MCLAREN LODGE). IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES WITH THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS FOR G.G.N.R.A. LANDS IN PACIFICA AND WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS (EVENTUALLY THROUGH SKYLINE COLLEGE) AS PART OF THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS.

V 9) IT MAY BE POSSIBLE, AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE SHARP BEQUEST, TO DEVELOP A SMALL RESTAURANT/COFFEE SHOP/SNACK BAR/GIFT SHOP AND PARKING ON THE GOLF COURSE AT THE NORTHERN EDGE OF THE PROPERTY ON THE WEST SIDE OF HIGHWAY 1, ALONG CABRILLO RD. AT THE SOUTHERN TERMINUS OF PALMETTO AVENUE. THIS LAND AND BROKEN-DOWN, RUSTING

V (cont'd) FENCING ARE UNSIGHTLY. THE GREENS MAY NEED TO BE NUDGED A BIT TO ACCOMMODATE THIS FACILITY, BUT AN EATING FACILITY HERE (MAYBE WITH A CLOCK TOWER) WOULD BE VERY POPULAR. THE MAIN ACCESS TO SHARP PARK BEACH IS AT CLARENDON ROAD. A SECOND-STORY RESTAURANT HERE WOULD ENJOY SUPERB VIEWS OF THE GOLF COURSE, LOMA POINT AND THE OCEAN. AND A QUICK-SERVE FOOD FACILITY ON THE GROUND FLOOR WOULD BE A WELCOME ADDITION IN THIS LOCATION, SO CLOSE TO THE BEACH. IT COULD BE ANOTHER MONEY MAKER FOR BOTH CITIES.

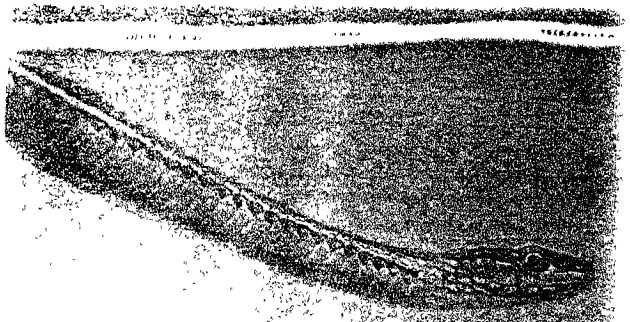
W 10) I AGREE THAT IT IS CRITICAL TO CONTROL THE PUMPING OPERATION TO KEEP THE HORSE POND STABLE. I HAVE ALSO SEEN THE ENTIRE GOLF COURSE FLOODED UP TO THE STREETS IN HEAVY RAINS, CLOSING THE GOLF COURSE AND WASHING HERBICIDES INTO LAGUNA SALADA.

X 11) GIVE UP ON THE NOTION OF RESTORING GREENS ON THE OCEANSIDE OF LAGUNA SALADA. NOT ONLY HAS THE LEVEE BEEN BREACHED IN THE PAST DURING HEAVY STORMS, FLOODING SALTWATER INTO THE LAGOON, BUT THE BEACH IS MUCH NARROWER THAN IT WAS IN DECADES PAST, AND WAVES CAN WASH OVER THE LEVEE IN HIGH TIDE/STORM PERIODS. LET THE PUBLIC ENJOY THIS AREA, BUT TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO KEEP THEM OUT OF THE HABITAT.

I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THESE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE HELPFUL AND SERVE TO BUILD AN ATTRACTIVE, ENVIRONMENTALLY-SENSITIVE AND SUCCESSFUL "NEW" PARK AT SHARP PARK.

JOHN CURTIS

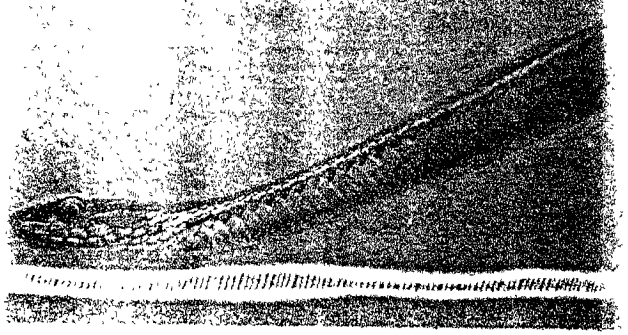
ATTACHMENT "C"



Mori Point is home to the elusive San Francisco garter snake.

The SFGS is one of the most beautiful snakes in North America.

But this harmless, non-poisonous creature sits on the brink of extinction.



If you see a San Francisco garter snake, please contact:

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Sacramento, CA 95825
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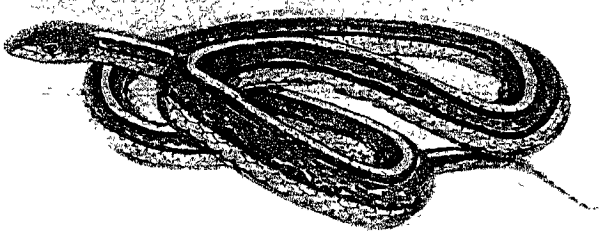
http://sacramento.fws.gov



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If you would like more information regarding the SFGS, please visit the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office's website:
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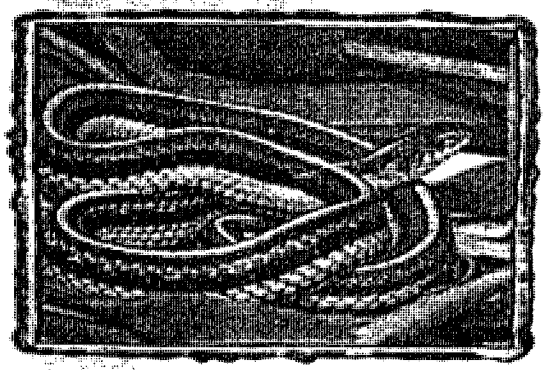
San Francisco garter snake



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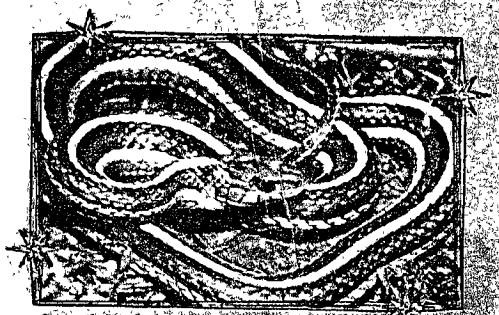
Beautiful.....Yet Critically Endangered

A San Francisco garter snake (SFGS) is vibrantly colored. It has an alternating pattern of greenish blue, black, and red stripes and an orange-ish brown head.



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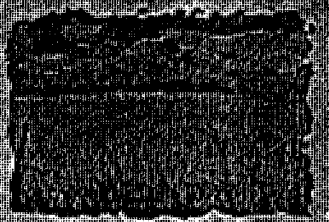
Other snakes in the area that look similar to a SFGS:



*Notice the distinct checkering on this snake, which is not found on the SFGS

SFGS and its habitat



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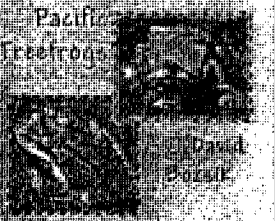
San Francisco garter snakes need dry upland areas where they can bask in the warm sunshine and take cover in rodent burrows, but also need to be close to wetlands to find food.

A SFGS is dependent upon wetland critters for sources of food. A juvenile SFGS will typically feed on Pacific treefrogs while an adult desires California red-legged frogs, a species that is federally listed as threatened.



Pacific Treefrogs

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California red-legged frog

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Females give live birth to an average of 16 newborns.

A SFGS can reach a length of 3 feet.

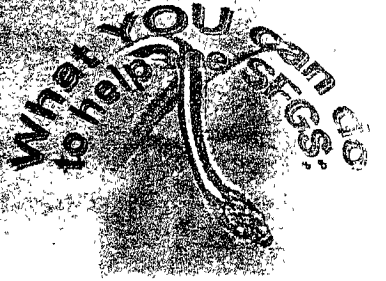
Besides Mori Point, a SFGS may be spotted throughout western San Mateo County and along the San Andreas Fault.

Threats to the survival of the SFGS

Loss of the snake's habitat due to land development.

Inappropriate or excessive use of pesticides.

Disturbance from recreation, saltwater intrusion, disease, poaching and predation.



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area's Site Stewardship Program are in the process of trying to restore and conserve the SFGS and its habitat.

If you find a SFGS, please do not handle or disturb it. Take a picture if you can. Also, try to record the precise location of the sighting (include nearest landmarks - e.g., intersection of trails).

The SFGS is protected under both the State and Federal Endangered Species Act. Harassing or harming the species in any way is against the law.

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ATTACHMENT "A"

Site Stewardship Program

Golden Gate
National Recreation Area

Endangered Species Sighting at Milagra Ridge

by Katy Warner

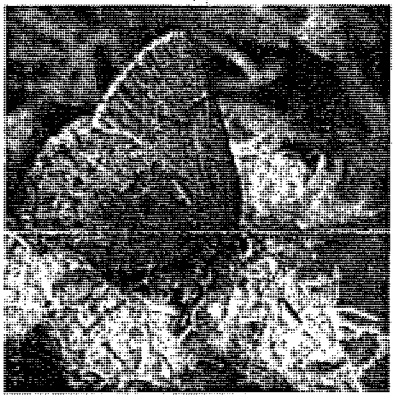


Photo by Richard Arnold

Barely containing her excitement, Summer Lindzey watched as two elusive and endangered San Bruno elfin butterflies entered the brush. Eyes fixed on their little brown bodies, she followed a few steps behind as they made their way down a subtle deer trail. Much to her amazement the trail lead to a previously undiscovered patch of stonecrop (*Sedum spathulifolium)*, which is the only hostplant of the elfin butterfly! For Summer, our expert Lepidopterist, this was a thrilling discovery. In this new patch of habitat she spotted four additional San Bruno elfins more than she had ever observed in one place!

San Bruno elfins (*Incisalia mossi bayensis*) don't usually get much media attention. They are very small and brown. They are not the large and colorful butterflies most people envision, however, we are thrilled to have them at Milagra Ridge! San Bruno elfin butterflies were listed as a Federally Endangered Species in 1976. These elfins are endemic to San Mateo county and can only be found on Milagra Ridge, San Bruno Mountain, and Montara Mountain. They have very specific habitat requirements that limit them to north-facing slopes within the fogbelt where they can find sufficient patches of stonecrop.

These petite pollinators emerge in February or March and live for only one week as adult butterflies. Summer's recent sighting is remarkable considering the short lifespan and specific habitat requirements of the San Bruno elfin. Male elfins typically stay close to the stonecrop and fly only to feed and to investigate potential mates. Females travel even less than the males.

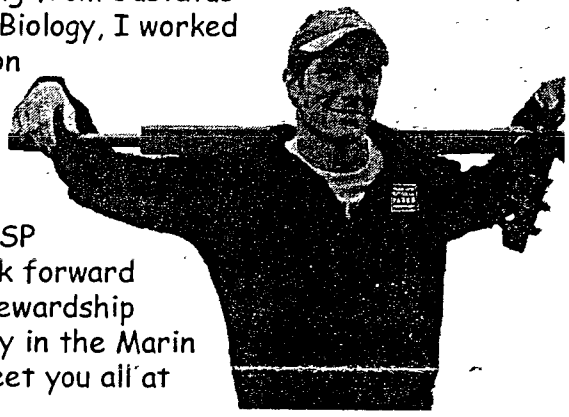
Please see next page

The recently discovered habitat is located in an area that has not been searched for San Bruno elfins since the mid-80's. According to Summer "it's some of the best habitat at t site!" At Milagra Ridge, most of the butterfly management has been focused on the end gered Mission Blue butterfly (*Icaricia icarioides missionensis*), but now the San Bruno e has grabbed our attention with all its little brown glory.

Welcome Interns!

Stephen Handler

Howdy folks, this is Stephen Handler, the newest intern with the Site Stewardship Program. I com to you from Shellsburg, Iowa (affectionately known as "somewhere in the Middle" by my co-workers and am enjoying the reprieve from winter. After graduating from Gustavus Adolphus College (St. Peter, MN) in 2004 with a degree in Biology, I worked for the US Forest Service in Northern Idaho for a season before landing in San Francisco. Through this internship I hope to gain hands-on experience in the various aspects of habitat restoration and conservation, eat plenty of bagels, and prepare myself for whatever comes next. I am impressed by the impact that the Parks Conservancy and SSP have had on maintaining the lands of the GGNRA, and I look forward to contributing to this cause. My primary focus at Site Stewardship will be the restoration efforts occurring at Oakwood Valley in the Marin Headlands, but I'll be bouncing around a lot and hope to meet you all at our weekly workdays. See you soon...





Kyla Dahlin

Hello, again, California! After nearly six years on the eastern seaboard, I thrilled to be back in my home state, where the air is warm, the soil is red the oaks are evergreen. I grew up in the East Bay, but in 1999 I moved to Haven, Connecticut. There I attended Yale University, graduating in 200 a degree in ecology and evolutionary biology. In my time off I studied for ecology in Washington, D.C, New Hampshire, New Zealand, and New York I liked New Haven so much that I spent an extra year at the Yale School Forestry & Environmental Studies, where I earned a Master's degree in e ronmental management. My Master's thesis was developing an urban fore management plan for a 127-acre park in the South Bronx.

After spending last summer in Texas, where I studied the fire history of Davis Mountains, I returned to New York to work for the NYC Departme Parks & Recreation's Central Forestry & Horticulture division. I continue work on forest management planning projects until the end of January, at which point I high-tailed back to California, refusing to spend another arctic February in the northeast. No regrets there!

When I'm not counting plants or sitting at a computer, I enjoy snowboarding, backpacking, making arguing, modern literature, all sorts of music, horticulture, and interpretive dance. I'm thrilled to b at Site Stewardship, to meet all y'all, and to try my hand at restoring native California ecosystems Point will be my main focus, but I'll be making cameos at all of our sites.

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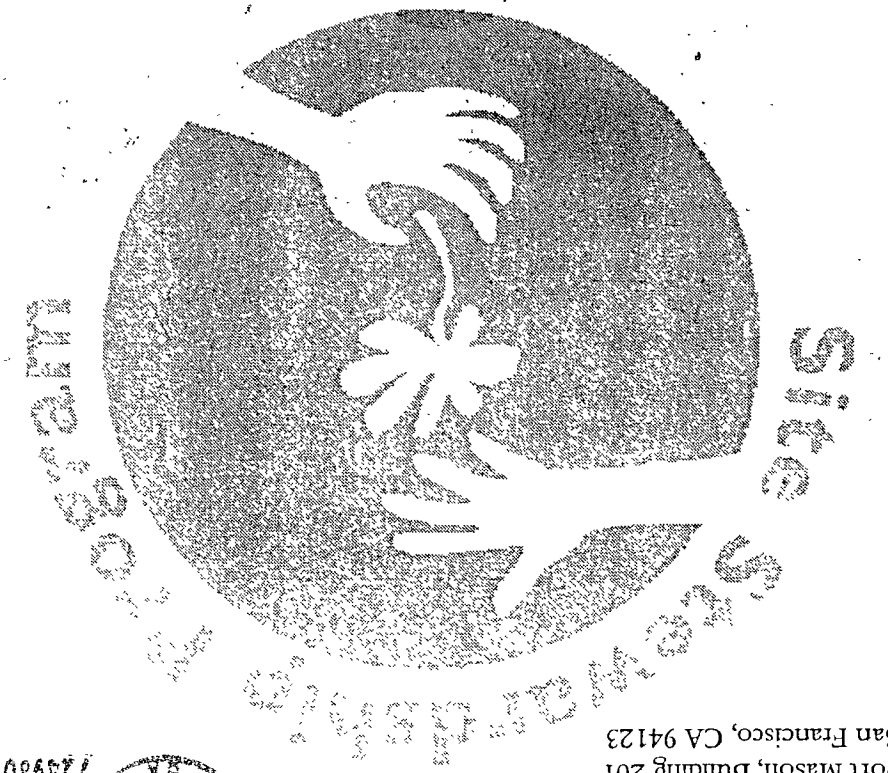

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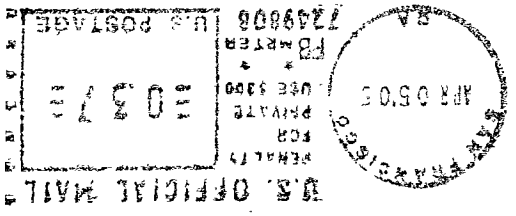

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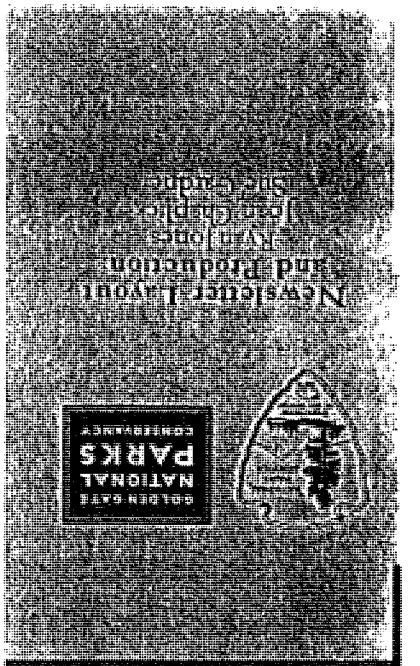



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July 19, 2005

San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
Natural Areas Program
501 Stanyan Street
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Attn: Lisa Wayne

RE: Natural Areas Management Plan

Dear Ms. Wayne:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Significant Natural Areas Management Plan ("Plan"). While we greatly appreciate the recreation opportunities provided by the presence of City and County of San Francisco park lands within our boundaries, we are disappointed that the City of Pacifica was only recently made aware of the Plan. Given our limited time to review the Plan, we will focus our comments on what we believe is its most glaring omission.

We are concerned that there is apparently no discussion of the issue of lead contamination at the Rifle Range in Sharp Park in Pacifica. Indeed, there seems to be no acknowledgement of the existence of this contaminated area that is surrounded by natural areas the Plan seeks to restore. Since two of the primary objectives of the plan are "To identify issues and impacts adversely affecting ecosystem functions and biological diversity" and "To identify and prioritize restoration and management actions designed to promote ecosystem functions and biological diversity", it would seem imperative that the Plan address: A B

- the need to clean up and restore the Rifle Range property
- the potential uses of the Rifle Range property after lead contamination abatement is completed C
- impacts of tree removal on drainage patterns and absorption rates on the Rifle Range and surrounding areas D
- drainage into sensitive downstream endangered species habitat E

As stakeholders we believe inclusion of this area and its associated issues are absolutely critical to the viability of the Plan. We recognize the challenge this project presents and will be vigilant regarding any opportunities we learn of that provide funding support for this type of effort. F

If you have any questions on the above comments, please call me at (650) 455-0346 or our Planning Director Michael Crabtree at (650) 738-7341.

Sincerely,

Julie Lancelle, Mayor
City of Pacifica

c: City Council
City Manager
Planning Director
PB&R Director
Dean Peterson – SM County Dept. of Health

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Restoration 1 2 (3) 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 (3) 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

NOT CLEAR ON TRAILS LOCATIONS EAST OF HWY 1. MY FEAR IS THAT ENCOURAGING MORE TRAIL USERS MAY LEAD TO INCREASED FIRE HAZARDS AND THAT CITY OF S.F. (WITH CHRONIC BUDGET CUTS) WILL NOT SPEND TO MAINTAIN FACILITIES SINCE THIS IS NOT IN S.F. CITY LIMITS WHERE DEMANDS ARE GREAT. A B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

THE PLAN DOES NOT RECOGNIZE POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF ELFIN BUTTERFLIES, WHICH EXIST OF MUIR WOODS (G.G.N.R.A.). THEIR LIFESPAN IS SHORT AND SEASONAL. ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY SHOULD INCLUDE THIS SPECIES. C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

BULLFROG POLICIES ARE FINE. OFF-LEASH DOG PROBLEMS CAN BE SEVERE. (BE CAREFUL OF THAT CAN OF WORMS) D E

Trees (1) (2) (3) 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THERE ARE 54,000 TREES. WOW! [REMOVAL OF 15,000 TREES WILL SET OFF ALARM BELLS WITH PACIFICANS.] WILL FIRE HAZARDS INCREASE WITH GROUNDCOVER EXPOSED? F G

ARE THERE GRANTS/FUNDS (BROWNFIELDS) TO REMOVE LEAD-CONTAMINATED SOILS? PLEASE, WORK WITH THE CITY OF PACIFICA FOR SOLUTIONS]I]J

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 (3) 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

MAYBE, BUT YOU FAIL TO RECOGNIZE, DISCUSS, ANALYSE THE 800-lb. GORILLA IN THE ROOM — LEAD CONTAMINATION AT FIRING RANGE, RESTORATION AND DECONTAMINATION. WHAT ABOUT LEAD TOXINS LEACHING INTO WATERSHED AND ULTIMATELY INTO SENSITIVE HABITATS? IT IS THE MOST SEVERE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM EAST OF HWY 1.]H

Landscaped Areas 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

NOT SURE. HERBICIDE USE ON GOLF COURSE GREENS MUST BE CLOSELY MONITORED TO AVOID CONTAMINATION OF SENSITIVE HABITATS AND DISASTROUS LOSS OF ENDANGERED/THREATENED SPECIES]K

Other Comments

1) THERE PROBABLY ARE OTHER SENSITIVE SPECIES ON SITE. PLEASE, CONSULT PACIFICA PLANNING DEPT. FOR INFO CONTAINED IN STUDIES AND EIRs]L
2) YOU HAVE TO ADDRESS LEAD CONTAMINATION & IMPACTS FROM RIFLE RANGE.]M
3) MUCH BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH CITY OF PACIFICA AND PACIFICA RESIDENTS NEEDED.]N

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

4) PLEASE, NO MORE BONE-HEADED IDEAS LIKE DUMPING SPOILS FROM DE YOUNG MUSEUM CONSTRUCTION ON SHARP PARK GOLF COURSE. YOU ALMOST STARTED AN INTER-CITY WAR WITH THAT ONE]O

CHECK FOR RARE POND TURTLES AT LAGUNA SALADA & ELFIN BUTTERFLIES ON EASTERN HILLSIDE ROCK OUTCROPPINGS.]P

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

1) VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON OCEANFRONT BERM MUST BE FORBIDDEN.]Q
2) RECREATIONAL (PASSIVE) USE OF LAND (FORMER GREENS) WEST OF LAGUNA SALADA SHOULD BE ALLOWED]R
3) SENSITIVE HABITATS WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE FENCED-OFF FROM DOGS & POACHERS.]S

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 3 4 (5) 6 7 8 9 10

If your ranking was anything but excellent, ~~which did you find were under valued on this~~ site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses (Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife)

May we contact you regarding your comments? — SURE

Name/Affiliation(s) (*if any*): JOHN CURTIS

Phone: (650) 355-0404

Email: —

Address: 423 BELFAST AVE. / PACIFICA, CA 94044

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? _____ Site(s) of interest: _____

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July 21, 2005

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RE: Natural Areas Management Plan

Dear Ms. Wayne:

The Open Space Committee of the City of Pacifica has reviewed the City and County of San Francisco's proposed Significant Natural Areas Management Plan ("Plan"). The Committee appreciates and supports the City and County's efforts to restore and rehabilitate habitat for native plants and endangered species, and offers the following comments on the Plan. A

The Plan should contain a discussion of the Rifle Range in Sharp Park, including a timetable for abatement of the lead contamination in the Rifle Range and how the proposed restoration of the surrounding natural areas will impact and be impacted by the lead contamination. B The Plan should also address potential erosion impacts on Sanchez Creek as a result of the proposed tree removal. C Finally, recommendation GR-13a discusses networking with schools in San Francisco and providing environmental education resources and opportunities to school children in San Francisco. Given that Sharp Park is one of the City and County's major land holdings and that it is located in the City of Pacifica, the Plan should consider also providing environmental education resources and opportunities to Pacifica schools and school children. D

The Open Space Committee appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Plan and we look forward to working with the City and County to continue to protect and restore our valuable open space resources. If you have any questions on the above comments, please contact our Planning Director Michael Crabtree at (650) 738-7341.

Sincerely,

Noel Blincoe, CoChair
Pacifica Open Space Committee

for Bryce Root, CoChair
Pacifica Open Space Committee

c: City Council
City Manager
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Open Space Committee

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Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Golden Gate National Recreation Area - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Sharp Park

Restoration Score -
Restoration Comments - Recommendation SP-4e: This recommendation calls for limiting all vehicular traffic on the service road from Moose Lodge to Horse Stable Pond. The Plan suggests re-routing vehicles on the levee in order to reduce direct "take" to federally protected species.

We recognize that this road currently fragments important foraging and breeding habitat for the federally threatened California red legged frog and the federally endangered San Francisco garter snake, as well as provides a means for direct "take" due to vehicles inadvertently running over snakes and frogs on the roadway. The GGNRA is currently developing public access alternatives for Mori Point and the use-status of this road is critical to the formulation of trail alignments. To this end, we encourage the SFRPD to explore appropriate uses for this road and look forward to working collaboratively on this issue. A

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments - System-Wide Management Actions and Practices:
We recommend including a section devoted to standardized precautionary methods that should be used for implementation of all actions in the plan to ensure that federally protected species are not inadvertently harmed by restoration efforts. B

The plan should also consider restoration of the mouth of Laguna Salada, which is presently blocked by an earth embankment. This restoration would likely have significant ecologic benefits. Other potential benefits include flood risk reduction, aesthetics, water quality, and recreation. C

Recommendation SP-4c: This recommendation calls for resetting the pump controls at the Horse Stable Pond to reduce draw-down of the pond during the time that California red-legged frog egg masses are present to avoid stranding egg masses above the water line where they would be desiccated.
We highly support this in concept and would like to further suggest that the current pump be replaced with a pump that will automatically ensure that water levels remain constant throughout California red-legged frog breeding season. This would achieve the tri-fold purpose of reducing "take" of the California red legged frog, protecting the golf course from winter flooding, and reducing workload for golf course staff who would otherwise need to manually adjust pump controls D

Dogs & Cats Score -
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments - Recommendation SP-1a: This recommendation calls for the rem oval of invasive plant species in sensitive sites. We support removal of the taxa listed in the Plan and envision conducting similar removal of invasive species on Mori Point. In this manner, both Sharp Park and Mori Point will be better shielded against invasive plant ingress from neighboring sites. E

we recommend working with golf course staff to ensure that routine actions, such as landscape maintenance in sites adjacent to established Natural Areas, do not result in inadvertent "take" of federally protected species. F

General Comments - Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan (Plan) for the Natural Areas Program of the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (SFRPD).
The National Park Service (NPS) did not receive a copy or advance notice of the plan directly and requests to be added to the mailing list for this project. We have interest in the proposed actions at Sharp Park which is adjacent to park property at Mori Point. Please send future correspondence and notices to Superintendent, attn: Karen Cantwell, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Fort Mason, Building 201, San Francisco, CA 94123.

In general, we are supportive of the management strategies presented in the plan. Since natural systems and sensiti G

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NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Sharp Park

Restoration Score - 1
Restoration Comments - The plan is not adeequate because it does not address restoration of the mouth of Laguna Salada Lagoon. The existing, man-made earth berm blocks formation of the lagoon mouth, and inhibits the natural hydrology, geomorphology and ecology of the lagoon. Since Mori Point is now part of the GGNRA, there may be an opportunity to restore the lagoon and lagoon mouth to some degree. A

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score -
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score - 1
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Natural resource protection

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Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 3

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NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Sharp Park

Restoration Score - 5
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score - 2
Recreation & Trails Comments - Recommend specific connection to sweeney Ridge trail at east end of Sharp Park property. A

Sensitive Species Score - 4
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 5
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score - 5
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 4
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score - 3
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - Excellent plan.

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score - 7
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

Name - Robert Crow
Phone -
Email -
Address - 724 Serena Drive, Pacifica 94044

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 5

Sharp Park
Letter 13

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Roland Pitschel - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Sharp Park

Restoration Score - 4
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score - 4
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score - 5
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 4
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score - 5
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 4
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score - 4
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments - Archery Club should be maintained as now. As funds permit, hazardous waste (lead pollution from old rifle range) should be cleaned up. No other capital improvements.

A B C

Plan Score - 10
Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

Name - Roland Pitschel
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Email - bpandrp@peoplepc.com
Address - 99 Ellsworth St., San Francisco, CA 94110

Volunteering Comment - Already volunteer at Bernal.

Staff Score - 5

Sharp Park
Letter 14

Sharp Park

The NAP proposal for Sharp Park intends to make major changes in the ecosystems there, with no apparent benefit to wildlife, and perhaps detriment to important wildlife. Additionally, this proposal ignores the serious public safety issues that should be addressed in Sharp Park.

What is proposed:

- 237 of the approximately 400 acres are to be declared "Natural Areas"
- These areas will be cordoned off from public use
- Social trails will be closed in areas not fenced off
- 15,000 trees are to be cut down to create "habitat"
- Pump controls to be reset at Horse Stable Pond to protect red-legged frog eggs (good idea)
- Non-native bullfrogs, if observed, will be killed to protect red-legged frog
- In Laguna Salada area, non-native plants to be killed and replaced with native plants

The safety concern posed by erosion on the portion of Sharp Park east of Highway One is acknowledged as being serious, but is specifically designated as a problem that will be addressed as a last priority "when capital funds are made available". This is absolutely unacceptable. A

The serious safety concern posed by toxic lead in the soil (way in excess of environmental screening levels) east of Highway One has been ignored for many years, and is not even mentioned in this report. Prior communications with the Health Department of San Mateo County have cited the cost of the cleanup as being an impediment to its undertaking.

This plan for Sharp Park is probably the worst of any in the SF Parks System. The intentional disregard for the performance standards established in the SFRPD's own Operational Plan is breathtaking. Public safety should be a first priority. The erosion problems should be addressed immediately, before funds are spent on habitat creation. The toxic lead which has been leaching from the soil into the stream in the canyon and flowing to Laguna Salada is ignored entirely. The possibility of the lead leaching into the groundwater is ignored. These both present clear and present dangers to the human population living adjacent to and frequenting that area.

The impact of the lead upon the wildlife in that area is even greater. The perimeter fencing around the toxic lead area is not an impediment to the entry of many small forms of wildlife which are subsequently harmed by the toxic effects of the lead. The lead that is carried to Laguna Salada wetlands across the freeway contaminates the very sites this plan spends huge amounts of money to restore. It is clear this project is truly concerned only with native plants, not wildlife. B

This is further proven by the plans to cut down 15,000 trees on the east side of Highway One in Sharp Park. These trees are non-native, yet they provide habitat for 20 species of special status birds. They are to be cut down to create more scrub habitat. Scrub habitat exists on the hillsides all around Sharp Park! It is in abundance on Milagra and Sweeney Ridges, where it is protected and enhanced by the GGNRA (National Park Service). Why would you jeopardize the only habitat in the area for these special status birds? Also, the pattern and velocity of the winds in this area will be altered by the destruction of 15,000 trees. This may well negatively affect the conditions in the remaining tree stands for those same birds should they attempt to relocate due to their displacement due to NAP. C

The rationale given for the "restoration" of the Laguna Salada wetlands is to enhance the habitat for the red-legged frog and San Francisco garter snake. This is pointless. The USFWS does not include Sharp Park as critical habitat for the red-legged frog. The NAP report acknowledges that the quality of habitat at Laguna Salada, Horse Stable Pond and the adjacent wetlands remains excellent. No, the real agenda here is to take out the non-native plants which provide excellent habitat for the wildlife there, and replace them with native plants. This disruption of the habitat is not only unnecessary, but could prove detrimental to the wildlife flourishing there at this time. Pacificans take their wildlife seriously. I remind you of the situation created a few years ago when SFRPD employees poisoned hundreds of ground squirrels at Laguna Salada. D

The obsession with native plants in this NAP cannot be allowed to overtake reason. It is not fair to force Pacificans to endure safety hazards, lose access to park facilities, watch 15,000 trees be cut down and see their wildlife endangered all to satisfy some native plant activists. NAP should be eliminated at Sharp Park. The money intended for NAP here should be utilized to address the public safety issues; the erosion and the toxic lead soil and water contamination.

Suzanne Valente
Pacifica

Table 3.5-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Grandview Park.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Grandview Park	1A	Lu, D.	Safety	Content	GR-13 has been added to Sec. 5 to address this issue. RPD coordinates with SFPD as appropriate to address park safety issues
Grandview Park	1B	Lu, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	1C	Lu, D.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-7
Grandview Park	1D	Lu, D.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Grandview Park	1E	Lu, D.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Grandview Park	1F	Lu, D.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Grandview Park	1G	Lu, D.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Grandview Park	1H	Lu, D.	Plants	Reference	See MR-6
Grandview Park	1I	Lu, D.	Plants	Content	See GR-14
Grandview Park	1J	Lu, D.	Safety	Content	GR-13 has been added to address this issue. RPD coordinates with SFPD as appropriate to address park safety issues
Grandview Park	1K	Lu, D.	Trails	Content	See GR-14
Grandview Park	1L	Lu, D.	Safety	Content	GR-13 has been added to address this issue. RPD coordinates with SFPD as appropriate to address park safety issues
Grandview Park	2A	Anonymous	Erosion	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	2B	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1 and MR-2 for a discussion of erosion
Grandview Park	2C	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Grandview Park	2D	Anonymous	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Grandview Park	2E	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Grandview Park	2F	Anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Grandview Park	2G	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	2H	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Grandview Park	2I	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Grandview Park	3A	Wilde, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	3B	Wilde, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Grandview Park	3C	Wilde, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Grandview Park	3D	Wilde, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7

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Grandview Park	4A	Gaar, G.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Grandview Park	4B	Gaar, G.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	5A	Kushner, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	5B	Kushner, P.	Erosion	Content	See MR-7. These imporvements would be made when captial funds are available
Grandview Park	5C	Kushner, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	5D	Kushner, P.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Grandview Park	5E	Kushner, P.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
Grandview Park	5F	Kushner, P.	Trees	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	5G	Kushner, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	5H	Kushner, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	5I	Kushner, P.		Content	See GR-14
Grandview Park	6A	Stephens, S.	Erosion	Content	See MR-6 and GR-12.
Grandview Park	6B	Stephens, S.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	6C	Stephens, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Grandview Park	6D	Stephens, S.	Safety	Content	See MR-6 and GR-13 for a discussion of fire safety
Grandview Park	6E	Stephens, S.	Wildlife	Project Merit	See MR-3
Grandview Park	6F	Stephens, S.	Sensitive Species	Project Merit	See MR-8
Grandview Park	6G	Stephens, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Grandview Park	6H	Stephens, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Grandview Park	6I	Stephens, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	6J	Stephens, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	6K	Stephens, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6 and GR-4d regarding brushpiles. Brushpiles will not be visible to park users
Grandview Park	6L	Stephens, S.	Erosion	Content	See MR-6 and GR-12. GR-12 has been revised to reflect input from scientific reviewers regarding erosion
Grandview Park	7A	Stafford, N.	Erosion	Content	See MR-6 and GR-12. GR-12 has been revised to reflect input from scientific reviewers regarding erosion
Grandview Park	7B	Stafford, N.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-7

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Grandview Park	7C	Stafford, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	7D	Stafford, N.	Trails	Content	GR-13 has been added to address this issue
Grandview Park	7E	Stafford, N.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-7
Grandview Park	7F	Stafford, N.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Grandview Park	7G	Stafford, N.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
Grandview Park	7H	Stafford, N.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Grandview Park	7I	Stafford, N.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Grandview Park	7J	Stafford, N.	Plants	Content	See MR-7
Grandview Park	7K	Stafford, N.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	7L	Stafford, N.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-7
Grandview Park	7M	Stafford, N.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Grandview Park	7N	Stafford, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Grandview Park	8A	Kushner, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-11
Grandview Park	8B	Kushner, P.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Grandview Park	8C	Kushner, P.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	8D	Kushner, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	8E	Kushner, P.	Trees	Project Merit	See MR-4
Grandview Park	8F	Kushner, P.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Grandview Park	8G	Kushner, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	8H	Kushner, P.	Plants	Content	See GR-14
Grandview Park	8I	Kushner, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	8J	Kushner, P.	Plan Costs	Content	See GR-14
Grandview Park	8K	Kushner, P.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Grandview Park	9A	Cassorla, L. and Balea, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Grandview Park	9B	Cassorla, L. and Balea, M.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-6
Grandview Park	9C	Cassorla, L. and Balea, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6

Grandview Park
Letter 1

Debby Lu
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July 8, 2005

San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
Natural Areas Program
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco CA 94117

Dear Sir or Madam:

I wasn't able to attend any of the public forums your Department had scheduled to obtain input on the Draft Natural Areas Plan. I also tried to submit my comments through the website, but repeatedly received "run time" errors from your server. So I'm submitting my comments on my two neighborhood parks, Grandview and Golden Gate Heights Parks, the old fashioned way.

Please know that I'm a supporter of the Recreation & Parks Department—I'm a member of the Parks Trust—and understand that this planning initiative represents an extraordinarily difficult balancing act for the Department. I hope that Department Staff and the Parks Commission remember that there is nothing wrong in trying to seek compromise among the different constituents (including dog owners, families, environmentalists) who care deeply about park policy. I hope to see the Department taking the lead on facilitating a give-and-take among all of these groups to craft an approach that represents a workable compromise.

I want to highlight one aspect of the management of the natural areas that I felt was not sufficiently addressed in the draft report: public safety. Tragically, natural areas in the City are often used by people who are looking for a quiet, dark place to drink, take drugs, or worse. The remnants of their activities—broken glass shards strewn on park trails, used paraphernalia, human solid waste—are left to conscientious park users to clean up. If possible, I'd like some discussion made on the possibility of stepping up nighttime patrols of the parks to decrease the incidence of unlawful activity at these sensitive areas. A

Please feel free to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Debby Lu

Please provide comments in each relevant subject area BY PARK. Please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue. (5 = Exceeds Expectations and 1 = Does Not Meet Expectations). Please note this is not a survey. Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be as specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on any topic covered by the plan in any relevant manner.

Sites: Golden Gate Heights Park & Grandview Park

Restoration: 3
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below.
I want to commend the Rec & Park landscaping staff for maintaining the non-native portion of GG Hts. park--he is very conscientious and does a wonderful job! I have also noticed staff at the GG Hts. park native landscape garden working to clear invasive species, and commend them for that effort. Efforts at Grandview seem less visible.] B

Recreation and Trails: 3
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.
The trail network at GG Hts. park, as the report cites, is quite extensive for such a small park. At Grandview, I agree with the report that users should be routed into a single trail to address erosion.] C

Sensitive Species/Wildlife: 3
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.
I have seen squirrels, gophers, ravens, and a myriad of other birds.] D *I wonder if more could be done to address the presence of gophers at the parks? The report does not really address the presence of gophers and other urban wildlife at the park and how they might impact native species.*] E

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife: 3
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain below
GG Hts park has many responsible members of the community who walk their dogs in the park. This community is very tight-knit and wonderful at self-policing other dog owners. I have seen people correcting owners who fail to remove dog solid waste or fail to curb dogs who dig. I want to encourage Rec & Parks to keep existing dog policies at these two parks.] F

Trees: 2
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

This section of the report was minimal, especially regarding GG Hts. Park. There are many old trees at this park; these trees should be "grandfathered" into any type of forestry plan to prevent their removal. Discussion should focus on removal of young trees only at this location. At Grandview, there is a prominent stand of eucalyptus that local residents are very fond of, but which probably should be removed because it is non-native. G

Grasslands/Wildflowers: 3
Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.
The plan's emphasis on removing invasive plants and reintroducing natives is the right course. H

Landscaped Areas: 3
Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain below.
I agree that new, more prominent signage at the entrance to the native landscape garden at GG Hts. Park would raise awareness of this treasure. Updated signage at Grandview would also be helpful. I

Other Comments
Please address issues of public safety at both parks. The native garden at GG Hts. Park is regularly used by homeless people, who build encampments at the foot of the park, along the fences of neighboring properties. Unfortunately, these folks leave human waste and other debris throughout the area. In addition, people use Grandview and GG Hts. Parks after hours for binge drinking and other illegal activities. They break glass bottles and discard cans across the hillside. The other debris they leave is even worse. J.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?
Sorry, I don't have any additional information.

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?
Both of these parks are local treasures that residents value highly. Any changes should be preceded by signs posted at park entrances (Rec & Park is really good about doing this already—thank you!) so that community members can be notified. I strongly recommend that Rec & Park dedicate some funds to SFPD so that nightly patrols can be sent to the parks to address public safety at the parks. K L

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent).

If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?
Recreational uses

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Grandview, Golden Gate Heights, Pine Lake Parks

Grandview Park
Letter 2

City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

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Comments are due by July 21, 2005 at 5:00 pm.
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San Francisco CA, 94107

Please provide comments in each relevant subject area BY PARK. Please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue. (5 = Exceeds E Not Meet Expectations). Please note this is not a survey. Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be as specific as pos you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on any topic covered by the plan in any relevant mann

Site: ~~[illegible]~~ Grandview / Rock Outcrop

Restoration

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain be

Almost no effort put here - allowed to erode away - dogs have reduced to bare dirt]A]B

Recreation and Trails

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

too much dogs on only trail to top - ruined the top soil to bare dirt - tree trunks exposed]C

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.

What wildlife!]D

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. nor expected? Please explain below

NO DOGS for 50 years until recovers.]E

Trees

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal address or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

What trees! Few at top G.V. ready to fall. F

Grasslands/Wildflowers

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.

Scrub on Outcrop descent G

Landscaped Areas

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvem would you like to see?

Erosion to top has to stop- close trails! H

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, p plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent)

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5 ○ 6 ○ 7 ○ 8 ○ 9 ○ 10

If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?

○ Recreational uses ○ Natural resource protection ○ Natives/Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

Name/Affilications:	
Phone:	
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Address:	

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Enter your site(s) of interest below.

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?
○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Submit

Mayor Gavin Newsom
Acting General Manager Yomi Agunbiade

the natural areas must be kept as "Urban Wild" as possible + controlled like the Fed. lands (Yosimite) = dogs in very tightly controlled areas + not allowed within them — otherwise you're wasting all our time

I

Grandview Park
Letter 3

City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

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For On-line version See Significant Natural Area Tab in right Corner Blue Bar Center Page. Then select Comment Form on next screen.

NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, 2005 Thursday

Natural Area Site Name:_____ Park: GRANDVIEW

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration 1 (2) 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

PLEASE SEE Other Comments ON BACK

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5
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Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
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Trees (1) 2 3 4 5
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PLEASE SEE Other Comments ON BACK

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

I favor vigorous restoration of native plants over every area of the hill. The cypress trees, while picturesque from afar, drip heavily both on hikers and on an entrenched field of ehrharta which threatens natives all over the park. I favor removal of all trees from grandview. A B

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area? C

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

More rope-and-post borders on trails to encourage dog owners to keep their dogs on the trails and beerdrinkers to do their drinking on the bench. D

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If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

hope to join the wed work party when my work schedule settles down

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 5

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5

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Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

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Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

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Trees 1 2 3 4 5

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Fog drip from trees promoting spread of erhart a erecta. Trees need thinning or removal. A

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

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Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

Drifting sand which created native plant community will never be naturally replenished. Humans could artificially replenish by trucking sand from great highway. B

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

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If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses (Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife)

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Email: _____

Address: 440 Hazelwood SF 94127

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 5

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Natural Area Site Name: Grandview Park Park:

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Restoration 1 2 (3) 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

More work needed - hopefully with help of neighbors. A

Recreation and Trails 1 2 (3) 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Am very concerned about erosion at the top of Maraga steps. You say you will build soil boxes there (6.5-11 when? B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Please add willow and native blackberry to make a thicket. Suggest in 2 locations. C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Please consider not allowing dogs anywhere - the sandy soil is so easily disturbed. Pls consider D
not allowing any cat feeding stations. E

Trees 1 2 (3) 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain F

Where on hill could you add a clump of willow? - at base of sw stairs, by retaining wall? at base of Maraga steps?

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 (5)

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Add more native wildflowers especially along Moraga Steps for visual appeal and public education. G

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Pls add more natives in significant accent-styled landscaping at Stairways. Neighbors should be encouraged to help! H

Other Comments

Get neighbors involved. I

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

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If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

Name/Affiliation(s) (*if any*): Pinky Kushner / neighbor

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Yes Site(s) of interest. GV

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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

REMOVING ICE PLANT THAT HAS STABILIZED SAND HILL IS MISGUIDED. PLAN DOES NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESS POTENTIAL PROPERTY DAMAGE TO ADJACENT HOMES & YARDS IN THIS DENSELY POPULATED NEIGHBORHOOD. A B

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

I DO NOT SUPPORT CLOSING SOCIAL TRAILS C

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

REMOVING WATER-FILLED ICE PLANT FROM GRANDVIEW SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASES THE FIRE DANGER TO ADJACENT HOMES IN THIS DENSELY POPULATED NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS IS NOT ADDRESSED AT ALL IN MANAGEMENT PLAN D

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

I DO NOT SUPPORT THE REMOVAL OF EXISTING WILDLIFE - INCLUDING CATS & DOGS - E
NOR DO I SUPPORT INTRODUCING ENDANGERED/SENSITIVE SPECIES INTO THIS DENSELY POPULATED AREA F

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

DO NOT REMOVE ANY TREES G REPLACE AGING/DISEASED TREES WITH TREES OF SIMILAR SIZE & STATURE H

Grasslands/Wildflowers (1) 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

NO GRASSLANDS - MOSTLY SAND HILL] I

Landscaped Areas (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

DUNE SCRUB IS NOT ATTRACTIVE TO ME] J

Other Comments

PLEASE DO NOT USE BRUSH PILES TO STOP DRIFTING SANDS. THEY ARE VERY UGLY + LOOK LIKE DISCARDED TRASH.] K

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NO

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

KEEP ICEPLANT TO STABILIZE SAND HILL + KEEP DRIFTING SANDS FROM CAUSING PROPERTY DAMAGE TO ADJACENT HOMES. ICE PLANT ALSO DECREASES FIRE DANGER TO ADJACENT HOMES.] L

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(Recreational uses) Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, 2005 Thursday

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Restoration 1 (2) 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

DRIFTING SAND IS A PROBLEM FOR SURROUNDING HOMEOWNERS COULD BE A LIABILITY FOR THE CITY, NOT ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS TO MAINTAIN AREA [A] [B]

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF FENCING OR RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS. FENCING MAY NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IN DRIFTING SAND AREAS AREAS A PARTY ZONE - MAY BE VANDALIZED [C] [D]

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

NOT ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS, ONLY 1 GARDNER PER 100 ACRES IS NOT INDICATIVE OF A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM [E]

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 3 QUESTIONS (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

DOGS - NO DPA HERE, BECAUSE OF PROXIMITY OF HOUSING [F] DO NOT APPROVE OF TRAPPING CATS DO NOT WANT REMOVAL OR INTRODUCTION OF WILDLIFE IN THIS AREA [G] [H]

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

TOO MANY TREES HAVE BEEN REMOVED ALREADY NEED TO PLANT MORE TREES [I]

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 (2) 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

HAS BEEN SOME SUCCESS HERE BUT THERE IS A LACK OF MAINTENENCE NO EXISTING VOLUNTEER GROUP FOR CONSTANT WEEDING J

Landscaped Areas 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

SOUNDS GOOD AS LONG AS THERE WILL BE SOMEONE FOR UPKEEP K

Other Comments

I FIND THE PLAN AS A WHOLE EXPENSIVE ~~AT~~ THIS TIME OF BUDGET CRISIS WITH NO END IN SIGHT L

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

NO

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

MORE TREES FOR WINDBREAK M - A PICNIC TABLE N SHELTER —

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Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Pinky Kushner - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Pinky Kushner - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Grand View Park

Restoration Score - 3
Restoration Comments - I would like to see more done. I love the southwest side--more like that, please] A

Recreation & Trails Score - 3
Recreation & Trails Comments - I am concerned about the erosion at the top of the Moraga St. steps.]B

Sensitive Species Score - 4
Sensitive Species Comments - I just want more work on the hill, esp. to the east.]C

Dogs & Cats Score - 4
Dogs & Cats Comments - I would propose more willow or bushy plants (native blackberry?) planted at base of hill for wildlife.]D

Trees Score - 4
Trees Comments - [I agree with tree removals that have occurred.] E [Please consider keeping/replanting some trees for birdlife.] F

Grasslands Score - 5
Grasslands Comments - [The work on the sw side is spectacular.] G [Please try to involve neighbors in removal of oxalis--by sidewalk only where they can cause little hillside erosion.] H

Landscape Score - 4

Landscape Comments - More planting at base of Moraga steps.] I

General Comments - Please involve neighbors through leafletting--try to get a site steward for this lovely hill.] J

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments - Address erosion at top of Moraga steps.] K

Plan Score - 10
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Natural resource protection

Name - Pinky Kushner
Phone - 731-9486
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Address - 1362 6th Ave

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

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" SEE ATTACHED LETTER " - 3PAGE FAX

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

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Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

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Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

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July 14, 2005

To: City and County of San Francisco
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RE: **Rock Outcrop** in Golden Gate Heights

We are residents on 14th avenue, across from the Rock Outcrop for the past 19 years. We have reviewed the "Site-Specific Conditions and Recommendations" recently published on-line and attended the meeting in Stern Grove regarding the proposals for these areas and others on June 28 of this year.

We have elected to write this letter, as our concerns do not fall into the categories listed in your Public Comments form. Specifically we wish to express concern for the Rock Outcrop area as follows:

- The areas that primarily have vegetation (not the rocks) are very unstable, and characterized by constant shifting of sand into the roadway of 14th Avenue
  - 14th avenue is narrow, and already inadequate for cars to cross one another, and is further troubled by 1-2 feet of sand and over reaching branches in some areas
  - When contacted to maintain the roadway clear of vegetation and sand, the appropriate departments of the San Francisco public works have repeatedly told us that they WILL NOT do so, as it recurs too often.
    - Therefore we are strongly opposed to any efforts to replace current vegetation that involves denuding sand and waiting for spread unless the hill is to be further stabilized at the bottom first
    - Therefore we are opposed to any plan that does not include a provision for maintaining a clear and safe roadway FIRST.
- Having planted (and replanted) a large private section (45' x 100') of the hill behind 1801 14th avenue along Mount Lane, it is evident that this area is extremely unfavorable for plants in that it is sandy, foggy, windy, and steep.
  - Most plants, including natives that are suited to sand and wind, die despite irrigation, weeding, and care.
  - What has been done to study the (lack of) success with previous plantings in Grandview Park? A
  - **We therefore suggest that the proposal to denude areas and "restore" the Rock Outcrop by planting patches in hope that they will spread is unrealistic.** This is likely to be true in Grandview Park as well. B

  - We suggest that any plan you undertake provide for complete coverage of any areas that are denuded of current plants and prefer that no restoration be undertaken that involves leaving nude areas of sand that is likely to shift rapidly with wind, slope, and the limited, but nonetheless inevitable traffic by some adults, children, dogs and other animals.
- We also wish to point out that there is a recent dramatic expansion of poison oak in this area to an extent not seen over the previous 19 years, especially this season. For the first time, we have not been able to help clear invasive vines from the hillside near the rock outcrop due to this hazard.
  - We therefore suggest that an aggressive approach to this invasive species be undertaken for the safety of residents and visitors, including children.

In summary, while your goals of restoring the area with plants that resemble the original flora are desirable and attractive, we are extremely doubtful that the approach that you suggest will prove successful and suspect that in some areas more harm than good may be done. This is particularly true of the plant-covered areas in the 14th and Ortega Rock Outcrop area where a steep slope stands above a narrow roadway that is already treacherous and poorly maintained by the City. We suggest that the safety of motorists, pedestrians, and people who walk in the Rock Outcrop and Grandview Park should take priority over plant-specific goals, and request that any plan for the future include specific plans to avoid shifting sand, promote traffic safety, and control or eliminate poison oak. C

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide feedback to your ideas, and for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Table 3.6-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Golden Gate Heights.

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Golden Gate Heights	5A	Anonymous	Erosion	Content	See MR-6 and GR-12. GR-12 (Sec. 5) has been revised to reflect input from scientific reviewers regarding erosion
Golden Gate Heights	5B	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Golden Gate Heights	5C	Anonymous	Erosion	Content	See MR-6 and GR-12. GR-12 has been revised to reflect input from scientific reviewers regarding erosion.
Golden Gate Heights	5D	Anonymous	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Golden Gate Heights	5E	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Golden Gate Heights	5F	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Golden Gate Heights	5G	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-11
Golden Gate Heights	5H	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Golden Gate Heights	5I	Anonymous	Project Merit	Project Merit	See GR-14
Golden Gate Heights	5J	Anonymous	Erosion	Content	See MR-6 and GR-12. GR-12 has been revised to reflect input from scientific reviewers regarding erosion. See GR-13 regarding fire safety
Golden Gate Heights	5K	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Golden Gate Heights	5L	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-8
Golden Gate Heights	5M	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-1
Golden Gate Heights	5N	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-11
Golden Gate Heights	10A	Cameron, C.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-7
Golden Gate Heights	10B	Cameron, C.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-2
Golden Gate Heights	2A	Eng, J.	Erosion	Content	See MR-6, MR-7 and GR-12. GR-12 has been revised to reflect input from scientific reviewers regarding erosion
Golden Gate Heights	2B	Eng, J.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-6
Golden Gate Heights	2C	Eng, J.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-6
Golden Gate Heights	9A	Eng, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Golden Gate Heights	9B	Eng, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Golden Gate Heights	9C	Eng, J.	Erosion	Content	See MR-6, MR-7 and GR-12. GR-12 has been revised to reflect input from scientific reviewers regarding erosion
Golden Gate Heights	4A	Ivanoff, E. and T.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7

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Golden Gate Heights	4C	Ivanoff, E. and T.	Trees	Reference	See MR-4
Golden Gate Heights	4D	Ivanoff, E. and T.	Erosion	Content	See MR-6, MR-7 and GR-12. GR-12 has been revised to reflect input from scientific reviewers regarding erosion
Golden Gate Heights	4E	Ivanoff, E. and T.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Golden Gate Heights	1A	Lu, D.	Safety	Content	GR-13 has been added to address this issue. RPD coordinates with SFPD as appropriate to address park safety issues
Golden Gate Heights	1B	Lu, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Golden Gate Heights	1C	Lu, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Golden Gate Heights	1D	Lu, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
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Golden Gate Heights	1G	Lu, D.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Golden Gate Heights	1H	Lu, D.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Golden Gate Heights	1I	Lu, D.	Trees	Project Merit	See MR-4
Golden Gate Heights	1J	Lu, D.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Golden Gate Heights	1K	Lu, D.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-6
Golden Gate Heights	1L	Lu, D.	Plants	Content	See GR-14
Golden Gate Heights	1M	Lu, D.	Safety	Content	GR-13 has been added to address this issue. RPD coordinates with SFPD as appropriate to address park safety issues
Golden Gate Heights	1N	Lu, D.	Safety	Content	GR-13 has been added to address this issue. RPD coordinates with SFPD as appropriate to address park safety issues
Golden Gate Heights	1O	Lu, D.	Trails	Content	See GR-14
Golden Gate Heights	1P	Lu, D.	Plan Costs	Content	GR-13 has been added to address this issue
Golden Gate Heights	7A	Stafford, N.	Plants	Content	See MR-11
Golden Gate Heights	7B	Stafford, N.	Safety	Content	See GR-13. RPD coordinates with SFRPD to address safety issues in parks
Golden Gate Heights	7C	Stafford, N.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-7
Golden Gate Heights	7D	Stafford, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-6

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Golden Gate Heights	7F	Stafford, N.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
Golden Gate Heights	7G	Stafford, N.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
Golden Gate Heights	7H	Stafford, N.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Golden Gate Heights	7I	Stafford, N.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Golden Gate Heights	7J	Stafford, N.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Golden Gate Heights	7K	Stafford, N.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Golden Gate Heights	7L	Stafford, N.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Golden Gate Heights	7M	Stafford, N.	Plants	Content	See MR-8
Golden Gate Heights	7N	Stafford, N.	Erosion	Content	See MR-6
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Golden Gate Heights	7P	Stafford, N.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-7
Golden Gate Heights	7Q	Stafford, N.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Golden Gate Heights	7R	Stafford, N.	Plants	Content	See MR-4
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Golden Gate Heights	6F	Stephens, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Golden Gate Heights	6G	Stephens, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6 and GR-13 regarding fire
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Golden Gate Heights	3B	Vaughn, P.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Golden Gate Heights	3C	Vaughn, P.	Wildlife	Project Merit	See MR-3
Golden Gate Heights	3D	Vaughn, P.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Golden Gate Heights	3E	Vaughn, P.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-6
Golden Gate Heights	3F	Vaughn, P.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Golden Gate Heights	3G	Vaughn, P.	Trees	Project Merit	See MR-4
Golden Gate Heights	3H	Vaughn, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Golden Gate Heights	3I	Vaughn, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Golden Gate Heights	3J	Vaughn, P.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-6
Golden Gate Heights	3K	Vaughn, P.	Safety	Content	See MR-6 and GR-12. GR-12 has been revised to reflect input from scientific reviewers regarding erosion. See GR-13 regarding fire safety
Golden Gate Heights	3L	Vaughn, P.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Golden Gate Heights	3M	Vaughn, P.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-6
Golden Gate Heights	3N	Vaughn, P.	Trails	Content	Not enough information to answer this question.
Golden Gate Heights	3O	Vaughn, P.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Golden Gate Heights	3P	Vaughn, P.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-11

Golden Gate Heights
Letter 1

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July 8, 2005

San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
Natural Areas Program
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco CA 94117

Dear Sir or Madam:

I wasn't able to attend any of the public forums your Department had scheduled to obtain input on the Draft Natural Areas Plan. I also tried to submit my comments through the website, but repeatedly received "run time" errors from your server. So I'm submitting my comments on my two neighborhood parks, Grandview and Golden Gate Heights Parks, the old fashioned way.

Please know that I'm a supporter of the Recreation & Parks Department—I'm a member of the Parks Trust—and understand that this planning initiative represents an extraordinarily difficult balancing act for the Department. I hope that Department Staff and the Parks Commission remember that there is nothing wrong in trying to seek compromise among the different constituents (including dog owners, families, environmentalists) who care deeply about park policy. I hope to see the Department taking the lead on facilitating a give-and-take among all of these groups to craft an approach that represents a workable compromise.

I want to highlight one aspect of the management of the natural areas that I felt was not sufficiently addressed in the draft report: public safety. Tragically, natural areas in the City are often used by people who are looking for a quiet, dark place to drink, take drugs, or worse. The remnants of their activities—broken glass shards strewn on park trails, used paraphernalia, human solid waste—are left to conscientious park users to clean up. If possible, I'd like some discussion made on the possibility of stepping up nighttime patrols of the parks to decrease the incidence of unlawful activity at these sensitive areas. A

Please feel free to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Debby La

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Please provide comments in each relevant subject area BY PARK. Please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue. (5 = Exceeds Expectations and 1 = Does Not Meet Expectations). Please note this is not a survey. Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be as specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on any topic covered by the plan in any relevant manner.

Sites: Golden Gate Heights Park & Grandview Park

Restoration: 3
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below.
I want to commend the Rec & Park landscaping staff for maintaining the non-native portion of GG Hts. park--he is very conscientious and does a wonderful job! I have also noticed staff at the GG Hts. park native landscape garden working to clear invasive species, and commend them for that effort. Efforts at Grandview seem less visible.

Recreation and Trails: 3
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.
The trail network at GG Hts. park, as the report cites, is quite extensive for such a small park. At Grandview, I agree with the report that users should be routed into a single trail to address erosion.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife: 3
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.
I have seen squirrels, gophers, ravens, and a myriad of other birds. I wonder if more could be done to address the presence of gophers at the parks? The report does not really address the presence of gophers and other urban wildlife at the park and how they might impact native species.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife: 3
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain below
GG Hts park has many responsible members of the community who walk their dogs in the park. This community is very tight-knit and wonderful at self-policing other dog owners. I have seen people correcting owners who fail to remove dog solid waste or fail to curb dogs who dig. I want to encourage Rec & Parks to keep existing dog policies at these two parks.

Trees: 2
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

This section of the report was minimal, especially regarding GG Hts. Park. There are many old trees at this park; these trees should be "grandfathered" into any type of forestry plan to prevent their removal. Discussion should focus on removal of young trees only at this location. At Grandview, there is a prominent stand of eucalyptus that local residents are very fond of, but which probably should be removed because it is non-native. I J

Grasslands/Wildflowers: 3
Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.
The plan's emphasis on removing invasive plants and reintroducing natives is the right course. K

Landscaped Areas: 3
Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain below.
I agree that new, more prominent signage at the entrance to the native landscape garden at GG Hts. Park would raise awareness of this treasure. Updated signage at Grandview would also be helpful. L

Other Comments
Please address issues of public safety at both parks. The native garden at GG Hts. Park is regularly used by homeless people, who build encampments at the foot of the park, along the fences of neighboring properties. Unfortunately, these folks leave human waste and other debris throughout the area. In addition, people use Grandview and GG Hts. Parks after hours for binge drinking and other illegal activities. They break glass bottles and discard cans across the hillside. The other debris they leave is even worse. M N

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?
Sorry, I don't have any additional information.

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?
Both of these parks are local treasures that residents value highly. Any changes should be preceded by signs posted at park entrances (Rec & Park is really good about doing this already—thank you!) so that community members can be notified. I strongly recommend that Rec & Park dedicate some funds to SFPD so that nightly patrols can be sent to the parks to address public safety at the parks. O P

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent)

If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?
Recreational uses

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Enter your site(s) of interest below.
Grandview, Golden Gate Heights, Pine Lake Parks

Golden Gate Heights
Letter 2

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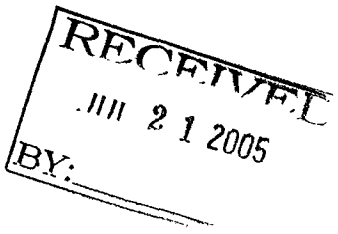

July 18, 2005

San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
Yomi Agunbiade, Acting General Manager
McLaren Lodge
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco, CA 94117

RE: Natural Areas Management Plan – GGHNA perspective

Dear Mr. Agunbiade:

The Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association would like to provide our perspective on the Natural Areas Management Plan (NAP). Our neighborhood is concerned with the hill erosion, sustainability and the planned expansion of the program. We appreciate that the comment period was extended to 7/21/05.

Our association is not against the NAP but have concerns on the impact of soil erosion in the projected park areas in our neighborhood. Folks in our neighborhood have spent years planting to stabilize the sand in the hills. We believe there is potential impact to homes when replacing hill stabilizing plants (eg trees and ice plants) with plants that do not stabilize the hills or leave them with intermittent sand. A

Many of our board members feel that the program to date does not appear to have achieved sustainable successes in some areas and we are interested in the success metrics that the program is utilizing and measuring. Many of the pilot sites in our neighborhood were not actively managed or maintained. We have concerns on whether there have been enough successes to justify a major expansion of the program. B

A collection of our GGHNA board members have attended the public comment forums. Though well attended by neighborhood constituents, we feel that the neighborhood concerns were not being addressed due to the limited time on the agenda and lack of direct answers from the facilitators.

We request that the NAP consider not going forward with any projects that could destabilize the soil near the homes in our neighborhood. C

Please feel free to contact me at 667-1833 (days).

Sincerely yours,

JEFFREY ENG
President
GGHNA

CC: Gloria Bonilla, Gavin Newson, Sean Elsbernd, Fiona Ma

Golden Gate Heights
Letter 3

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, 2005 Thursday

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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Homeowners, especially on 14th Avenue, worry about introducing plants and sandy soil that would increase erosion and slippage onto private property. A

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

In fragile areas (MA-2a, MA-1a) it would be most reasonable to have NO hiking/trail access and to have a modest chain-post barrier between park and private property, to discourage random trails B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Seems reasonable on the whole. C We had heard rumors of eliminating skunk, squirrel and racoon populations, which would be unacceptable D But how will altering plant species alter wildlife in the area? E

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

There should be NO dog play areas in the western portion of the park, as the ground is too unstable. Dogs should be allowed in the upper, developed area only. F

Trees 1 2 3 (4) 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain G

Removal is good. Planting more deep-rooted trees, shrubs and ground cover is even better! H

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 (2) 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

"Restoring" grasslands in an urban park where houses have been for over 50 years seems a misplaced goal. It is not acceptable that private property adjoining the park should be put at risk. I

Landscaped Areas (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

The plans for a steep, fragile hillside above private property do not seem appropriate as currently conceived. J

Other Comments

The park is not "open space" but an urban park. There needs to be some direct consideration of the property owners (and taxpayers!) living adjacent. Stability of the soil, fire prevention, and reduced public access are our concerns. K

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area? L

[No information, but hummingbirds in the area are great.] Has the Rec+Parks considered using goats to crop the hard to reach areas and thus reduce fire hazard? M

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see? N

[How often are the tennis courts used?] Would more play/picnic areas in the developed part of the park reduce use by dogs + hikers in more unstable areas? O

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~~Recreational uses~~ ~~Natural resource protection~~ ~~Natives~~ ~~/Wildlife~~

=> Consideration for RESIDENTS who live in the area! P

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? [illegible]

Golden Gate Heights
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Restoration 1 2 (3) 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION TO MAKE A STATEMENT
PLEASE REFER TO QUESTIONS & ANSWERS BELOW

Recreation and Trails 1 (2) 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

DO NOT HAVE THE LOCATION OF THE TRAILS.] A

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 (2) 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 (2) 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

- NO COMMENT FOR ALTERING DOG PLAY AREAS
- PROPOSED PRESCRIPTIONS FOR NONNATIVE ANIMALS: DISAGREE, ALL ANIMALS/BIRDS ARE NECESSARY TO HAVE A BALANCED & NATURAL ENVIRONMENT] B

Trees 1 2 (3) 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

WHAT TYPE OF TREES ARE TO BE REMOVED?] C
ICE PLANTS SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED BECAUSE THEY HOLD THE SAND & SOIL] D

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 (4) 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

MORE DETAILS ON ABOVE QUESTIONS SHOULD BE OFFERED.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

PROVIDE MORE RESTROOMS IN PARKS. AND ADEQUATE PARKING FACILITIES.] E

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Recreational uses (Natural resource protection) – Natives (Wildlife)

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Very Biased questioner in favor of NAP.

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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Ice plant - anchoring growth is needed to hold down the sand. A

Erosen control. (ALL People NEED to Stay off the Hillsides! B

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Keep off the Western Slopes of Golden Gate Heights; SAND moves onto Homes. THERE ARE Homes & Residents on the Hillsides that are in danger of the Hillside collapsing, C

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Wild Life will be destroyed, Birds, Squirrels, Insects, Butterflies all Live in this area & their Homes will be destroyed. D

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Dogs have been able to Run Wild - unleased & have created Health & Erosion problems, E

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

The NAP Volunteers have already been Illegally on our property - MAKING Pathways F

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

· Restoreing grasslands to Pre settlers Times IS CRAZY! We Live in a Urban Area! G

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

thats NAP NEEDS to keep of the hillside our Backyards. - Volunteers, Children are Bad for our areas. - people cause erosion! H

Other Comments

When will we have a public Hearing. I

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

ICE plant is a proven ANCHOR for Sand J
AND A FIRE BREAK.

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

· meadow should Be Restricted to Dogs - K
The childrens playground should not be fenced. L
· the grass area is unhealty - with dog shit. M
THIS WAS orginally a childrens family Park. N

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments? 30 YRS

Name/Affiliation(s) (*if any*): Homeowner backing the PARK!

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? ____ Site(s) of interest:

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the draft plan? Uneducated - people who dont own homes

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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT DE-STABILIZING THE ~~[illegible]~~ HILL BY PLANTING NATIVE PLANTS THAT DON'T HOLD THE SAND IN PLACE. THE PLAN DOES NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESS POTENTIAL PROPERTY DAMAGE TO HOMES & YARDS ADJACENT TO NATURAL AREA A

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

I ~~[illegible]~~ DO NOT SUPPORT CLOSING OF SOCIAL TRAILS. B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

NAP HAS ALREADY HAD MULTIPLE PLANTINGS IN GOLDEN GATE HEIGHTS, NONE OF WHICH HAVE SURVIVED. SUSTAINABILITY MUST BE PROVEN BEFORE MORE ACREAGE IS CONVERTED TO NAP. C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

I DO NOT SUPPORT THE REMOVAL OF EXISTING ANIMALS NOR DO I SUPPORT THE INTRODUCTION OF ENDANGERED/SENSITIVE SPECIES INTO A DENSELY POPULATED NEIGHBORHOOD SUCH AS THIS D

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

DO NOT REMOVE ANY EUCALYPTUS OR CYPRESS, EXCEPT IF DISEASED. E
ANY TREES REMOVED SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH TREES OF SIMILAR SIZE & STATURE. F

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

NATIVE PLANTS PRESENT A SIGNIFICANT FIRE RISK TO ADJACENT HOMES. THIS HAS NOT BEEN ADDRESSED IN MANAGEMENT PLAN G

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

NAP DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH STAFF TO MAINTAIN PLANTINGS ALREADY THERE. WHO WILL MAINTAIN ORNAMENTAL AREA ON RADIO ST? H

Other Comments

PLEASE DO NOT USE BRUSH PILES TO STOP SAND. THESE ARE VERY UGLY & LOOK LIKE PILES OF TRASH LEFT BY CAMPERS. I

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

NO

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

KEEP ALL THE TREES. THEY'RE A MUCH-NEEDED WINDBREAK FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD J

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

A [SAND DUNES NOT APPROPRIATE FOR URBAN AREA] PLANTINGS HAVE NOT BEEN MAINTAINED AND HAVE ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION BEEN VANDALIZED - POPULAR PARTY SPOT FOR LOCAL TEENS B

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

C DO NOT SUPPORT CLOSING ANY EXISTING TRAILS & EXPANDING DUNE AREA POTENTIAL FOR DRIFTING SAND ONTO ROADWAY, [SAND HAS ALREADY IMPACTED] WOODEN STEPS & TRAIL MARKERS BY COVERING THEM D

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

SPORADIC MAINTENANCE, AREA ONLY PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL NOT ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS E

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 3 QUESTIONS (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

F NO DPA HERE, DO NOT WANT RELOCATION OR TRAPPING OF CATS IF THERE ARE ANY - TOO CLOSE TO HOUSES COULD AFFECT PET CATS FERALS SHOULD BE FIXED & RELEASED BACK TO SAME AREA G

Trees WILD LIFE SHOULD NOT BE DISTURBED (1) 2 3 4 5 H

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain I

J [NO REMOVAL OF HEALTHY TREES] [PARK IS BEING OVERRUN WITH CAPE IVY] [NEED MAINTENANCE FOR EXISTING FOREST] K PLEASE PLANT MORE TREES NO TREES HAVE BEEN PLANTED AS THEY NEED TO BE IN AT LEAST 15 YEARS L

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 (2) 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

THERE HAS BEEN AT LEAST 3 PLANTINGS OF DUNE HABITAT WITH PARTIAL SUCCESS - NOT ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS FOR CONTINUOUS WEEDING M

Landscaped Areas 1 (2) 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

PROPOSED AREA NEAR RADIOWAY HAS POTENTIAL FOR BLOWING SAND + EROSION BECAUSE OF HILLY AREA N
NOT IN FAVOR OF FENCING O

Other Comments

WITHOUT SUPPORT OF NEIGHBORS NAP WILL HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME SUCCEEDING NEEDS A COMMITTED VOLUNTEER GROUP THIS AREA IS A PARTY SPO P

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

NO

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

TREES NEED TO BE PLANTED ASAP Q CAPE IVY REMOVAL R
REPAVING WALKWAY, WATER FOUNTAIN NEEDED, A NEW PICNIC TABLE, ADD A TABLE NEAR CHILDRENS PLAY AREA, TENNIS COURT RESURFACED S

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 3 4 (5) 6 7 8 9 10

If your ranking was ~~anything but~~ excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

(Recreational uses) Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

Name/Affiliation(s) *(if any)*: NANCY STAFFORD

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Site(s) of interest:

Golden Gate Heights
Letter 8

Subject: Fw: golden gate heights

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Nicholas Ukrainiec <nicholasu@mac.com> 07/25/2005 03:52 PM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: golden gate heights

(Embedded image moved to file: pic28069.gif) The Recreation and Park Department has extended for a second time the comment period for public input on the Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan. The new deadline for comments is July 28, 2005 at 5:00 pm.
This website has the comment form available for on-line response; however, some users have encountered difficulty submitting comments on line. The maximum length per comment box is approximately 3-4 pages. We encourage those having difficulty with the comment form to email comments to the Natural Areas Program. Should you have difficulty emailing responses, please print out this pdf and mail the completed form to:
Recreation & Parks Dept.
ATTN: NAP MAP
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco CA, 94117

Please provide comments in each relevant subject area BY PARK. Please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue. (5 = Exceeds Expectations and 1 = Does Not Meet Expectations). Please note this is not a survey. Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be as specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on any topic covered by the plan in any relevant manner.

Site: Golden Gate Heights

Restoration
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Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below. [Yes but limit access and thereby decrease erosion.] A

Recreation and Trails
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Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain. [No. Close the trail through the sand dune.] B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife
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Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below. [I think you should work here more. The wall flower is being engulfed by the oxalis.] C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife
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Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain below. [No. Prohibit dogs from access the sandy slopes.] D

Trees
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Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain below.
[No Thin the forest to decrease fog drip.] E

Grasslands/Wildflowers
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Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.

Landscaped Areas
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Other Comments

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Recreational uses
Natural resource protection
Natives/Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?
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Phone:
Email:nicholasu@mac.com
Address:

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Enter your site(s) of interest below.

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

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Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Jeff Eng - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Jeff Eng - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Golden Gate Heights

Restoration Score - 1
Restoration Comments - No. Need active management A

Recreation & Trails Score - 1
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score - 1
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 2
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score - 1
Trees Comments - I do not consider tree invasive species. B Tree and Ice Plants support the stability of our hills C

Grasslands Score - 1
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score - 1
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Assn.

P.O. Box 27608
San Francisco, CA 94127
Tel. 667-1833

The letter below is a duplicate
(see Golden Gate Heights-2)

July 18, 2005

San Francisco Recreation and Park Department Yomi Agunbiade, Acting General Manager McLaren Lodge
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco, CA 94117

RE: Natural Areas Management Plan – GGHNA perspective

Dear Mr. Agunbiade:

The Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association would like to provide our perspective on the Natural Areas Management Plan (NAP). Our neighborhood is concerned with the hill erosion, sustainability and the planned expansion of the program. We appreciate that the comment period was extended to 7/21/05.

Our association is not against the NAP but have concerns on the impact of soil erosion in the projected park areas in our neighborhood. Folks in our neighborhood have spent years planting to stabilize the sand in the hills. We believe there is potential impact to homes when replacing hill stabilizing plants (eg trees and ice plants) with plants that do not stabilize the hills or leave them with intermittent sand.

Many of our board members feel that the program to date does not appear to have achieved sustainable successes in some areas and we are interested in the success metrics that the program is utilizing and measuring. Many of the pilot sites in our neighborhood were not actively managed or maintained. We have concerns on whether there have been enough successes to justify a major expansion of the program.

A collection of our GGHNA board members have attended the public comment forums. Though well attended by neighborhood constituents, we feel that the neighborhood concerns were not being addressed due to the limited time on the agenda and lack of direct answers from the facilitators.

We request that the NAP consider not going forward with any projects that could destabilize the soil near the homes in our neighborhood.

Please feel free to contact me at 667-1833 (days).

Sincerely yours,

JEFFREY ENG
President

CC: Gloria Bonilla, Gavin Newson, Sean Elsbernd, Fiona Ma

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments - Money spent to stabilize Grand View Park Hill in our neighborhood.

Plan Score - 1
Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

Name - Jeff Eng
Phone - 415.667.1833
Email - jeff_eng@yahoo.com
Address - 930 lawton st. 94122

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 1

Golden Gate Heights
Letter 10

Christy Cameron
1911 16th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

July 28, 2005

NAPMAP
San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco, CA 94117

VIA FAX: (415) 661-1979
Attn: NAPMAP

Dear Ms. Wayne and NAP:

I am a San Francisco resident, homeowner and taxpayer. Please accept the following comments to the Natural Areas Program Management Areas Plan (NAPMAP).

Address the public's concerns.

I frequent several parks that have designated Natural Areas, including Stern Grove/Pine Lake Park, Golden Gate Heights Park, McLaren Park, and I occasionally visit Bernal Hill and Glen Canyon. I attended NAP Community workshops. I am very concerned that NAP failed to incorporate the public's concerns regarding this unpopular program. The public has made its concerns known to NAP and Ms. Wayne at numerous meetings, including the few community meetings that were held in response to the public outcry, San Francisco Board of Supervisors hearings, Board of Supervisors' committee meetings, and PROSAC meetings. Ms. Wayne and NAP are fully aware of the public's concerns and wishes. My comments apply to all the Natural Areas in the San Francisco parks.

Tax dollars should be used first for park maintenance and recreation programs.

The cost of this unpopular program is unsupportable when compared to the unmet needs of San Francisco residents. I have found NAP to be evasive when questioned about the cost. Nevertheless, NAP has been unable to totally obscure the cost to the public. I understand that the budget for 2005-2006 is close to one million dollars. Ms. Wayne and the Volunteer Coordinator are each paid $93,000 plus benefits. Eight gardeners have been assigned to NAP. In addition to this enormous amount, acquisitions and habitat restoration work can use the Capital Projects program. I understand $3.4 million was spent on Parcel 4. I also understand that the part of NAP within the Capital Project has authorization to hire 16 gardeners.

San Francisco residents expect that their tax dollars will be used to maintain recreation areas in our parks and fund recreation programs for children and seniors. As any visit to any of our parks will clearly reveal, we need more gardeners to maintain our parks. The enormous funds that NAP is taking from our park maintenance and recreation programs needs to be severely reduced and curtailed.

Do not introduce new species into our parks.

I am particularly concerned that NAP can introduce "sensitive species" even if there is no record that they ever existed at the site. In addition, "sensitive species" should only be defined by Federal and State statues on endangered species, not by private groups such as the California Native Plant Society, the Audubon Society and the Sierra Club. These groups have their own agendas that are not necessarily the same as the interests of the residents of San Francisco who pay the taxes and use the parks. The introduction of such "sensitive species" will undoubtedly curtail recreational access. I had understood that NAP was designed to save native "remnants", not create new areas by planting new species and taking over areas that are merely "naturalistic". I strongly object to the introduction of either Lessingia or Gumplant in any Natural Area..

Do not remove non-native wildlife and plants.

The diversity of plant and wildlife is San Francisco is greater now than when Europeans arrived. The diversity of trees and plants have created a habitat for birds and butterflies that have migrated here. Migration of plants, birds, and animals is the history of the planet. Migrations and change doesn't stop at one isolated moment, the day Europeans arrived. San Franciscans love the diversity here and they love the trees. They do not want the tress taken out, even if they are non-native.

Do not cut off public access in the Natural Areas, including MA1 and MA2 areas.

I, and other members of the public, have repeatedly (at public hearings and in written comments) pointed out that San Francisco is an urban area of very high density. The few parks and open space areas that we have need to be available to the public for recreation. **The first priority of the San Francisco Department of Parks and Recreation is, and must remain, parks and recreation for the public.** I strongly object to the restriction of public access (and fencing) around Pine Lake and in parts of McLaren Park.

I also strongly object to the removal of the social trails in Golden Gate Heights Park. I, and many other residents, enjoy trail walking in this area. The portion of Golden Gate Heights Park designated a Natural Area is not a remnant, it is "naturalistic" and not appropriate for the a Natural Areas designation. The proposed trail does not compensate for the lack of open space access. True open space access means a place to walk and play and wander. Restricting the public to a few (NAP acceptable) trails takes needed open space away from the public's use. A

Do not limit off-leash dog walking recreation in existing DPA and de facto areas.

Off-leash dog walking recreation and native remnants have co-existed for decades. San Franciscan families love their dogs and off-leash dog walking is a beloved San Franciscan tradition The NAP proposed changes to existing off-leash areas is highly controversial among residents. Adopting NAPMAP in its current form will not end this controversy.

I strongly, object to the to following provisions of NAPMAP with respect to off-leash dog walking:

- Bernal Hill DPA reduction from 21 acres to 13 acres
- McLaren Park DPA reduction from 60 acres to 51 acres
- Pine Lake no access zone
- restrictions on de facto off-leash dog walking areas in Glen Canyon
- restrictions on de facto off-leash dog walking trails area of Golden Gate Heights Park] B

Do not adopt General Recommendation GR-7 (removal of cats).

The SPCA Feral Fix Program has been successful in reducing the number of feral cats. If NAP traps cats it may well include roaming pets of San Francisco families. In addition, and cats that are trapped are unlikely to be adopted and thus will be killed.

The City of Ventura trapped and eliminated feral cats at Ventura Beach and discovered that it had created an enormous problem with respect to rats. The feral cats had kept the rat population in check and when the cats were trapped and killed the rat population exploded. NAP may be unaware that San Francisco already has a rat issues in many neighborhoods. Should the number of feral cats be significantly reduced it is likely that the rat population in San Francisco will greatly increase.

Thank you for considering my comments to NAPMAP.

Sincerely,

Christy Cameron

Christy Cameron

cc: Mr. Yomi Agunbiade, Acting General Manager
Ms. Margaret Mc Arthur, Park and Recreation Committee Liaison

Table 3.7-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Rock Outcrop.

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Rock Outcrop	1A	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-1
Rock Outcrop	1B	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Rock Outcrop	1C	Anonymous	Wildlife	Reference	See MR-3
Rock Outcrop	1D	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Rock Outcrop	1E	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-4
Rock Outcrop	1F	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Rock Outcrop	1G	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Rock Outcrop	4A	Cassorla, L. and Balea, M.	Trails	Content	See MR-6
Rock Outcrop	4B	Cassorla, L. and Balea, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Rock Outcrop	4C	Cassorla, L. and Balea, M.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-7
Rock Outcrop	4D	Cassorla, L. and Balea, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Rock Outcrop	4E	Cassorla, L. and Balea, M.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-6
Rock Outcrop	4F	Cassorla, L. and Balea, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Rock Outcrop	4G	Cassorla, L. and Balea, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Rock Outcrop	4H	Cassorla, L. and Balea, M.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-6
Rock Outcrop	4I	Cassorla, L. and Balea, M.	Trails	Content	See MR-6
Rock Outcrop	4J	Cassorla, L. and Balea, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Rock Outcrop	3A	Stafford, N.	Erosion	Content	See MR-6 and GR-12. GR-12 (Sec. 5) has been revised to reflect input from scientific reviewers regarding erosion
Rock Outcrop	3B	Stafford, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Rock Outcrop	3C	Stafford, N.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Rock Outcrop	3D	Stafford, N.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
Rock Outcrop	3E	Stafford, N.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-8
Rock Outcrop	3F	Stafford, N.	Plants	Content	See MR-4
Rock Outcrop	3G	Stafford, N.	Erosion	Content	See MR-6 and GR-12. GR-12 has been revised to reflect input from scientific reviewers regarding erosion
Rock Outcrop	3H	Stafford, N.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
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Rock Outcrop	2E	Stephens, S.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-2
Rock Outcrop	2F	Stephens, S.	Trees	Project Merit	See MR-11
Rock Outcrop	2G	Stephens, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Rock Outcrop	2H	Stephens, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6 and GR-4d regarding brushpiles. Brushpiles will not be visible to park users
Rock Outcrop	2I	Stephens, S.	Erosion	Content	See MR-6 and GR-12. GR-12 has been revised to reflect input from scientific reviewers regarding erosion
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Rock Outcrop
Letter 1

City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park
501 Stanyan Street, San Francisco, CA 94117
TEL: 415.831.2700 FAX: 415.831.2096 WEB

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Site: ~~15th Avenue Steps~~ Grandviews / Rock Outcrop

Restoration

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Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain b

Almost no effort put here - allowed to erode away - dogs have reduced to bare dirt A

Recreation and Trails

1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

too much dogs on only trail to top - ruined the top soil to bare dirt - tree trunks exposed B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.

What wildlife! C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

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Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. nor expected? Please explain below

NO DOGS for 50 years until recops. D

Trees

1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal address or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

What trees! Few at top G.V. ready to fall.

Grasslands/Wildflowers

○ 1 ✕ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.

Scrub on Outcrop descent E

Landscaped Areas

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Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not

Other Comments

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Erosion to top has to stop- close trails! F

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○ Recreational uses ✕ Natural resource protection ○ Natives/Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Submit

Mayor Gavin Newsom
Acting General Manager Yomi Agunbiade

the natural areas must be kept as "Urban Wild" as possible + controlled like the Fed. lands (Yosimite) = dogs in very tightly controlled areas + not allowed within them — otherwise youre wasting all our time

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Rock Outcrop
Letter 2

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form

Natural Area Site Name: ROCK OUTCROP Park: ROCK OUTCROP (14TH AVE + ORTEGA

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

I'm VERY DISAPPOINTED IN PLANS TO REMOVE ICE PLANTS + OTHER PLANTS PLANTED TO STABILIZE THE SAND. REMOVING NON-NATIVE, HILL-STABILIZING PLANTS MAY THREATEN HOMES ADJACENT TO NAP AREA, + ALSO INCREASE FIRE DANGER TO NEIGHBORING HOMES (ICE PLANT IS WATER-FILLED), AND INCREASE CHANCE OF PROPERTY DAMAGE FROM DRIFTING SAND INTO STREET + NEIGHBORING YARDS. A

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

ACCESS BY ROCK CLIMBERS - ALTHOUGH NOT COMMON - SHOULD BE PRESERVED. B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

EMPHASIS ON NATIVE PLANTS WHICH DO NOT STABILIZE SAND HILL (IF THEY DID, NEIGHBORS WOULD NOT HAVE HAD TO SPEND YEARS WORKING TO STABILIZE HILL BY PLANTING NON-NATIVE PLANTS, IS EXTREMELY MISPLACED. IS THE CITY PREPARED TO PAY FOR POTENTIAL PROPERTY DAMAGE TO HOMES ADJACENT TO NATURAL AREA CAUSED BY SOIL EROSION OR GRASS FIRE THAT SPREAD UP HILL AFTER ICEPLANT + OTHER STABILIZING PLANTS ARE REMOVED? C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain. D

NO DPA. DON'T REMOVE EXISTING OR INTRODUCE NEW WILDLIFE HERE. E

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

NO PLANS TO REMOVE TREES HERE. I DO NOT SUPPORT REMOVING ANY TREES IN NATURAL AREAS F

Grasslands/Wildflowers (1) 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

PLAN CALLS FOR INTERMITTENT SAND - THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE IN A DENSELY POPULATED NEIGHBORHOOD. G

Landscaped Areas (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

PLEASE NO BRUSH PILES, ETC TO STOP SAND. THESE ARE UGLY & LOOK LIKE TRASH AND COULD LOWER PROPERTY VALUES FOR HOMES ACROSS STREETS BECAUSE THEY LOOK LIKE DISCARDED TRASH H

Other Comments

PLAN DOES NOT ADDRESS POTENTIAL HARMFUL EFFECTS OF REMOVING STABILIZING ~~[redacted]~~ NON-NATIVE PLANTS ON HOMES ~~[redacted]~~ ADJACENT TO NATURAL AREA. SAND EROSION & INCREASED FIRE DANGER ARE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS IN THIS DENSELY POPULATED NEIGHBORHOOD. I

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

NO

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(Recreational uses) Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

POTENTIAL DAMAGE FROM SAND EROSION AND FIRE DANGER TO NEIGHBORING HOMES NOT ADDRESSED J

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5

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THIS AREA PARTICULARLY SUSCEPTABLE TO EROSION
SAND COMES DOWN TO ROADWAY
REMOVING ICEPLANT COULD CAUSE EROSION] A

Recreation and Trails 1 (2) 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

SHOULD STAY THE WAY IT IS NO ADDING
OR SUBTRACTING] B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

REMOVING ICEPLANT+OTHER PLANTS COULD
EFFECT EXISTING SPECIES] C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 3 QUESTIONS (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

NO DPA, NO TRAPPING CATS BECAUSE OF PET CATS] D
NO INTRO OF NEW SPECIES OF ANY TYPE] E
OF ANIMALS

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

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~~NO TREES~~ NOT MANY TREES IN THIS AREA BUT
SCRUB BUSHES HELPS WITH EROSION CONTROL] F

Grasslands/Wildflowers (1) 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

BAD IDEA TO REMOVE ICEPLANT BECAUSE OF EROSION ~~ICEPLANT~~ G

Landscaped Areas (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

NOTHING PLANNED FOR THIS AREA H

Other Comments

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NO

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" SEE ATTACHED LETTER " - SPACE FAX

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July 14, 2005

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RE: Rock Outcrop in Golden Gate Heights

We are residents on 14th avenue, across from the Rock Outcrop for the past 19 years. We have reviewed the "Site-Specific Conditions and Recommendations" recently published on-line and attended the meeting in Stern Grove regarding the proposals for these areas and others on June 28 of this year.

We have elected to write this letter, as our concerns do not fall into the categories listed in your Public Comments form. Specifically we wish to express concern for the Rock Outcrop area as follows:

- The areas that primarily have vegetation (not the rocks) are very unstable, and characterized by constant shifting of sand into the roadway of 14th Avenue
  - 14th avenue is narrow, and already inadequate for cars to cross one another, and is further troubled by 1-2 feet of sand and over reaching branches in some areas
  - When contacted to maintain the roadway clear of vegetation and sand, the appropriate departments of the San Francisco public works have repeatedly told us that they WILL NOT do so, as it recurs too often.
    - Therefore we are strongly opposed to any efforts to replace current vegetation that involves denuding sand and waiting for spread unless the hill is to be further stabilized at the bottom first
    - **Therefore we are opposed to any plan that does not include a provision for maintaining a clear and safe roadway FIRST.**
- Having planted (and replanted) a large private section (45' x 100') of the hill behind 1801 14th avenue along Mount Lane, it is evident that this area is extremely unfavorable for plants in that it is sandy, foggy, windy, and steep.
  - Most plants, including natives that are suited to sand and wind, die despite irrigation, weeding, and care.
  - What has been done to study the (lack of) success with previous plantings in Grandview Park?
  - **We therefore suggest that the proposal to denude areas and "restore" the Rock Outcrop by planting patches in hope that they will spread is unrealistic.** This is likely to be true in Grandview Park as well.

A B C D E

  - We suggest that any plan you undertake provide for complete coverage of any areas that are denuded of current plants and prefer that no restoration be undertaken that involves leaving nude areas of sand that is likely to shift rapidly with wind, slope, and the limited, but nonetheless inevitable traffic by some adults, children, dogs and other animals. F
- We also wish to point out that there is a recent dramatic expansion of poison oak in this area to an extent not seen over the previous 19 years, especially this season. For the first time, we have not been able to help clear invasive vines from the hillside near the rock outcrop due to this hazard. G
  - We therefore suggest that an aggressive approach to this invasive species be undertaken for the safety of residents and visitors, including children.

In summary, while your goals of restoring the area with plants that resemble the original flora are desirable and attractive, we are extremely doubtful that the approach that you suggest will prove successful and suspect that in some areas more harm than good may be done. H This is particularly true of the plant-covered areas in the 14th and Ortega Rock Outcrop area where a steep slope stands above a narrow roadway that is already treacherous and poorly maintained by the City. I We suggest that the safety of motorists, pedestrians, and people who walk in the Rock Outcrop and Grandview Park should take priority over plant-specific goals, and request that any plan for the future include specific plans to avoid shifting sand, promote traffic safety, and control or eliminate poison oak. J

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide feedback to your ideas, and for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Lydia Cassorla

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Hawk Hill	3A	Brooks, B. and C.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Hawk Hill	3B	Brooks, B. and C.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Hawk Hill	3C	Brooks, B. and C.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Hawk Hill	3D	Brooks, B. and C.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Hawk Hill	3E	Brooks, B. and C.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Hawk Hill	3F	Brooks, B. and C.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Hawk Hill	1A	Mar, D.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Hawk Hill	1B	Mar, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Hawk Hill	1C	Mar, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Hawk Hill	1D	Mar, D.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Hawk Hill	1E	Mar, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-7
Hawk Hill	1F	Mar, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Hawk Hill	1G	Mar, D.	Trails	Content	See GR-13 in Section 5
Hawk Hill	1H	Mar, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Hawk Hill	1I	Mar, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Hawk Hill	2A	Oversmith, B.	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Hawk Hill	2B	Oversmith, B.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Hawk Hill	2C	Oversmith, B.	Erosion	Content	See MR-6 and GR-12. GR-12 has been revised to reflect input from scientific reviewers regarding erosion
Hawk Hill	2D	Oversmith, B.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Hawk Hill	2E	Oversmith, B.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Hawk Hill	2F	Oversmith, B.	Trails	Content	See MR-6
Hawk Hill	2G	Oversmith, B.	Erosion	Content	See MR-6 and GR-12. GR-12 has been revised to reflect input from scientific reviewers regarding erosion
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Hawk Hill	2I	Oversmith, B.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
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Hawk Hill	5G	Stafford, N.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Hawk Hill	5H	Stafford, N.	Safety	Content	See MR-6 and GR-12. GR-12 has been revised to reflect input from scientific reviewers regarding erosion. See GR-13 regarding fire safety
Hawk Hill	5I	Stafford, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Hawk Hill	5J	Stafford, N.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Hawk Hill	4A	Stephens, S.	Plants	Content	See Sec. 4 Natural Areas Program Control Methods and Herbicide Usage, for usage chart of products from 2004
Hawk Hill	4B	Stephens, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
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Hawk Hill	4F	Stephens, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Hawk Hill	4G	Stephens, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6 and GR-4d regarding brushpiles. Brushpiles will not be visible to park users
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Hawk Hill	4I	Stephens, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7

Hawk Hill
Letter 1

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Restoration 1 2 (3) 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Restoration should be limited to only enchance wildlife and plant habitat, not public park where foot traffic would only destroy the delicate wildlife there A

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Proposed trails would only destroy the character of wildlife there and further create erosion problems in a already delicate landslide area. B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Proposed trails would create havoc to the bird life and hawks that live in this natural area C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5

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Trees 1 2 (3) 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Trees should be protected and carefully monitored for diseases. High winds here can be dangerous here and can easily bring [illegible] D

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 (4) 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Highly trafficked areas will destroy this natural landscaping and natural habitat as well as the wildlife. We've have to be careful about this high risk landslide area. E F

Other Comments

Highly trafficked areas and proposed trails are associated with graffiti, littering of garbage and fires. We've had several fires due to fireworks and bon-fires, as well as robberies and break-ins of homes near here. G

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

There is soil and sand erosion problem here that can cause landslides. More foot traffic ~~was~~ would make it worse! H

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

Maintain this area only as a natural habitat. Proposed trails will ruin the natural beauty of this area. We've had ~~to~~ much accidental fires in this hillside ~~so~~ due to careless ~~the~~ people already. I

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May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Address: 9TH Ave. I live near here.

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Restoration 1 2 3 (4) 5

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Recreation and Trails 1 2 (3) 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

I am a little worried about the sand-trough slide below the easement near 1295 12th Ave. The sand is sliding due to increased people + dog traffic — above the end of Funston. I don't think there should be any access for people or dogs there. A

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5

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Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5

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concerns about dogs scaring the remaining quail away B

Trees 1 2 3 (4) 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

I'm worried about non-natives being removed before C
new plants are established — due to sand slippage & D
erosion — also opening areas for foot traffic That all
we have tried to [illegible]

93 we all fought to save Hawk Hill, a man from the Academy of Sciences spoke with us. He told us that there is an earthquake fault running down from Quintara South between 12th Ave & Funston. It passed thru the sand trough slippage area I mention. It's vital that we eliminate more sand slippage there. E

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 (5)

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

The entrance to Hawk Hill near Funston needs to be planned carefully to keep people off the the slipping sand "trough". F
Maybe the worst area should be fenced for protection.

Other Comments

I'm really worried about the sand "trough" slide area which starts in my yard & heads toward Funston. Please help me avoid loss of my yard by not removing non-natives until new plants are well-rooted. (I planted 7 yrs ago to hold the sand). I'll help G

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

I had quail in my yard last summer. Please save them! The dogs that run loose on the hill chase them. H

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

To the South of 1295 12th Ave is an easement which the school planned to put stairs thru to Funston. This was never done since 1949. The current passage is open to heavy foot traffic now (people & dogs). The sand is slipping. It's part of your proposed (North end) trail. Maybe this should be eliminated due to erosion. Maybe it should be fenced off or staircased. I

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May we contact you regarding your comments? Yes

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Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

No

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Any proposed trails will further erosion and protection of wildlife. A

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

No

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

No, this area should not be a "Dog Play Area". The additional traffic adds to the existing erosion problems, there have been quail spottings on the hill - Dogs + quail don't mix. B

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

N/A

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

NO! Non-native plants (ice plant) have been introduced and natural flora have diminished. C

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

N/A

Other Comments

* People passing through the easement here MUST cross through private property to get to the hill. D

continue

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

As the name "Hawk Hill" implies we have a population of 1 or 2 kinds of hawks. Also present are mocking birds and sparrows, jays, robins, swallows, occasionally a family of band-tailed pigeons and many other kinds of birds. ALSO a beautiful specimen of lizard. E

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

MANY BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES.

* The access between 2195 12th and 2200 12th should NOT be a public access to the hill between our houses. Kids come thru and sit on the hill behind the house smoking pot. D (cont'd)

The hill isn't safe its very fragile!

Neighbor: Spencer Kern, insists on telling kids it's ok to walk thru his property to walk dogs.

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OVERUSE OF HERBICIDES AT HAWK HILL IS VERY DISTURBING.] A

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

I DO NOT SUPPORT CLOSURE OF SOCIAL TRAILS.] B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

REMOVAL OF WATER-FILLED ICE PLANT ~~[illegible]~~ CREATES POTENTIAL FIRE DANGER TO] C
ADJACENT HOMES. DRIFTING SAND CAN CAUSE PROPERTY DAMAGE TO ADJACENT HOMES.] D

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

DO NOT REMOVE EXISTING WILDLIFE OR INTRODUCE NEW WILDLIFE.] E

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

DON'T REMOVE ANY TREES.] F

Grasslands/Wildflowers (1) 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

DO NOT USE BRUSH PILES TO STOP DRIFTING SANDS. THEY LOOK LIKE DISCARDED TRASH. DO NOT ~~[redacted]~~ USE FENCES TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF THIS AREA. G H

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

NO

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

NO FENCES I

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If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

(Recreational uses) Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

FIRE DANGER & PROPERTY DAMAGE FROM DRIFTING SAND

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Hawk Hill
Letter 5

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, 2005 Thursday

Natural Area Site Name: HAWK HILL Park: HAWK HILL

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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

THE STEEPNESS OF THIS HILL SUSCEPTIBLE TO EROSION DUNE HABITAT NOT COMPATIBLE WITH URBAN AREA — A

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

TRAILS SHOULD STAY THE SAME AREA IS NOT USED MUCH EXCEPT FOR IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS & SCHOOL CHILDREN — B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

NOT IN FAVOR OF REMOVING OR INTRODUCING OTHER ANY SPECIES — C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 3 QUESTIONS (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

NO DPA HERE, NO TRAPPING OF PET CATS OR FERALS UNLESS — D
IT WAS FIX & RELEASE BACK TO ORIGINAL AREA NO REMOVAL
OF EXISTING WILDLIFE OR INTRODUCTION OF NEW WILDLIFE — E

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain — F

ONLY DISEASED TREES SHOULD BE REMOVED, PLANTING — G
OF ADDITIONAL TREES NEEDS TO BE DONE

Grasslands/Wildflowers (1) 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

THIS AREA PRONE TO EROSION, ICEPLANT HERE CAN ACT AS FIRE RETARDENT ~~AS~~ AS WELL AS SOIL CONTROL AREA IS USED BY SCHOOLKIDS - H I

Landscaped Areas (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

AS LONG AS THERE IS MONEY & MANPOWER TO MAINTAIN ANY LANDSCAPING J

Other Comments

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NO

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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Table 3.9-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Brooks Park.

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Brooks Park	1A	Kushner, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Brooks Park	1B	Kushner, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Brooks Park	1C	Kushner, P.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Brooks Park	1D	Kushner, P.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Brooks Park	1E	Kushner, P.	Trees	Content	See MR-6
Brooks Park	1F	Kushner, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Brooks Park	1G	Kushner, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Brooks Park	1H	Kushner, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Brooks Park	1I	Kushner, P.	Trails	Content	See GR-14 in Section 5
Brooks Park	1J	Kushner, P.	Trails	Content	See GR-14
Brooks Park	1K	Kushner, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Brooks Park	1L	Kushner, P.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Brooks Park	2A	Weaver, D.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Brooks Park	3A	Vaernet, P.	Trees	Project Merit	See MR-11

Brooks Park
Letter 1

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form

Natural Area Site Name: Brooks Park / Ashton Park Mini Park

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Restoration 1 2 (3) 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Please add wild flowers when you can to grassy slopes, especially slopes on Shields, to the North to provide visual amenity for neighbors A

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 (5)

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Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 (5) G

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Other Comments

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~~[illegible]~~

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

Signage]J

Signature planting]K

Stairs or entry on Vernon - (Lakeview) no dogs and leash enforcement (Brooks)]L

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Brooks Park
Letter 2

Subject: Fw: I SUPPORT THE NATURAL AREASPROGRAM.

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Brooks Park
Letter 3

From: Peter Vaernet/DPH/SFGOV
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cc: Christopher Campbell/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV, Randy Zebell/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV, Tom Annese/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV, Amber Evans/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV
Date: Friday, July 08, 2005 04:11PM
Subject: Agree with NAP plan for Brooks

Hello Lisa:

Thank you for the good presentation on the NAP plan at the Trocadero.

I agree with the plan to remove the three trees. If I had been on the ball, I would have chopped them out when they were much smaller....] A

Please consider this my official comment to the NAP plan.

peter v

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Lakeview/Ashton Mini Park	2G	Kushner, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Lakeview/Ashton Mini Park	2H	Kushner, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Lakeview/Ashton Mini Park	2I	Kushner, P.	Trails	Content	See Issue GR-14, in Section 5
Lakeview/Ashton Mini Park	2J	Kushner, P.	Trails	Content	See Issue GR-14
Lakeview/Ashton Mini Park	2K	Kushner, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Lakeview/Ashton Mini Park	2L	Kushner, P.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Lakeview/Ashton Mini Park	2M	Kushner, P.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Lakeview/Ashton Mini Park	1A	Weaver, D.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11

Lakeview/Ashton Mini Park
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Lakeview/Ashton Mini Park
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Signage]J

signature planting]K

stairs or entry on Vernon -]L

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Pine Lake	37B	Almond, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	37C	Almond, J.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Pine Lake	37D	Almond, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	37E	Almond, J.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Pine Lake	37F	Almond, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7; southern trail will not be paved, and northern trail is already accessible.
Pine Lake	1A	Anonymous	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Pine Lake	1B	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	14A	Anonymous	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	14B	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See Issue PL-7 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	14C	Anonymous	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-3, see also Issue PL-4
Pine Lake	14D	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Pine Lake	14E	Anonymous	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Pine Lake	14F	Anonymous	Trees	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1
Pine Lake	14G	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	14H	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	14I	Anonymous	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	14J	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See Issue PL-7
Pine Lake	14K	Anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	14L	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	14M	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	14N	Anonymous	creeks	Content	See issue PL-1
Pine Lake	15A	Anonymous	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	16A	Anonymous	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	16B	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See Issue PL-7
Pine Lake	16C	Anonymous	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-3
Pine Lake	16D	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See Issue PL-7
Pine Lake	16E	Anonymous	Trees	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1
Pine Lake	16F	Anonymous	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Pine Lake	17A	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	17B	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	17C	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	17D	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	17E	Anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	17F	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	17G	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	17H	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	21A	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	21B	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	21C	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	21D	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	21E	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	21F	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	34A	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See Issue PL-1
Pine Lake	35A	Anonymous	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	35B	Anonymous	Wildlife	Editorial	See Table 6.7-2 and MR-3
Pine Lake	41A	Anonymous	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	41B	Anonymous	Trails	Content	The Recreational Center and fields are outside the Natural Area and therefore outside the scope of this management plan.
Pine Lake	61A	Anonymous	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Pine Lake	61B	Anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	61C	Anonymous	Wildlife	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	61D	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	64A	Anonymous	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Pine Lake	64B	Anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	66A	Anonymous	Trails	Editorial	The text box that was missing from Figure 6.7-5 was updated on the web in June. The Final Draft Plan also has been updated.
Pine Lake	29A	Bord, T.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-6

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Pine Lake	29C	Bord, T.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	29D	Bord, T.	Dogs-Off-leash	Project Merits	See MR-2
Pine Lake	29E	Bord, T.	Trees	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1
Pine Lake	29F	Bord, T.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-6
Pine Lake	29G	Bord, T.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
Pine Lake	29H	Bord, T.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	29I	Bord, T.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	8A	Bose, R.	Dogs-Off-leash	Project Merits	See Issue PL-7
Pine Lake	20A	Cabado, I.	Plants	Content	When the Natural Areas Plan, in Recommendation PL-1b, refers to "showy shrubs & trees at trail junctions", it does mean native plants
Pine Lake	20B	Cabado, I.	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	18A	Caldwell, V. & K.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	18B	Caldwell, V. & K.	Sensitive Species	Content	See Issue PL-4 and Issue PL-7
Pine Lake	18C	Caldwell, V. & K.	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Pine Lake	18D	Caldwell, V. & K.	Trees	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1
Pine Lake	18E	Caldwell, V. & K.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Pine Lake	51A	Cameron, C.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-7
Pine Lake	51B	Cameron, C.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-7
Pine Lake	44A	Clee, E.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-10
Pine Lake	44B	Clee, E.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Pine Lake	44C	Clee, E.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	44D	Clee, E.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Pine Lake	44E	Clee, E.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	44F	Clee, E.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Pine Lake	44G	Clee, E.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Pine Lake	44H	Clee, E.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Pine Lake	23A	Conley, K.	Sensitive Species	Content	See Issue PL-7
Pine Lake	23B	Conley, K.	Sensitive Species	Content	See Issue PL-4

Table 3.11-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Pine Lake.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Pine Lake	23C	Conley, K.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Pine Lake	23D	Conley, K.	Trees	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1
Pine Lake	23E	Conley, K.	Trees	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1
Pine Lake	23F	Conley, K.	Trails	Content	See Issue PL-4 and Issue PL-7
Pine Lake	39A	Daley, R.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Pine Lake	39B	Daley, R.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	39C	Daley, R.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	39D	Daley, R.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	39E	Daley, R.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Pine Lake	39F	Daley, R.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Pine Lake	39G	Daley, R.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	3A	Dwyer, D.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Pine Lake	63A	Eby, V.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Pine Lake	63B	Eby, V.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Pine Lake	33A	Ferguson, D.	Wildlife	Content	Re-introduction of wildlife is economically unfeasible. The Natural Areas Plan instead focuses on restoring habitat, assuming that wildlife will come back to these areas.
Pine Lake	33B	Ferguson, D.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	33C	Ferguson, D.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	33D	Ferguson, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	33E	Ferguson, D.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	33F	Ferguson, D.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3 and MR-8
Pine Lake	33G	Ferguson, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	45A	Guerra, J.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	45B	Guerra, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	45C	Guerra, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	45D	Guerra, J.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Pine Lake	45E	Guerra, J.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Pine Lake	45F	Guerra, J.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-8

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Pine Lake	45G	Guerra, J.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-5
Pine Lake	12A	Hall, R.	Sensitive Species	Content	See PL-4 in Sec. 6.7 Reptiles/Amphibians
Pine Lake	12B	Hall, R.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Pine Lake	12C	Hall, R.	Trees	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	12D	Hall, R.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Pine Lake	72A	Hu, K	Sensitive Species	Content	Status of Western Pond Turtle at Pine Lake described in Sec. 6.7 Sensitive Reptile/Amphibian Species. The recommendation PL-4 has been modified to relocate WPT if necessary.
Pine Lake	72B	Hu, K	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	72C	Hu, K	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Pine Lake	2A	Kefauver, L.	Wildlife	Content	See Issue PL-4 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	2B	Kefauver, L.	Wildlife	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1 Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	2C	Kefauver, L.	Trees	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	2D	Kefauver, L.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	2E	Kefauver, L.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Pine Lake	28A	Kimvan, G	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	see Issue PL-7 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	54A	Kind, J.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Pine Lake	54B	Kind, J.	Trails	Reference	See MR-11
Pine Lake	54C	Kind, J.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Pine Lake	36A	Knight, G.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
Pine Lake	36B	Knight, G.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-7
Pine Lake	36C	Knight, G.	Trails	Content	See MR-3
Pine Lake	36D	Knight, G.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
Pine Lake	36E	Knight, G.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	36F	Knight, G.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Pine Lake	36G	Knight, G.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	36H	Knight, G.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Pine Lake	36I	Knight, G.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	36J	Knight, G.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	26A	Knox, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	26B	Knox, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	26C	Knox, J.	Wildlife	Content	see table 6.7-2, see also MR-3
Pine Lake	26D	Knox, J.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	26E	Knox, J.	Plants	Content	see issue PL-1 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	62A	Langer, K.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Pine Lake	62B	Langer, K.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Pine Lake	62C	Langer, K.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-8
Pine Lake	62D	Langer, K.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	62E	Langer, K.	Dogs-Off-leash	Reference	See MR-2
Pine Lake	62F	Langer, K.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	62G	Langer, K.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	62H	Langer, K.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	62I	Langer, K.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-8
Pine Lake	62J	Langer, K.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Pine Lake	62K	Langer, K.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Pine Lake	62L	Langer, K.	Project Merits	Reference	See MR-11
Pine Lake	25A	Lucini, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	25B	Lucini, J.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-7
Pine Lake	25C	Lucini, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	25D	Lucini, J.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
Pine Lake	25E	Lucini, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Pine Lake	25F	Lucini, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	25G	Lucini, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	25H	Lucini, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	25I	Lucini, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	25J	Lucini, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	47A	McAllister, M.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	47B	McAllister, M.	Trails	Content	See MR-7

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Pine Lake	47C	McAllister, M.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	47D	McAllister, M.	Sensitive Species	Editorial	See MR-8
Pine Lake	47E	McAllister, M.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	47F	McAllister, M.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	47G	McAllister, M.	Wildlife	Content	Issue PL-4 has been revised to recommend the relocation of the western pond turtle to Lake Merced.
Pine Lake	47H	McAllister, M.	Trees	Content	As stated in the comment no additional trees will be removed from Pine Lake as part of this Plan. Issue PL-4 has been revised to recommend relocating the western pond turtle to Lake Merced.
Pine Lake	47I	McAllister, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	47J	McAllister, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	47K	McAllister, M.	Sensitive Species	Content	Issue PL-4 has been revised to recommend the relocation of the western pond turtle to Lake Merced.
Pine Lake	47L	McAllister, M.	Sensitive Species	Content	The location is noted on Figure 6.7-4 and was located using GPS technology. A written statement to not augment this population would be contrary to the goals and mission of the Natural Areas Program.
Pine Lake	47M	McAllister, M.	Trails	Content	This is addressed in the Park Improvement Plan, a separate plan and process from the Natural Areas Management Plan.
Pine Lake	47N	McAllister, M.	Sensitive Species	Editorial	No change. Documentation indicates that these species did exist at Pine Lake. Table 6.7-2 is those species "historically and presently known to occur" at Pine Lake.
Pine Lake	47O	McAllister, M.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	47P	McAllister, M.	Trees	Content	See MR-4

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Pine Lake	40A	McMurray, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	40B	McMurray, M.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Pine Lake	40C	McMurray, M.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-8
Pine Lake	40D	McMurray, M.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-8
Pine Lake	40E	McMurray, M.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	40F	McMurray, M.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-8
Pine Lake	40G	McMurray, M.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Pine Lake	40H	McMurray, M.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Pine Lake	40I	McMurray, M.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	53A	McMurray, M.	Trails	Content	See MR-10
Pine Lake	53B	McMurray, M.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	22A	Miller, N.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	22B	Miller, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	22C	Miller, N.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Pine Lake	22D	Miller, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	22E	Miller, N.	Trees	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	22F	Miller, N.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	22G	Miller, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	52A	Miller, N.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	52B	Miller, N.	Plants	Content	Performance Standards are being developed in phases for all divisions within the SFRPS. Performance Standards for Natural Areas Program have not been developed because this Management Plan is under development. Performance Standards will be developed for Natural Areas in the future.
Pine Lake	52C	Miller, N.	Trees	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1 in Sec. 6.7. See response to 52b for a discussion of the Operational Plan and Performance Standards.

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Pine Lake	52D	Miller, N.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	52E	Miller, N.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	52F	Miller, N.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	68A	Murphy, D	Dogs-On-leash	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	46A	Murphy, J.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Pine Lake	46B	Murphy, J.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Pine Lake	19A	Murphy, L.	Trees	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	71A	Noakes, P	Sensitive Species	References	Status of Western Pond Turtle at Pine Lake described in Sec. 6.7 Sensitive Reptile/Amphibian Species
Pine Lake	24A	O'Rorke, D.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	24B	O'Rorke, D.	Trails	Content	See Issue PL-4 and Issue PL-7 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	24C	O'Rorke, D.	Sensitive Species	Content	See Issue PL-4 and Issue PL-7 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	24D	O'Rorke, D.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Pine Lake	24E	O'Rorke, D.	Trees	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1 in Sec. 6.7.
Pine Lake	24F	O'Rorke, D.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Pine Lake	24G	O'Rorke, D.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
Pine Lake	24H	O'Rorke, D.	Wildlife	Content	see Issue PL-4 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	24I	O'Rorke, D.	Trails	Content	see Pl-7 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	38A	Papa, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	38B	Papa, D.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	38C	Papa, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	38D	Papa, D.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	38E	Papa, D.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
Pine Lake	38F	Papa, D.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Pine Lake	38G	Papa, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	7A	Peter, C.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Pine Lake	55A	Pollack, R.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Pine Lake	55B	Pollack, R.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	35C	Rogers, L.	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	27A	Sachetti, L.	Trails	Content	see Pl-7 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	30A	Saucedo, R.	Trails	Content	see Pl-7 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	30B	Saucedo, R.	Trails	Reference	see Pl-7 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	49A	Scott, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	49B	Scott, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	49C	Scott, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	49D	Scott, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	49E	Scott, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	49F	Scott, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	49G	Scott, J.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	49H	Scott, J.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Pine Lake	49I	Scott, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	49J	Scott, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	49K	Scott, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	49L	Scott, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	49M	Scott, J.	creeks	Content	See MR-9
Pine Lake	58A	Seeman, M.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Pine Lake	58B	Seeman, M.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Pine Lake	58C	Seeman, M.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Pine Lake	58D	Seeman, M.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Pine Lake	58E	Seeman, M.	Trees	Reference	See MR-7
Pine Lake	58F	Seeman, M.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Pine Lake	58G	Seeman, M.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Pine Lake	58H	Seeman, M.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7.
Pine Lake	57A	Selby, S.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Pine Lake	57B	Selby, S.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-11
Pine Lake	57C	Selby, S.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-8
Pine Lake	57D	Selby, S.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	57E	Selby, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	57F	Selby, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Pine Lake	57G	Selby, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	59A	Shanahan, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	59B	Shanahan, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	59C	Shanahan, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	59D	Shanahan, J.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	59E	Shanahan, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	59F	Shanahan, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	59G	Shanahan, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	59H	Shanahan, J.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	59I	Shanahan, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	11A	Shepard, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	11B	Shepard, J.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Pine Lake	11C	Shepard, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	11D	Shepard, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	11E	Shepard, J.	Trees	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1 in Sec. 6.7. See also PL-4 in Sec. 6.7.
Pine Lake	9A	Skain, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	9B	Skain, P.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	9C	Skain, P.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	9D	Skain, P.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Pine Lake	9E	Skain, P.	Trees	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1 in Sec. 6.7.
Pine Lake	9F	Skain, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	9G	Skain, P.	Plants	Content	See issue PL-1 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	9H	Skain, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	9I	Skain, P.	Trails	Content	This activity is outside the scope of the Management Plan and Natural Areas responsibilities.
Pine Lake	9J	Skain, P.	Trails	Content	This activity is outside the scope of the Management Plan and Natural Areas responsibilities.

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Pine Lake	4A	Soto, C.	Plants	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	43A	Stafford, N.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
Pine Lake	43B	Stafford, N.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Pine Lake	43C	Stafford, N.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-8
Pine Lake	43D	Stafford, N.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-5
Pine Lake	43E	Stafford, N.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	43F	Stafford, N.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Pine Lake	43G	Stafford, N.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Pine Lake	43H	Stafford, N.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Pine Lake	43I	Stafford, N.	Trails	Content	The Recreational Center and fields are outside the Natural Area and therefore outside the scope of this management plan.
Pine Lake	42A	Stephens, S.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	42B	Stephens, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	42C	Stephens, S.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-8
Pine Lake	42D	Stephens, S.	Wildlife	Reference	See MR-3
Pine Lake	42E	Stephens, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	42F	Stephens, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	42G	Stephens, S.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-8
Pine Lake	42H	Stephens, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	69A	Swanson, D	Trees	Content	See MR-4 and GR-15 (Sec. 5), non-native trees can be planted in urban forest
Pine Lake	69B	Swanson, D	Dogs-On-leash	Content	See MR-1 and Issue PL-7
Pine Lake	69C	Swanson, D	Trees	Content	See Issue PL-1 and GR-15
Pine Lake	69D	Swanson, D	Erosion	Content	See MR-6 Erosion
Pine Lake	69E	Swanson, D	Plan Costs	Project Merit	See MR-11
Pine Lake	69F	Swanson, D	Wildlife	Content	Species are included in plan, see Table C-1
Pine Lake	69G	Swanson, D	Wildlife	Content	See Sec. 5.3 West Nile Virus
Pine Lake	65A	Switzky, J.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	65B	Switzky, J.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Pine Lake	65C	Switzky, J.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-8

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Pine Lake	65D	Switzky, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Pine Lake	65E	Switzky, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	65F	Switzky, J.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-6
Pine Lake	65G	Switzky, J.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	65H	Switzky, J.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
Pine Lake	32A	Taylor, P. & M.	Trails	Reference	See Issue PL-7 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	67A	Terrazas, R.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	67B	Terrazas, R.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	67C	Terrazas, R.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	67D	Terrazas, R.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	67E	Terrazas, R.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	70A	Trasyina, N	Dogs-Off-leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Pine Lake	70B	Trasyina, N	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Pine Lake	70C	Trasyina, N	Sensitive Species	Project Merit	See MR-8
Pine Lake	70D	Trasyina, N	Cats	Project Merit	See MR-5 and GR-7. The plan recommends working with the SFSPCA
Pine Lake	70E	Trasyina, N	Trees	Project Merit	See MR-4
Pine Lake	70F	Trasyina, N	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2 and discussion of scientific review in Sec. 1.7
Pine Lake	70G	Trasyina, N	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-6 and Sec. 4.1
Pine Lake	48A	Ukrainiec, N.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-8
Pine Lake	48B	Ukrainiec, N.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-7
Pine Lake	48C	Ukrainiec, N.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-8
Pine Lake	48D	Ukrainiec, N.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-7
Pine Lake	48E	Ukrainiec, N.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	48F	Ukrainiec, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	48G	Ukrainiec, N.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	48H	Ukrainiec, N.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-8
Pine Lake	48I	Ukrainiec, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	31A	Uskert, K.	Trails	Reference	See Issue PL-7 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	56A	Uskert, K.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	6A	Vulpe, C.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Pine Lake	6B	Vulpe, C.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Pine Lake	6C	Vulpe, C.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	6D	Vulpe, C.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	5A	Waddell, M.	Trails	Project Merits	See Issue PL-7 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	60A	Wagner, B.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	60B	Wagner, B.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Pine Lake	60C	Wagner, B.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	60D	Wagner, B.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	60E	Wagner, B.	Trees	Project Merits	See MR-4
Pine Lake	60F	Wagner, B.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	60G	Wagner, B.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	13A	Wuerfel, N.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Pine Lake	13B	Wuerfel, N.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	13C	Wuerfel, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-7, Issue PL-6 and Issue PL-7
Pine Lake	13D	Wuerfel, N.	Wildlife	Content	Issue PL-4 has been revised to recommend the relocation of the western pond turtle to Lake Merced.
Pine Lake	13E	Wuerfel, N.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
Pine Lake	13F	Wuerfel, N.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Pine Lake	13G	Wuerfel, N.	Trees	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1
Pine Lake	13H	Wuerfel, N.	Plants	Content	MR-6
Pine Lake	13I	Wuerfel, N.	Trails	Editorial	MR-6
Pine Lake	13J	Wuerfel, N.	Plants	Content	MR-6
Pine Lake	13K	Wuerfel, N.	Trails	Content	See Issue PL-6
Pine Lake	13L	Wuerfel, N.	Trails	Content	See GR-4 and Sec. 5 Wildlife
Pine Lake	13M	Wuerfel, N.	Trails	Content	See Issue PL-7
Pine Lake	13N	Wuerfel, N.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Pine Lake	13O	Wuerfel, N.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	10A	Zeiger, F.	Trails	Content	See Issue PL-7 in Sec. 6.7
Pine Lake	10B	Zeiger, F.	Sensitive Species	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1 and Issue PL-4

Table 3.11-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Pine Lake.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Pine Lake	10C	Zeiger, F.	Sensitive Species	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1 and Issue PL-4
Pine Lake	10D	Zeiger, F.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-5 and Issue PL-4
Pine Lake	10E	Zeiger, F.	Trees	Content	No trees will be removed as part of the Natural Areas Plan, see Issue PL-1
Pine Lake	10F	Zeiger, F.	Trails	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	10G	Zeiger, F.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	10H	Zeiger, F.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	10I	Zeiger, F.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	10J	Zeiger, F.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Pine Lake	10K	Zeiger, F.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-8
Pine Lake	50A	Zeiger, F.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Pine Lake	50B	Zeiger, F.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10 These additions are in the area outside of the Natural Area.
Pine Lake	50C	Zeiger, F.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-8
Pine Lake	50D	Zeiger, F.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11

Pine Lake
Letter 1

7/11/05

San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
Natural Areas Program
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco, CA 94117

Dear Recreation and Park Department:

I am writing to voice my disapproval of the far reaching "native plant" restoration plan in the park system and in particular in the Pine Lake Park area. A

I understand from the Chronicle article on July 1, 2005 that you intend to "restore more than two dozen parks with native plants" and the stated purpose for this restoration is "to create a habitat for wildlife and provide a glimpse of how the area looked in the pre- Gold Rush days." From what I have read and seen, I believe the direction you are going is to take existing parks that are currently being "used" by the public and ultimately turn portions and in some cases all of the parks into areas that and not only unusable for public use and recreation, but also in some cases completely deny public access.

If your goal truly is to "provide a glimpse of how the area looked in the pre-Gold Rush days," why not buy some land and make <u>one</u> native plant park as a "living museum" with public viewing areas that are designed to not disturb the wildlife. With this "one park/living museum" approach the goal of educating the public and providing "native habitat" can both be accomplished with the additional benefit that and existing parks can be maintained for public use. The reason I mentioned "buying" land is that my guess is that no one (with the exception of a very few "back to nature" people) actually want their existing neighborhood parks to be taken over and turned into unattractive places that they will no longer be able to enjoy and in some cases not even be welcome to enter.

I "currently" enjoy and use the Stern Grove / Pine Lake Park. I have seen what has been done so far by the "native plant restoration plan" in the Pine Lake portion of the park and it is certainly not pretty. This area would be greatly served if the lake itself was cleaned out, but this has not been done. Instead ugly (sorry – no other way to describe them) "scrub plants" have been planted and what appears to be tree limbs have been laid down to outline paths and create habitat. If anything else has been done, I cannot see it. The area not only looks unkept and unattractive, but now also looks like a fire hazard. If this area was located in the Berkeley Hills, the Fire Department would be demanding that it be cleaned up. I cannot imagine that the residents that live up the hill are pleased with the possible fire danger it presents. B

The Chronicle also stated that you intend to "remove" 3,400 trees from parks. I would hazard a guess that your real plan (under the disguise of saying they are "old, diseased or *might* fall) is to remove the vast majority of the lovely eucalyptus trees that shelter Pine Lake Park from the wind and make it a comfortable place to enjoy. I also would not be surprised to learn that your *real* plan for this area is to cut off foot traffic completely.

Pine Lake
Letter 2

Subject: Fw: Comments on Natural Areas Program plan

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Please see attached comment letter.

Thanks,

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NAP MAP
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Public comments on NAP MAP

I have several general concerns about the NAP MAP and I hope and trust that NAP's staff will honestly weigh the public concerns.

In general the plan proposes a massive reduction in the amount of parklands available to all San Franciscans. The scope of the plan has no identifiable budget, besides the stated 1 million dollars a year. So essentially, if approved, Rec. & Park will be asking San Franciscans to write NAP a BLANK CHECK for the stated 20 years.

I can't approve of a program that has such power to take a way "up to 100 acres of the Dog Play Areas" that the dog community has fought so long and hard to establish. San Franciscans in good faith negotiated with Rec. & Park for these areas with no idea that another Rec. & Park program would be allowed to override the decisions of the Dog Advisory Committee and the Rec/Park Commission. Furthermore NAP's plan says it can take these acres

without review by the DAC or this Commission.

There is disagreement whether the current total DPA acreage is as much as 124 acres. NAP MAP's potential grab of "up to 100 acres" would eliminate almost all of the measly DPA acreage.

These are my recommendations to NAP.

San Francisco recreational needs should receive a priority – people before plants in urban parks. Nap must provide a detailed long-term plan that states the funding, staff and volunteer hours and other resourced need to create, maintain, and monitor each site. Because Rec. & Park.

NAP needs to remember that it was designed to protect remnants of species in our parks, not to recreate nature preserves. After all you cannot turn a city into a series of nature preserves. Non-native wildlife, trees & plants can co-exist with native species. So do not remove them.

Nap should not be permitted to remove feral cats from any of these parks.
So, delete General Recommendation GR-7 from the plan.

Additionally, off leash dog recreation and the native remnants have co-existed for decades. There should be no restrictions until there is scientific evidence documenting a detrimental impact of off-leash recreation and until other measures like trail border & erosion controls have been tried.

Do not slaughter any more trees in the city's parks. Several areas of
Glen Park resemble a logging site.
Do not use herbicides in the Natural Areas.

Specifically at Pine Lake area of Stern Grove:
Do not create a Western Pond turtle habitat especially when you don't even know that it exists there.]A
Do not remove other turtles, or any natural predators because if they exit there, then it proves that it can co-exist]B
with the mix at Pine Lake.
Do not sacrifice any more eucalyptus trees for a nature preserve.]C
Do not introduce rare plant species such as SF Gum plant or Lessingia.]D
And do not restrict dogs from going into the lake. Dogs have been wading there for as long as the lake has]E
existed.

Specifically at Bernal Hill & Glen Park Canyon off-leash areas:

NAP proposes to reduce the existing Bernal Hill DPA by about 20%.
The plan states that "off-leash activities should be limited to the flat areas..." these being the roads and remnants of a dumpsite.
The plan proposed that leashes be required on the steep slopes (Bernal) and trails (Glen Canyon) because some of these slopes/trails contain plants which the California Native Plant 'Society deems "sensitive."
It is important to know these plants are not considered rare b Federal or State Endangered Species regulations.

Do not slaughter any more trees in the city's parks. Several areas in
Glen
Canyon resemble logging sites.

The very existence of several native plant species on Bernal Hill & Glen Canyon indicates that these plants can successfully co-exist with off-leash dog recreation. It does not make sense to create a new nature preserve in these high-use recreational areas.

Respectively,

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Pine Lake
Letter 3

Subject: Fw: Natural Areas Program (NAP) Comments

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Subject: Natural Areas Program (NAP) Comments

I apologize in advance if you receive this email twice. I initially tried sending it through the NAP RAP Web site email link and received an error.

Greetings,

I am a graduate student at San Francisco State University (SFSU) in the Department of Geography. One of my advisors, Dr. Jerry Davis, introduced me to NAP, and I accepted a position through SFSU's Institute for Geographic Information Science to work on GIS and the maps for the Significant Natural

Resource Areas Management Plan. Through this experience, I have come to understand what NAP does.

I am a long-time resident of San Francisco and currently live in District 7. I appreciate and applaud the Recreation and Park Department for having a Natural Areas Program. I support NAP's efforts to preserve and enhance natural areas that exist within the city's park system.

As you know, San Francisco adopted Policy 2.13 of the Recreation and Open Space Element of its General Plan in 1991. This policy states that the city should preserve and protect significant natural resource areas. Within the city, many of these natural areas exist on Recreation and Park Department property.
It
seems logical for Rec Park to have developed a program to follow these guidelines.

I have read the 1995 RPD Staff Report that was adopted by the Recreation and Park Commission in early 1995. NAP has followed the public review process as set forth in that report. It should not take the heat if the community now

believes a different process should have been defined. In addition, once the current public comment process has been completed and a final NAP management plan is finished, there will be a formal environmental review process under

California State guidelines with additional opportunities for the public to be heard.

No one benefits from the spread of misinformation. I am aware that people at Pine Lake Park and Bernal Hill are being given incorrect information about what NAP does and what its future management plans are. My understanding is NAP

recognizes that as part of the Rec Park Department there needs to be balance between human recreational use of these areas and the preservation and enhancement of natural areas. For example, at Bernal Hill NAP does not intend to prohibit access to the park for dog or people. However, in some places,

people will be required to stay on designated trails and keep their dogs on-
leash in those areas. Yes, the off-leash area will be decreased.
However,
there is also discussion in the management plan of creating off-leash linkages between those areas and expanding the DPA in another area at Baernal Hill.

Please see the draft management plan. Yes, the trail system will be modified to include fewer feet of trails. A primary reason for these changes relates to soil erosion problems that have already and will continue to create public hazard areas in that park. There will still be a trail system that allows people and their dogs access to the park. These ideas do not seem unreasonable to me.

I became aware of the NAP RAP Web site today. In reviewing this Web site, I see several points that I would like to comment on to support NAP and its current draft management plan:

Among other things, recreation may also include enjoyment of nature. Bird watching, photography of native wildflowers, walking or running on designated trails through natural park land, and participating in efforts to restore natural areas by planting or weeding are examples of recreational activities available in SF natural areas. As a San Francisco resident, I have enjoyed

participating in all of these activities (except bird watching) in various natural areas and hope to continue to do so in the future. As someone that

doesn't own a car, I appreciate the opportunity to pursue these activities within the city.

I am not a member of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), but through my studies am familiar with the work that they do. I disagree with the NAP RAP Web site's representation of CNPS as one of the "groups [that] are not scientific organizations, nor are they democratic." CNPS is an organization that believes in promoting collection of scientifically sound information regarding the status of California's native flora. Its membership is comprised of amateurs and professionals (formally trained biologists, ecologists, botanists, natural resource managers, and others).
http://www.cnps.org/activities/aboutCNPS.htm Anyone with an interest in native CA flora is welcome to join this organization – How is that not democratic?

In addition, California Department of Fish and Game's Habitat Conservation Planning Branch (DFG) is informed by CNPS' Inventory of Rare and Endangered

Vascular Plants of California when determining the protection status of the

State's plant species. Clearly, CNPS' work is valued and approved of by the State of California. For more information, please see DFG's Web site at:
http://www.dfg.ca.gov/hcpb/species/t_e_spp/nat_plnt_consv.shtml

I'll reiterate that I support NAP's efforts to preserve and enhance natural

areas that exist within the city's park system. Thank you in advance for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Debra Dwyer

Pine Lake
Letter 4

Subject: Fw: NAP Comment

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Please respond to csoto

Dear Lisa,

I belong to Sierra Club, plant native plants in my garden in Noe Valley and generally support restoration of native habitat.
That said, I would like to request that NAP is thoughtful of all uses in restoring those San Francisco parks like Bernal Hill, Pine Lake, Glen Park that are heavily used for recreation. It is a difficult balance you face but restoration will have the best chance to florish in those places that are not used that much for recreation. Alternatively, you might consider fences--though they do not create "natural looking" spaces, they would keep dogs and people out of those areas you are restoring. A

Because San Francisco is so small, we need to be sure that recreation and restoration can co-exist rather than one trumping the other.

Thank you,

Carol Soto

Pine Lake
Letter 5

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

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cc:

Subject: NAP Comments

I am 100% against the NAP program. It is bad for park users, dog owners, kids, and represents an attempt by a very small minority to overtake a disproportionately large area of public land.

The bias against alien species has its roots in xenophobic and racist attitudes. As part of children's school curriculum here in San Francisco, students will be asked 'what non-native invasive species threaten your native plant?' A chilling question when it gets applied elsewhere.

There is no reliable ecological or biological method that can distinguish between aliens and natives. Sensitive species designation should be limited to plants identified by Federal and State statutes on Endangered Species. Instead, private organizations such as local chapters of the Audubon Society, California Native Plant Society, and the Sierra Club have been allowed in the NAP to define which plants are native, and which are "sensitive species". These groups are not scientific organizations, nor are they democratic. Ultimately, these decisions are made by a handful of hobbyists and activists. Their decisions will result in families and their pets losing access to almost a thousand acres of park property.

NAP will restrict access of the public and their pets to our parklands.
Attempting to keep nature 'pure', 'wild' and alien free may be impractical, impossible or even undesirable. Humans have existed with nature for tens of thousands of years. Dogs accompanied the Ohlone, the indigenous people of San Francisco, in the 1700s and they resided along with the "native plants". There is no scientific basis for excluding people, their pets, and wildlife from the Natural Areas. The theory that the presence of people, dogs, and wildlife hastens the demise of native plants is unsupported. Yet, the NAP proposes to exclude access to the Natural Areas by perimeter fencing and the elimination of many trails utilized by the public. Lakes such as Pine Lake, and Lake Merced will have fencing surrounding the water so that the shore is not accessible. No more kids feeding ducks. A

There are a hundred other reasons why NAP is bad for a grand majority of San Francisco residents. Please consider working to shelve this insane and ridiculous program.

Pine Lake
Letter 6

Subject: Fw: Support for THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM

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cc:

Subject: Support for THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM

To whom it may concern,
I am writing in support of the THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM . I think it is a reasonable and will restore a small part of San Francisco to some semblance of its natural state. I would urge support of the plan. I am concerned about some misleading statements that have been put forward by NAPRAP which is opposed to its implementation. I would urge our city leaders not to be mislead by these inaccurate statements.

Fencing:
What NAPRAP says:
1. The text refers to a "cyclone fences" (Parcel 4 article).
2. It implies that fencing is widespread instead of isolated:
"Natural areas also require protection from public access (fencing off), as native plants are not hardy, and traffic by people or animals can bring seeds from non-native plants into the Natural Areas which will grow and choke out the native plants." (FAQ section).
3. It misrepresents the fencing plans: "Yet, the NAP proposes to exclude access to the Natural Areas by perimeter fencing and the elimination of many trails utilized by the public. Lakes such as Pine Lake, and Lake Merced will have fencing surrounding the water so that the shore is not accessible. Children will wait 3-5 years or more to feed the ducks again." (FAQ section). A
4. States that there will be many fenced trails at Bernal: "Visitors to the park will be restricted to the fenced trails NAP has designated." (Your Park"Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. No cyclone fences will be used
2. Fencing will be used only as a last resort and when other mechanisms have been tried and failed.
3. Pine lake access to the water will be allowed. The perimeter trail will remain open to people and dogs 4.
Fences will only be used at Bernal as a last resort and to reduce erosion caused by access up steep slopes.

Vegetation:
What NAPRAP says:

1. Ignores the plan"s incorporation of non-native trees to remain for wildlife and aesthetics: "NAP advocates envision natural areas as areas where all non-native plants have been removed, and only native plants are replanted." (FAQ section)

What the plan says:
1. Non-native trees and other vegetation are protected in the plan including most of the urban forest and other non-native plants important to native wildlife

Original Habitat:
What NAPRAP says:
1. States that there are not sensitive species at Bernal, fencing will be installed, and wildlife will be destroyed: "A detailed evaluation of the specific plan for Bernal Heights reveals that there is little or no original habitat there, and there are no threatened, endangered, or sensitive species (by definition of State or Federal agencies) there. On the contrary, NAP intends to destroy the current ecosystem and introduce species some members of the local native plant society and the local Audubon society personally consider "sensitive". In doing so, they will limit public access and fencing will be installed to confine park visitors to the walkways they have chosen for you. The changes in the ecosystem will have an unknown effect on the wildlife currently in this area. And in fact, NAP plans to destroy wildlife that interferes with their plan here and at all "Natural Areas"." (FAQ section) 2. Refer to species as random: "To allow a few individuals from local special interest groups to define a random species as "sensitive" and destroy parkland to find a place for that "sensitive" species is a violation of the public trust." (FAQ section) 3. Untruthful statements: "There is little or no "original habitat" on Bernal Hill." (Your Park"Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. There are sensitive species at Bernal. Bernal has significant and important plant habitat and populations.
2. The delineation of sensitive species is not random. It was based on an evaluation of the distribution of plants around the city, the identification of plant species with three or fewer populations and identification of species that may soon go extinct from San Francisco.
3. There is abundant native habitat on Bernal Hill

Erosion:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Ignores the erosion control measures and trail safety in the plan:
"The NAP proposal acknowledges that erosion in the park properties endangers the public safety. Yet, repeatedly, the NAP plans to remove non-native plants and trees that are proven superior to resist erosion and replace them with native plants. Native plants are inferior in resisting erosion. NAP planners are not deterred." (FAQ
Section)
2. Claims to know which plants are superior for erosion control:
"Native plants are inferior to non-native plants in controlling erosion " as was evidenced by the failure of Natural Areas at Fort Ord, along Great Highway, and at Fort Funston. Ice plant is the proven solution to sandy slopes which must resist erosion. Nasturtium grow readily as well as ivy in the Pine Lake area. All of these plants would be superior in erosion control to preserve the health of the lake." (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)] B

What the plan says:
1. Erosion control measures are presented in Chapter 5. After land is exposed as part of restoration efforts, erosion control measures are implented 2. The assertion that native plants are less adept at controlling erosion is unfounded. In fact, non-native trees that tear down hillsides and iceplant are probably some of worst species for controlling erosion.

Recreational Use:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Claims that certain areas are not habitats: "Other parks where NAP intends to make aggressive changes are Stern Grove/Pine Lake and Lake Merced. Neither of these areas are currently habitats, and the creation of such in heavily utilized urban parks such as these reflects a basic lack of concern for the recreational park user by SFRPD) planners." (FAQ Section)] C
2. Ignores recreational uses such as bird watching, walking, and everything other than dogs swimming in the lake: "The Natural Areas Program does NOT foster recreational access. There is no pressing reason to create a

Natural Area at Pine Lake. Restoration of water quality and the lake"s health can easily be accomplished without creating a Natural Area." (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. There are natural areas at Pine Lake. There are not plans to restrict public access on the trail around the lake 2. The plan attempts to improve recreational access in all natural areas

Trees:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Implies that all eucs will be removed at Pine Lake and that there will be no windbreak (Your Park " Pine Lake Section) 2. Implies all the trees will be removed: "Removing eucalyptus trees as NAP proposes will hasten erosion. Additionally, the destruction of eucalyptus trees at Stern Grove (merely because they are non-native) is another violation as the Operational Plan requires arboreal maintenance and reforestation of all SF parks. Because the eucalyptus dominates the landscape at Stern Grove, reforestation would not be possible without removing ALL the eucalyptus. Certainly destroying healthy eucalyptus trees does not qualify as arboreal maintenance!" (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. and 2. The plan proposes no eucalyptus removed at Pine Lake

Cats:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Plan recommends killing feral cats and other wildlife: "This would refer to the killing of feral cats and any other wildlife NAP deems unacceptable." (Your Park " Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. The plan does not include killing of cats. The recommendation for feral cats says that removal and relocation of predators may result in death and other unintended negative consequences. Therefore the proposed removal or relocation must be submitted in writing to SFRPD for review and recommendation. In each case the Department will consult with SFSPCA to determine whether relocation or removal is feasible and if so how best it can be done.

Dogs:

What NAPRAP says:
1. "A large portion of the hill will be changed to on-leash;
essentially off-leash dogs will be limited to the paved pathways and flat areas only." (Your Park " Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. More than two thirds of the hill top will remain off-leash. The proposed on-leash section is largely steep hillsides. Dogs will still be allowed on leash is this areas.

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Pine Lake
Letter 7

Subject: Fw: naprapper inflammatory lies - NAP Comments

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Subject: naprapper inflammatory lies - NAP Comments

Did the publishers of naprapper read the NAP draft management plan?
There are many inaccuracies that intentionally misguide the reader.

NAPRAP state the following misinformation on fencing:
1. The text refers to a "cyclone fences" in the (Parcel 4 article).

2. It implies that fencing is widespread instead of isolated: "Natural areas also require protection from public access (fencing off), as native plants are not hardy, and traffic by people or animals can bring seeds from non-native plants into the Natural Areas which will grow and choke out the native plants." (FAQ section).

3. It misrepresents the fencing plans: "Yet, the NAP proposes to exclude access to the Natural Areas by perimeter fencing and the elimination of many trails utilized by the public. Lakes such as Pine Lake, and Lake Merced will have fencing surrounding the water so that the shore is not accessible. Children will wait 3-5 years or more to feed the ducks again." (FAQ section).

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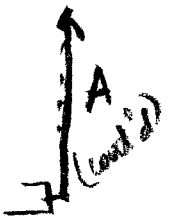
4. States that there will be many fenced trails at Bernal: "Visitors to the park will be restricted to the fenced trails NAP has designated."

(Your Park - Bernal Section)



What the plan says:
1. No cyclone fences will be used
2. Fencing will be used only as a last resort and when other mechanisms have been tried and failed.
3. Pine lake access to the water will be allowed. The perimeter trail will remain open to people and dogs.
4. Fences will only be used at Bernal as a last resort and to reduce erosion caused by access up steep slopes.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to request the publisher of this document to come forward.

Pine Lake
Letter 8

Subject: Fw: NAPMAP comment

---- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 09:35 AM -----

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07/22/2005 12:53 PM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
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Subject: NAPMAP comment

Dear Lisa

Recent press coverage of NAPMAP gives the impression that only dog-owners criticize the Plan. Not so. I am a dogless member of the Nature Conservancy

and a concerned San Franciscan.

The Plan means to:
- close 10 miles of "social" trails (ones that are there because people use them, not because someone built them) and add 1 mile of trail;
- cut down 18,400 trees;
- and block dog access to areas at Pine Lake, ~~Mc Laren Park, and 33 acres of Sharp Park (which is in Pacifica).~~ A

In some areas, eucalyptus trees, blackberry and ivy will be removed. Native

plants will be put in. These areas will be maintained as native habitat.

What the plan has not emphasized is the resources required. Eucalyptus woods with an understory of blackberry and nasturtium require no management. They

can be left alone for decades. In this form, they are relatively inaccessible, esthetically pleasing, and form a habitat for many birds and small animals.

Once they become a "native area", they need intensive management to prevent

invasive species from taking over. MA-1 areas are small islands in a space filled with exotics: People, plants, fauna. Left untended, they would quickly revert to weedy wastes, overgrown with non-native grasses, oxalis, wild mustard, dandelion, ivy and blackberry. They need inputs of manpower and weed-killer, and in some cases,

actual efforts to plant lupins and sticky monkey-flower and other preferred species.

Recs and Parks is not known for its depth of financial resources. Even with

help from idealistic and enthusiastic volunteers – and it's to SF's credit that there are many of these – it would seem unlikely that 31 areas will be

maintained.

There's the esthetic consideration. As soon as an area becomes an open area, trash tends to blow through. Plastic bags. Beer cans. Bottles. Rags. In eucalyptus woods, the undergrowth conceals them. Open areas – if they're trafficked – tend to become messy. Who will provide daily trash pick-up?

For some areas, there are concerns about fire-risk. In SF's cool and foggy climate, Monterey pine and eucalyptus woods with blackberry understories aren't a fire-threat. Grasslands, which dry out much faster and therefore act as tinder, could be. There was a recent grass fire within city limits.
Besides being easily flammbale from the usual causes - smokers, unauthorized campfires - it becomes an easy target for vandals. For people whose homes are contiguous with MA-1 and MA-2 areas, this can be a worry.

Many of these areas – MA-1,2, and 3 – are already animal and bird habitats.

Though some Native Plant fanatics have said that eucalyptus and blackberry do not support native animals and bird, the evidence is they do. Great horned owls nest within SF city limits in eucalyptus trees. Hawks use them as hunting perches. Flickers build nesting holes in eucalyptus branches.
Blackberry bushes provide cover for a lot of small animals, and nesting areas for birds. Berries provide food. Native animals have adapted to this landscape. Removing trees and bushes destroys habitat for animals and birds

that live there.

Adding weed-killer probably doesn't do much for them, either. Though it's clear that the quantum of weedkiller to be used is much less than Recs and Parks commonly uses in its parks and other maintained areas, it still introduces these chemicals into a space where they were not in use before.

While Recs and Parks have clearly acknowledged the value of urban forests, the plan still calls for cutting down 3,400 trees in SF. These are not necessarily diseased trees. (That's a separate issue – diseased and unsafe trees do need removal, but that has nothing to do with Natural Areas.) The 3,400 trees mentioned are those that are to be removed primarily from MA-2 areas. In addition, 15,000 trees are to be removed from Sharp Park in Pacifica. The plan therefore calls for the removal of 18,400 trees. That's a lot of trees.

There is no evidence – except perhaps in habitats along bodies of water – that native habitats do anything to preserve native species. In fact, in the San Francisco setting, they appear to be impoverished habitats, with little

or no cover or food. Birds and animals are quite common in gardens full of non-native species, and in roadside trees.

A Recommendation

Do the taxpayers really want to pay for this flawed vision?

Instead of reaching beyond any realistic use of resources, Recs and Parks should rethink this idealistic but inadequate draft plan.

Rather than focusing on 31 areas scattered through two cities, they should focus on perhaps 2-3 habitats, where they can do existing fauna the most good.

I commend your government for opening up this debate. Framing it as "Dog-owners vs. Nature-lovers," does us all a disservice.

Sincerely,

Rupa Bose

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Natural Area Site Name: PINE LAKE Park: PINE LAKE PARK

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Restoration 1 (2) 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

9a

THE neighbors WANT THE PERMANENT REMOVAL - NOT PERODIC REMOVAL - OF THE WATER PRIMROSE FROM PINE LAKE. DRAIN THE LAKE IF YOU HAVE TO.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 (4) 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

9b

TRAIL CLOSURES ARE NECESSARY IF THE PLAN IS TO SUCCESFULLY ADDRESS THE SERIOUS EROSION PROBLEMS. CLOSING THE CONCRETE ROAD (Recom. PL.6a) IS NOT PRACTICAL SINCE IT IS A SERVICE ROAD TO PUMP STATION.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

9c

THE PLAN CAN NOT SUCCEED WITHOUT A REGULAR MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. NAP NEEDS MORE STAFF & RESOURCES IF IT IS TO ACHIEVE GOOD RESULTS.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

9d

I SUPPORT Recomm. PL-7b & PL7c; BUT ONLY STRICT ENFORCEMENT (ie. TICKETS & FINES) WILL LEAD TO A CHANGE IN BEHAVIOR PINE LAKE MEADOW SMELLS LIKE A "PISS HOLE".

Trees 1 (2) 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain.

9e

MORE NATIVE TREES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE PLAN AND MORE EUCALYPTUS REMOVED, NOT JUST AT THE WATERS EDGE. NEW EUCALYPTUS SHOULD BE ERADICATED ASAP.

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 (4) 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

KEEP MA-2b & MA3b in the NAP MANAGEMENT PLAN. 9f
THE REMOVAL OF WILD RADISH, POISON HEMLOCK & ENGLISH IVY IN THESE AREAS CREATE AN IMPORTANT BUFFER FOR THE LAKE.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 (4) 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

THE NAP NEEDS TO ESTABLISH NATIVE PLANTS IN THESE AREAS 9g
TO BE CREDIBLE. THE PUBLIC LIKES A WINNER, AND
SUCESSFUL PLANTINGS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE PROGRAM.

Other Comments

THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF THE SUMMER DAY CAMP WERE 9h
NOT ADDRESSED BY THE MANAGEMENT PLAN: FOOT TRAFFIC
ON THE MEADOW & EROSION TO THE HILLSIDES.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

(1) REMOVE THE FIELD HOUSE 9i
(2) STOP PARKING CARS ON THE MEADOW FOR THE STERN GROVE CONCERT. 9j

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 3 (4) 5 6 7 8 9 10

If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses (Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife)

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NAP - Public Comment July 27, 2005

Site Name: Pine Lake Park

10a

Restoration: Rating 1 - I think what was omitted from the June 28th public meeting was the potential consequences to Pine Lake Park users which would result from the introduction of rare plants listed on the Federal Species of Concern List and particularly, the deprivation in park use resulting from the introduction of the threatened Western Pond Turtle. I question the ethic not to fully reveal to the public what effect these two issues would have on the public's future use of Pine Lake Park. Literally hundreds of people go to this park on a daily basis beginning from the first light of dawn until nightfall. Many walk with their dogs and/or children for the healthy exercise and savor this time as a respite from the noise, traffic and stress of city life. The tax paying public fund RP and RP/NAP. Must we be affronted with the absurdity of paying to have our park taken away from us? We were told at the meeting there was no plan to alter the current public use of Pine Lake Park while at the same time, and it would seem behind our back, plans to include threatened plant and animal species is proceeding which could permanently alter public use of this park. I am vigorously opposed to the placement of any threatened animal or plant species into Pine Lake Park.

10b

Recreation and Trails: Rating 1 - The trail around Pine Lake is at risk of being closed to public recreational use if the threatened Western Pond Turtle is introduced into the lake area and could also require the removal of the trees surrounding the lake. This would be an unacceptable outcome to the park users as well as the hillside property owners. The trees are essential as windbreak and avoidance of erosion. If the Western Pond Turtle actually exists at Pine Lake now as NAP claims then logic could only conclude that this species either does not need special conditions to thrive and is not harmed by public traffic or it simply does not exist at Pine Lake because the present conditions have been the same for many decades. If the Western Pond Turtle was "dumped" into Pine Lake recently by someone disenchanted with an attempt to keep it as a pet, then it surely can and should be relocated to a more appropriate habitat. People need to come before turtles.

10c

Sensitive species/Wildlife: Rating 1 - I've talked with many park users (over a hundred to date) in the past several weeks regarding the issue of threatened species and native plants. Without exception there is astonished distress and/or outrage at the idea of a turtle being placed above the needs and wishes of human beings. Most park users say there's nothing wrong with the idea of preserving natural resources as long as it is in an appropriate setting. No one I talked with, nor do I, give a hoot about native plants or animals in Pine Lake Park. The towering Eucalyptus which defines Stern Grove is cherished along with the other colorful mix of vegetation thriving in the park. What is there to "restore" if this western section of San Francisco was originally sand dunes? I was raised in the neighborhood and played in those very sand dunes as a child. Transforming Pine Lake Park into a native plant and animal museum is not how I want my taxes to be spent and judging from numerous discussions, neither do other park users.

10d

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife: Rating 1- What was said at the meeting doesn't coincide with the original intent of the NAP Plan regarding cats and other non-native wildlife now living at Pine Lake. Changing the wording from "destroy" to "remove" doesn't alter the reality and appears to be the result of a questionable self-serving tactic. The extermination of cats and other wildlife is unacceptable! The ducklings born this spring are healthy and grown. The White Egret, Great Blue Heron, Cormorants and Hawks are thriving. The half dozen or so "non-native" turtles sun themselves on available logs. Pine Lake isn't bursting with wildlife but what little exists is enjoyed and highly valued by park users. Nothing was revealed during the public meeting about the NAP desire to exterminate the existing wildlife for the benefit of the Western Pond Turtle or any other "native" species under consideration. Public knowledge of such information would not be taken lightly. I object to the appalling idea of destroying the present wildlife for the protection of threatened species. In any case, threatened/sensitive species do not belong in a popular, heavily used public park.

10e

Trees: rating 1 - I vigorously object to the cutting down of the Eucalyptus or any other "non-natvie" trees around Pine Lake for the benefit of any threatened species. Dangerous trees, of course, but no others. This subject was not addressed at the June 28th public meeting and participants were directed to the individual park plans located around the room. However I found the noise and crowd made it impossible to hear anything or ask any questions. I think the issue of introducing threatened animal and plant species and consequences for Pine Lake Park users should have a public meeting distinct from other parks in order to discuss the issue openly. The claim of "no change in public use of Pine Lake Park" while planning the inclusion of threatened plant and animal species is either misinformation or an unworkable contradiction. There can be one or the other but not both uses -- if threatened/sensitive species require non-public interference.

10f

10g

Grasslands/Wildflowers: rating 1 - Apparently native plant enthusiasts don't approve of the Nasturtium only because it's not "native" as determined by themselves. This plant covers much of the hillsides around Pine Lake and other parts of Stern Grove. It's colorful with orange and golden flowers and wide bright green leaves. As a large grouping it has the "natural" feel of Nature's handiwork -- unlike the native plant areas arbitrarily lined up in rows. I object to the removal of the Nasturtium to be replaced by native plants which do not have the strength to hold off erosion. The hillside property owners surely would not appreciate their homes slipping down the hillside. Consider what has happened with the NAP ice plant removal at Great Highway. Now the city (read: the taxpayers) must spend money removing windblown sand on the road because the native plants are useless protection. None of the NAP expensive mistakes and/or often unappealing results seems to have any effect on halting their suctioning up of taxpayer dollars which is sorely needed in so many other ways. The use of Roundup, a highly toxic pesticide, used due to a lack of sufficient volunteers for hand removal of plants, is unacceptable. I object to the use of any toxic pesticide near where children, adults, dogs and wildlife will be adversely affected. If there's insufficient volunteer help, no plant removal should be done.

10h

Landscaped Areas: rating 1 - The NAP landscaped area at the western end of Pine Lake which connects the north and south trails is pathetic looking -- weedy, unkempt, interspersed with dozens of blue flags. It used to be an area I enjoyed walking through. It was overgrown as an arbor with the trail running through it and gave the pleasant sensation of walking through the wilderness. But now it's just an unattractive and unnatural looking area. What was planted on the south trail near the water's edge and then fenced-in, died by drowning when the lake water was refilled. Now the fence is half sticking out of the water looking unsightly and has been that way for many months. Once the NAP did their native plant "restoring" in these two areas, there's been no follow-up in upkeep or needed repairs. Is this inefficiency what can be expected in all our parks?

10i

Other Comments:
Preserving natural resources sounds fine, but when the results are unappealing, uncared for or an expensive mistake -- why persist? What is "natural" about a few people trying to mimic how Nature might have done it? The public who funds the park system with their tax dollars don't care about native/not native and surely don't want interference with the full use and enjoyment of "their" public parks. The NAP has a biased, minority point of view about what plants should or should not be in the parks. Their ideology does not represent the views or needs of the public at large. Why should the tax paying public be at the mercy of NAP ambition? Much public money has been spent on NAP plans plus some high salaries while the parks suffer from neglect due to a lack of funds for basic necessities. I would like to hear an explanation of how this situation is justifiable.

10j

Are there special features of this park . . . etc. Yes indeed! Pine Lake Park (all of Stern Grove) needs more gardeners and improved upkeep. Weeding and pruning is neglected. Broken glass and trash is neglected. Ugly and harmful foxtail weeds abound and need removing. The meadow needs more benches. There are only two bathrooms for the public at opposites ends of Stern Grove and if the Pine Lake bathroom is locked, it's a 10 to 15 minute walk depending if one is a senior and can't walk too fast, to the other bathroom. The Pine Lake bathroom is often locked which has the only water available for that area. Despite requests not do so, the summer day camp supervisor locks the Pine Lake bathroom when camp closes at 3pm. After 3pm Friday, the public Pine Lake bathroom is locked for the entire weekend. The bathrooms near the tennis courts are broken. A homeless man lives near the children's playground, relieves himself in the park and leaves much trash around. There's often broken glass at the children's playground. There's rarely any staff to be found and no one to help if any safety issues arise. These are issues park users care about and how they'd like their tax dollars spent rather than millions for NAP. Native plant and animal species is a nonexistent public priority.

10k

Natural Area Management Plan: rating 1- On balancing recreational uses and natural resource protection: No balance is possible if threatened species are introduced into public parks. If there is anything "invasive" in the public parks, it is not the vegetation, it is the NAP Plan. Why is the San Francisco General Plan's mandate that the public parks are meant for recreational use only ignored? Native plant and animal "museum" parks or nature preserves cannot sincerely be considered recreational. Appropriate areas of non-public parkland is what should be used for experimenting with preserving natural resources. Taking over multiple acres of public recreational parks and the destruction of non-native trees, plants and wildlife is going forward unchallenged because of public unawareness. The public needs to be informed and have a vote regarding the NAP plan. It's public tax money and public parks that are at stake. It's wrong for the NAP to prevail behind closed doors.

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Pine Lake
Letter 11

City and County of San Francisco
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The Recreation and Park Department has extended for a second time the comment period for public input on the S
Resource Areas Management Plan. The new deadline for comments is **July 28, 2005 at 5:00 pm.**
This website has the comment form available for on-line response; however, some users have encountered difficulty submitting comments on line. The maximum le
approximately 3-4 pages. We encourage those having difficulty with the comment form to email comments to the *Natural Areas Program*. Should you have difficulty
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Site: Pine Lake Park

Restoration

1 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below. 11a

I feel it is inappropriate to reintroduce, introduce or augment locally rare plants that is heavily used for recreation. There are many more appropriate places for sensitive plants; in other parks

Recreation and Trails

1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain. 11b

I can't even tell where they from the maps. I could find the key on the map of the lake but can't find the trail. I don't know what the "social trails" they propose to close are, or where the trails that are okay to use, ~~are~~. Just not clear at all.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below. 11c

It says that none of the 3 sensitive plant species still exist. Do you people unde: evolution? What about protecting the species that have adapted and survived?

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bull Please explain below 11d

What I read was that the DPA would not be changed - what did I miss? The comment that banl swallows may forage at Pine Lake is really stretching it. Please do NOT introduce any rare especially legally protected - plants and animals in this park.

Trees

(•) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3 ( ) 4 ( ) 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should intensive removal? Please explain below.

Please do NOT remove any trees except those that are dangerous! If the western pond turtle at Lake park create a windbreak, prevent erosion, and the shade they provide is a wonderful thing. During heatwaves in SF, it is the only place that is cool enough to recreate. Please do NOT cut down any trees that are not dead or in danger of falling.

We introduced, trees will have to be removed to create a sunny environment.

Grasslands/Wildflowers

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.

Landscaped Areas

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If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?

(•) Recreational uses ( ) Natural resource protection ( ) Natives/Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

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Recreation and Trails 1 2 (3) 4 5
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Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain. 12a

No! I didn't know an endangered turtle was going to suddenly be brought in under the radar. Who introduce this turtle to Pine Lake to further their agenda?

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain. 12b

No! Many improvements needed to accommodate the needs of off-leash dogs. "Play Area" is not what my elderly dog wants. Fresh air and ambling along, sniffing is his style.

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain 12c

Far, far less removal. Please don't do the "Martha Stewart style job done on Stern Grove at Pine Lake.

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Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5
Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

12d

Other Comments
At the presentation at the Trocadero one of the city chiefs read something to the effect "recreation from the city." I want "recreation in the city." The difference is huge. Accommodating a busy, urban use is so different to protecting wilderness areas.

~~Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?~~
Please understand the need for dog guardians, with well-behaved dogs, to recreate together and enjoy that respite in their day. Many dogs don't want to play with other dogs, nor chase anything or any body. They enjoy human attention and affection and more space is needed to see that different

~~Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?~~
canine personalities get their restorative times and remain well-adjusted, happy creatures.
Time at Pine Lake is my time of sanity in the day.

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Pine Lake
Letter 13

July 28, 2005

TO: NAP Review Team
Yomi Agunbiade, RPD General Manager
Margaret McArthur, Commission Liaison

FROM: Nancy Wuerfel

RE: Comments on the NAP MAP for PINE LAKE natural area, Stern Grove

RESTORATION ISSUES

13a

Having attended the years of planning meetings for the capital improvements to Stern Grove/Pine Lake, I heard very clearly that the community loved the park and the forest "the way it was" and wanted first and foremost to have Pine Lake better maintained and with an increased water level. We were told our requests would be part of the plan. There was no discussion of the plans for the natural areas program at these meetings. Therefore, I can say that the restoration plans for Pine Lake are not as I expected, since the details and impacts of a "NAP restoration" were not discussed in the public planning meetings.

13b

Also, I did not expect that new NAP plantings, involving the local school children along the south and north shores of the lake, would continue after it was known that the capital plan would add four feet of water to the lake. Indeed, the water was added last year to the lake and drowned the shoreline restoration plants. I am concerned how those children feel, seeing their plants under water, after they worked to establish them. NAP should be very sensitive to outcomes when involving children in plantings, so that the children are not set up to fail. Implementing the management plan must not become more important to NAP than the children they teach about the natural world.

TRAILS

13c

As long as the trails to and around Pine Lake remain open year round, without closure for "habitat" reasons, the trails and access are as I expected.

SENSITIVE SPECIES

13d

The plan for protection of and habitat enhancement for western pond turtles (WPT) was also not discussed at our community meetings. Therefore, the actions proposed to prepare a home for these rare turtles at Pine Lake is not as I expected. Having reviewed the environmental necessities of life for these turtles many of which Pine Lake lacks, with the required trail restrictions on humans during breeding time, I am frankly very surprised that Pine Lake is being considered a possible habitat. With the ideal WPT habitat available just half a mile away at Lake Merced, it is insensitive to both the turtles' well being and the public's to try to retrofit today's Pine Lake into a viable locale where breeding populations of WPT can survive - or worse, to pretend that Pine Lake is suitable, just as it is now, to support WPT's, when the scientists say it is not. NAP should concentrate its resources to develop an already natural WPT sanctuary at Lake Merced instead of attempting to create an unnecessary, duplicate, and substandard WPT habitat at Pine Lake.

DOGS, CATS AND NONNATIVE WILDLIFE

13e

Cats: The prescriptions for nonnative animals is definitely NOT as I expected. "Reduction in predation-pressures will benefit all animals within the Natural Area (GR-7)" refers only to cats. No other animal is listed in GR-7 as a predator. Citing cats as the only predator in our parks is gratuitous, totally inaccurate and shows a lack of critical thinking about what constitutes "predation". An objective discussion of predation appreciates the importance that predators play in the natural world to control rodents and other animals detrimental to our parks. The extreme bias against cats reflects an ideology, rather than a scientifically valid position. Each of the "reduction in predation pressures" statements that appear in the 31 site specific plans should be removed. Obviously, "all animals" will not be benefited, especially the ones being removed. There is no scientific proof offered to support the need for such draconian action. Stating that cats should not be released after trap-neuter-return back to their homes "into or adjacent to natural areas" is unacceptable and fails to recognize why and how TNR works to effectively control feral cats. NAP should not be allowed to use this management plan, paid for with public funds, to advertise the website of a private organization nor to promote the sale of educational materials from a private organization as GR-7 does. The entire GR-7 should be removed from the plan.

13f

Non-native wildlife: Our parks are filled with wildlife. People enjoy the witnessing the existence of animals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, insects, etc. as part of the park experience, without knowing or caring whether the entity is native or not. RPD should not be promoting the killing of wildlife simply because they are deemed "non-native." I oppose removing non-native turtles from Pine Lake and then pretending that it is "possible to humanely relocate these animals to education facilities that could use turtles for non-lethal classroom purposes" as if the turtles would have a wonderful life living in a jar someplace.

13g

TREES

The number of trees to be <u>removed</u> at Pine Lake should reflect the number cited in the Capital Plan construction documents. The number of trees and the <u>amount of pruning</u> to be done on the eucalyptus on the south side of the lake should be specified, limited so that the health of the trees involved is not compromised nor the beauty of the forest destroyed, and the pruning plan approved by an RPD arborist. (GR-14f only involves an RPD arborist for tree removal, not for pruning.) I do not see the need to prune these trees at all, since the south bank of the lake which is intended to benefit from the increased sunlight will be chronically under water with the 4 ft. increase in lake level.

13h

LANDSCAPING

The most commonly heard complaint about natural areas is that they are unattractive, messy, not maintained, or dead. The principles of landscaping inside the restored areas need to be applied. There must be some way to design the use of native plants that allow for the appearance of living plant life throughout the year, instead of letting whole patches of ground go brown. Landscaping concepts should apply to all NAP endeavors, not just highly trafficked areas. These are our city's parks that are being "restored."

Also, trying to take care of 31 areas simultaneously requires the use of herbicides in our parks because of an inability to weed this huge area manually. I do not feel this use of herbicides is justified simply because too much land is being re-cultivated.

OTHER COMMENTS

1) The Pine Lake MA-1 or MA-2 area acreage is not correctly drawn. There is a restoration area about 100 feet from the edge of the lake on the North slope which extends up the hillside. It contains 3 Oak trees about 7-8 feet high and numerous other native plants. Figure 6.7-5 does not show this restoration depicted as an MA -1 or 2, which it must be since it has been planted repeatedly over the past several years. Please redraw this management area to reflect that this is not a MA-3 zone, and correct the management area summary charts to show the increased acreage in either MA -1 or -2. Contact me if you have any questions about the area I am referring to. 13i

2) The definition of "invasive" is "species tending to infringe on other species." However, this term is used exclusively (and synonymously) with non-native trees and plants and never with natives. It is dishonest to imply that only non-natives can be invasive, when native plants have this characteristic too. 13j

3) The new natural area being created at the western end of Pine Lake under the pine trees contains asphalt and other rubble placed or left there on purpose. The same problem is present at Parcel 4 where concrete chunks, tiles, bricks, etc. are prominently displayed throughout the natural area. These are not native rocks. The natural areas should demonstrate a pride of presentation and such debris should not be used as part of the restoration. 13k

4) Another problem is NAP leaving bush and tree cuttings in the park as "brushpiles" which are unsightly, breed mosquitoes, and constitute a fire danger. Log liners should line the paths, not brushpiles. 13l

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE PARK

The special features of Pine Lake are the lake and the forest. I think the lake needs to be accessible from more than just one point at the eastern end. With the lake level increased 4 feet, the north shore could have several more access points that everyone would enjoy. Now people can see the ducks glide right up to the edge of the lake, or watch a turtle toddle along the rim, or even see a crayfish up close in between the reeds. NAP should not be so stingy as to take away the access to the lake that we now have by putting vegetation barriers or fences everywhere. An overlook is NOT the same as going down to the lake to touch the water. The lake is big enough to allow plenty of habitat for wildlife AND allow multiple accesses to the lake for all of us. 13m

NAP needs to be stewards of the forest. Stern Grove is noted for its tall eucalyptus trees and they need to be maintained. Though they are not native, they constitute what people feel is "nature" in our park. Every effort must be made by NAP staff to preserve the stature of the forest as it is now. Replacement trees need to have the same grandeur as the eucalyptus have to preserve the feel of the forest. If NAP will respect the privilege of cohabitating at Pine Lake with the park users who love it as it is now, the program will see the benefit of community support. 13n

FINAL COMMENT

The natural areas of San Francisco would be best served if NAP could do one preservation/enhancement project really well to prove that they could do it and to show the public what that that site would look like. After years NAP has been in existence, we still do not have even one showcase area. 13o

Pine Lake
Letter 14

Comments are due by July 21, 2005 at 5:00 pm.
ATTN: NAP MAP
501 Stanyan Avenue
San Francisco CA, 94107

Site: Pine Lake Park

Restoration I chose #1 = does not meet expectations

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below.

No. The plan goes too far in introducing rare plants. As you state, this is a heavily-used urban park, in which it will not be beneficial to tear down thriving plants to introduce plans that probably will not grow too well. I am concerned that protecting these plants and animals will restrict the human use of the park. Dead/diseased trees should be removed and replaced, the weeds in the lake should be removed, the lake should be filled and maintained to it's height of 20 years ago. 14a

Recreation and Trails I chose #1 = does not meet expectations

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.
No. It is not acceptable to have only two access points to the lake. The trail should remain as it is today with the ability to access the lake from any point. 14b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife I chose #1 = does not meet expectations

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.

I've lived 2 blocks from the Park and used it regularly for 35 years. There are many species of urban wildlife there. Whether or not they are native or not, seems irrelevant in an urban park. We still enjoy seeing them. I do not think we should spend the money or sacrifice vegetation or access to preserve or re-introduce the species as suggested in your plan. I do not believe the endangered turtle exists in Pine Lake. Pine Lake has traditionally been a place for children to release their cast-off goldfish and turtles. I believe the turtle being seen was probably someone's pet at one time, not an endangered turtle. 14c

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife I chose #2

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain below

The dog play area is fine as it is. If you feel compelled to change it and have the budget to do this, then expand it. Any observer can see that the greatest use of this park comes from dog walkers. So it makes great sense to provide for them. Regarding non-native animals, I do not think they should be removed. We enjoy seeing them and they have become well adapted this park. 14d 14e

Trees I chose #2

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

I believe there should be removal only of trees that are diseased or dying. 14f

Grasslands/Wildflowers I chose #1

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below

No. Your plan is not a good idea. Nicely growing plants shouldn't be replaced with something that probably won't grow too well. 14g

Landscaped Areas I chose #2

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain below.

One of the benefits of Pine Lake park is that it is somewhat "wild". When my children were young, they enjoyed going there. There was mud to play in, social paths through bushes to explore, water to play in, and secluded places to build forts and to ride dirt bikes. There are very few places in San Francisco like this -- where kids can be kids. Let's not make it into a perfect park, beautiful to look at but not usable by real people. 14h

Other Comments

There are many other higher priorities for the Park and Recreation Department if money is available. The grass on Sunset Boulelvard is not cut regularly; many trees in Golden Gate park are dead or dying, there are not enough trash cans in our parks, and litter is not up in a timely manner. These maintenance items should be handled before money is spent this plan for Pine Lake Park. 14i

Are there special features of this park that you think be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

1. path around the lake with access at all points as it is now 14j
2. Eucalyptise trees that are not dead or dying should be kept 14k
3. keep social paths 14l
4. grass meadow east of the lake should be preserved 14m
5. Lake should be maintained at a higher level and weeds should be cleaned out 14n

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site.

I ranked the plan #1 (poor) in achieving a balance

If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which you find were under valued on this site?

Recreational uses are undervalued.

May we contact you regarding your comments? yes
Name/Affilications: Jan Scott, resident of the surrounding neighborhood
Phone: 415-681-1855
Email: Jan@qb-soft.com
Address: 2563 33rd Avenue

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program nter your site(s) of interest below.
possibily, Pine Lake Park

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

Very well, except that you have a runtime error in the script that submits the formand the zip code on the form is incorrect.

Pine Lake
Letter 15

Subject: Fw: The Natural Areas Program Draft Management Plan

Entire document one comment - 15a - Naprap

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cc:

Subject: The Natural Areas Program Draft Management Plan

Dear Sir/Madame:

I am very much in favor of the NAP Draft Management Plan.

I am very concerned that the Natural Areas Program (NAP) is being falsely disparaged through misleading information at the NAPRAP web site (<http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/index.html >http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/index.html).
I am supportive of the plan and the goals of the NAP. My main concern is that not enough area is being protected from off-leash dogs. Please implement the plan and expand the restrictions on off –leash dogs wherever possible, especially at Bernal Hill and Pine Lake Park.

See below for a summary of the misleading information provided by NAPRAP. You should discount much or all of what they say. Their tactic of

flooding you with emails does not represent the feelings of the majority of

the community,

Sincerely,

Charles Pfister
945 Taraval St.
San Francisco, CA 94116

SUMMARY OF MISLEADING STATEMENTS MADE BY NAPRAP

There are many inflammatory and misleading statements throughout the NAPRAP. A few are summarized here.

Fencing:

What NAPRAP says:
1. The text refers to a "cyclone fences" (Parcel 4 article).
2. It implies that fencing is widespread instead of isolated: "Natural areas also require protection from public access (fencing off), as native plants are not hardy, and traffic by people or animals can bring seeds from

non-native plants into the Natural Areas which will grow and choke out the native plants." (FAQ section).
3. It misrepresents the fencing plans: "Yet, the NAP proposes to exclude access to the Natural Areas by perimeter fencing and the elimination of many trails utilized by the public. Lakes such as Pine Lake, and Lake Merced will have fencing surrounding the water so that the shore is not accessible. Children will wait 3-5 years or more to feed the ducks again."

(FAQ section).
4. States that there will be many fenced trails at Bernal: "Visitors to the

park will be restricted to the fenced trails NAP has designated." (Your Park"Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. No cyclone fences will be used
2. Fencing will be used only as a last resort and when other mechanisms have been tried and failed.
3. Pine lake access to the water will be allowed. The perimeter trail will

remain open to people and dogs
4. Fences will only be used at Bernal as a last resort and to reduce erosion caused by access up steep slopes.

Vegetation:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Ignores the plan"s incorporation of non-native trees to remain for wildlife and aesthetics: "NAP advocates envision natural areas as areas where all non-native plants have been removed, and only native plants are replanted." (FAQ section)

What the plan says:
1. Non-native trees and other vegetation are protected in the plan including most of the urban forest and other non-native plants important to

native wildlife

Original Habitat:

What NAPRAP says:
1. States that there are not sensitive species at Bernal, fencing will be installed, and wildlife will be destroyed: "A detailed evaluation of the specific plan for Bernal Heights reveals that there is little or no original habitat there, and there are no threatened, endangered, or sensitive species (by definition of State or Federal agencies) there. On the contrary, NAP intends to destroy the current ecosystem and introduce species some members of the local native plant society and the local Audubon society personally consider "sensitive". In doing so, they will limit public access and fencing will be installed to confine park visitors to the walkways they have chosen for you. The changes in the ecosystem will have an unknown effect on the wildlife currently in this area. And in

fact, NAP plans to destroy wildlife that interferes with their plan here and at all "Natural Areas"." (FAQ section) 2. Refer to species as random: "To allow a few individuals from local special interest groups to define a random species as "sensitive" and destroy parkland to find a place for that "sensitive" species is a violation of the public trust." (FAQ section) 3. Untruthful statements: "There is little or no "original habitat" on Bernal Hill." (Your Park"Bernal Section)

What the plan says:

1. There are sensitive species at Bernal. Bernal has significant and important plant habitat and populations.
2. The delineation of sensitive species is not random. It was based on an evaluation of the distribution of plants

around the city, the identification of plant species with three or fewer populations and identification of species that may soon go extinct from San Francisco.
3. There is abundant native habitat on Bernal Hill

Erosion:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Ignores the erosion control measures and trail safety in the plan: "The NAP proposal acknowledges that erosion in the park properties endangers the

public safety. Yet, repeatedly, the NAP plans to remove non-native plants and trees that are proven superior to resist erosion and replace them with native plants. Native plants are inferior in resisting erosion. NAP planners are not deterred." (FAQ Section) 2. Claims to know which plants are superior for erosion control: "Native plants are inferior to non-native plants in controlling erosion " as was evidenced by the failure of Natural Areas at Fort Ord, along Great Highway,

and at Fort Funston. Ice plant is the proven solution to sandy slopes which

must resist erosion. Nasturtium grow readily as well as ivy in the Pine Lake area. All of these plants would be superior in erosion control to preserve the health of the lake." (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. Erosion control measures are presented in Chapter 5. After land is exposed as part of restoration efforts, erosion control measures are implented 2. The assertion that native plants are less adept at controlling erosion is unfounded. In fact, non-native trees that tear down hillsides and iceplant are probably some of worst species for controlling erosion.

Recreational Use:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Claims that certain areas are not habitats: "Other parks where NAP intends to make aggressive changes are Stern Grove/Pine Lake and Lake Merced. Neither of these areas are currently habitats, and the creation of

such in heavily utilized urban parks such as these reflects a basic lack of

concern for the recreational park user by SFRPD) planners." (FAQ Section) 2. Ignores recreational uses such as bird watching, walking, and everything

other than dogs swimming in the lake: "The Natural Areas Program does NOT foster recreational access. There is no pressing reason to create a Natural Area at Pine Lake. Restoration of water quality and the lake"s health can easily be accomplished without creating a Natural Area." (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. There are natural areas at Pine Lake. There are not plans to restrict public access on the trail around the lake 2. The plan attempts to improve recreational access in all natural areas

Trees:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Implies that all eucs will be removed at Pine Lake and that there will be no windbreak (Your Park " Pine Lake Section) 2. Implies all the trees will be removed: "Removing eucalyptus trees as NAP

proposes will hasten erosion. Additionally, the destruction of eucalyptus trees at Stern Grove (merely because they are non-native) is another violation as the Operational Plan requires arboreal maintenance and reforestation of all SF parks. Because the eucalyptus dominates the landscape at Stern Grove, reforestation would not be possible without removing ALL the eucalyptus. Certainly destroying healthy eucalyptus trees

does not qualify as arboreal maintenance!" (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:

1. and 2. The plan proposes no eucalyptus removed at Pine Lake

Cats:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Plan recommends killing feral cats and other wildlife: "This would refer

to the killing of feral cats and any other wildlife NAP deems unacceptable." (Your Park " Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. The plan does not include killing of cats. The recommendation for feral

cats says that removal and relocation of predators may result in death and other unintended negative consequences. Therefore the proposed removal or relocation must be submitted in writing to SFRPD for review and recommendation. In each case the Department will consult with SFSPCA to determine whether relocation or removal is feasible and if so how best it can be done.

Dogs:

What NAPRAP says:
1. "A large portion of the hill will be changed to on-leash;
essentially off-leash dogs will be limited to the paved pathways and flat areas only." (Your Park " Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. More than two thirds of the hill top will remain off-leash. The proposed on-leash section is largely steep hillsides. Dogs will still be allowed on leash is this areas.

Pine Lake Letter 16

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Natural Area Site Name:_____ Park: Pine Lake Park

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration: 1 2 3 4 (5)

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Yes, it seems to be as destructive as I thought to endangering current plants & wildlife. 16a

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Yes, but am anticipating future limitations, even elimination of access, as project continues. 16b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Yes, they are horrible due to the impact this will have on current wildlife, as we have enjoyed for the past 30 years, i.e. egrets, falcon, harbor seals, bats, other birds & fowl. 16c

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

I am fearful & anticipating that stricter restrictions will be placed on dog play areas. 16d

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

I believe no tree should be cut or eliminated from this area. Less Removal! 16e

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

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Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

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Other Comments

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Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants; wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

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Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

leave the park as it is! Ict

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If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? _____ Site(s) of interest: _____

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 5

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Letter 17

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Restoration 1 (2) 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Unless you keep dogs out & fences around dogs - not Lake - all the work will forever be ruined 17a

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

All trails are dog trails - so RLP created the dog mess there 17b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

So long as dogs dominate, water/land/air animals are endangered 17c

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

NO DOGS around Pine Lake - they have lost the privledge of on-leash because they will not comply 17d

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Stop worrying about dog/tree lovers + remove more trees. Remove 100 saplings/year or you'll never catch up 17e

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

too much landscaped areas 17f

Other Comments

Unless you get seniors + remove dogs 17g
from PL, it will never improve.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

fence the dogs now 17h

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

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Letter 18

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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Not as interested in re-introduction of Western Pond Turtle or Grindelia Hirsutula as in use of public park for peoples pets. 18a

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain. 18b

The actions to maintain/enhance sensitive species threatens the use of the park for pets. This is unacceptable

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain. 18c

Please keep the dog play areas as they are other than perhaps adding more grass to the dry + dusty areas

Trees 1 (2) 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain 18d

Keep the trees as the are - for providing shade + beauty

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants; wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

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The area as a leashless dog park should be maintained. It brings joy and exercise to countless humans and their dogs. Be

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McLaren Lodge
San Francisco, CA

19a

Please do not remove any more trees from Sigmund Stern Grove. It might be the only place in San Francisco that could qualify for the name of "grove". San Francisco needs trees.

I've seen many bird-watchers counting the bird species around Pine Lake. Birds need habitat.

The Audubon Field Guide to North American Trees includes eucalyptus and notes they have become naturalized. It mentions their aromatic leaves, which is one of the first things visitors to the grove enjoy.

Sincerely,

Lloyda A. Murphy

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Natural Area Site Name: [redacted] Park: Pine Lake Park

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Restoration 1 2 3 (4) 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 (5)
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 (5)
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 (5)
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Trees 1 2 3 (4) 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

PS: native trees and shrubs mature more non-native trees could be removed

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Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

e

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 (5)

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

concerning recommendation PL16: When you refer to showy shrubs + trees at trail junction I hope you mean native plants A

Other Comments

The DPA is big enough at Sigmund Stern Grove, so it is very important to keep people + dogs out of Pine Lake and the riparian corridor B

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

e

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs already have been given or have taken over way too much park space. 21a

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Please stand up for those of us who wish to use pine lake for a "quiet" (no barking) experience. 21b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Parks are not just to satisfy people with dogs. The rest of us have a right to access to 21c

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

parks without being harassed by dogs and their owners. 21d

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

How did Bernal Hill become an all dog (off-leash) designation. I protest this. It means no access for the rest of us. Whe 21e

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

are we being forced out of our parks by a single use group. 2/e

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

I pay taxes too and I am being barred from most parks because of the off-leash dogs 2/f

Other Comments

everywhere. It is a most unpleasant experience

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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Please do not destroy the vegetation as it has naturally evolved over the last 150 years 22a

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

I am disabled to the point that I cannot walk up hills but I am prescribed walking on flat areas 22b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Please leave the animals and birds which now thrive in Stern Grove 22c

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Our walking and dog-play areas have been severely restricted. I hope we can reestablish our areas which were working very well prior to the restrictions 22d

Trees 1 2 (3) 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

It might be good to remove diseased trees, which would be likely to fall or burn in case of a forest fire, but healthy trees enhance our atmosphere 22e

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

I had no expectations, as I had not been informed of any changes prior to their having been implemented 22f

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

I have no idea

Other Comments

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Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

Very important to have fresh water supply for people & dogs 22g

Very important to have access to public restrooms

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Please provide comments in each relevant subject area ***BY PARK****. Please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue. (5 = Exceeds E Not Meet Expectations). Please note this is not a survey.* ***Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be as specific as pos*** *you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on any topic covered by the plan in any relevant mann*

Site:	Pine Lake Park

Restoration

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23a

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain b

Please don't introduce any rare or legally protected plants or animals in Pine Lake since I fear that may result in future access restrictions.

Recreation and Trails

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Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

◉1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

23b

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.

re: The Western Pine Turtle: If it is found in P.L., please relocate it an area w/a lighter recreational load + which is more in keeping w/ the WPT's required habitat (like Santa Clara or Marin). If, as studies indicate, the WPT's do not exist in the lake, do not introduce them since the S.F. climate (particularly in the Sunset) is not the habitat they require

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

◉1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

23c

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. no expected? Please explain below

Please do not remove any non-native animals (feral cats, turtles that can exist in Pine Lake as it currently exists) that are already thriving in the area in which they have found themselves.

Trees

◉1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal address or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

23d

I would prefer non-removal of all existing trees but if the plans for selective removal do go forward, I would hope it would be minimal and include on the very sick and dying trees

Grasslands/Wildflowers

(•) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3 ( ) 4 ( ) 5

23e

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.

The removal of any trees is bound to destroy the habitat of the animals that currently exist in or around the lake.

Landscaped Areas

( ) 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3 ( ) 4 ( ) 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not

Other Comments

23f

At the 6/28 meeting, it was said that an area couldn't be redesignated from an MA2 to an MA1 w/o first holding meetings. I'm concerned that the hearings would be empty exercises w/o proper weight being given to public input. By introducing rare and/or legally protected plants or animals, I think there is the real possibility of future more restrictive access

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the this Natural Area?

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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

24a
NO, IT IS EXCESSIVE AND ARBITRARY. CURRENTLY THE RECREATION AND PARK DEPT. IS STRUGGLING WITH A REDUCED BUDGET. IT WOULD BE A DISSERVICE TO THE TAXPAYERS TO CONSIDER AN ARTIFICIAL RESTORATION PROJECT

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

24b
NO, UNDER THE PROPOSED PLAN, TRADITIONAL ACCESS WOULD BE DIMINISHED.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

24c
NO, PLEASE DO NOT INTRODUCE ANY "NATIVE" SPECIES AT THIS SITE. THERE HAS NOT BEEN A FULL TIME GARDENER ASSIGNED TO PINE LAKE SINCE FEB. 1999. SECURITY IS MINIMAL TO NON-EXISTENT AND THIS SITE HAS LONG BEEN THE SCENE OF YOUTHFUL VANDALISM.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

24d
NO, LEAVE EXISTING WILD LIFE ALONE. THE TURTLES AND FROGS IN PINE LAKE HAVE BROUGHT JOY TO GENERATIONS OF SAN FRANCISCANS. FOR THE PARK COMMISSION TO ENDORSE THE ELIMINATION OF SELECTIVE SPECIES WOULD REFLECT VERY UNFAVORABLY ON OUR CITY.

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

24e
THE PROPOSED PLAN IS EXCESSIVE WITH RESPECT TO REMOVAL. REMOVAL ON THIS SCALE COULD RESULT IN A VORTEX EFFECT, CAUSING THE UNINTENTIONAL FAILURE OF REMAINING TREES. IN ADDITION, THIS REMOVAL WOULD EXPOSE THE MANY UTILITY LINES AND SEWER CONDUITS CRISS CROSSING THE SLOPES ABOVE THE LAKE HARDLY RESULTING IN A "NATURAL EXPERIENCE".

Grasslands/Wildflowers (1) 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain. 24f

IT CERTAINLY DOES NOT PRESERVE WILDLIFE HABITAT IF IT RESULTS IN THE EXTERMINATION OF EXISTING WILDLIFE.

Landscaped Areas 1 (2) 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments 24g

THERE ARE NO FERAL CATS IN THE PINE LAKE AREA. ANY CATS OBSERVED ON THE HILLSIDE ABOVE THE LAKE ARE MOST LIKELY IN THEIR OWN BACKYARD. NO ONE IN THE PARK DEPT. KNOWS WHERE CITIZEN PROPERTY LINES END AND THE PARK BEGINS. TO TRAP AND REMOVE THESE PETS WOULD BE MISGUIDED AND ILLEGAL.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

IN 10 YEARS OF CLOSELY INSPECTING THE PINE LAKE AREA I HAVE NEVER ONCE SEEN A WESTERN POND TURTLE. 24h

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see? 24i

YES, PINE LAKE ITSELF SHOULD REMAIN COMPLETELY ACCESSIBLE TO TAX PAYERS AND VISITORS ALIKE. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OCCASSIONAL SERVICE AND SAFETY VEHICLES I WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALL VEHICLES EXCLUDED FROM THE PINE LAKE AREA INCLUDING CONCENT PARKING ON THE GRASS AREAS.

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(Recreational uses) Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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I think this form should be revised with highest to left + lowest to right. People are not used to this format and your results may be invalid

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5

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I am pleased to see that restoration of native plants has begun I saw the area planted by St Gabriel school and I think the Gumplant looks lovely 25a

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Excellent! I had heard rumors that the Pine Lake Access trails would be closed. I learned from the presentation (Stern Grove) that it is not true 25b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

I think it would be wonderful to restore the western pond turtle and Pacific Chorus Frog to Pine Lake! Children would see tadpoles in the Lake. Also should help with mosquitoes. 25c

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

I think feral cats should be trapped neutered then returned. 25d

Very important not to make the dog play area smaller. I live one block from the 33rd access and I seldom visited the area until I had a dog to walk me! 25e

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

I think the eucalyptus trees should be gradually replaced with native trees. Growth of new eucalyptus should be prevented. Dead and dying eucalptus should be removed because they are dangerous. 25f

I would love to see Pine Lake Become a gem in the San Francisco Park System. Once restoration of the Lake has progressed it would be great to add park benches for people to enjoy the Lake. 25g

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 (5)

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Yes I would like to see a diversity of California plants growing at Pine Lake. Why aren't there any California poppies? I would also love to see Pacific Coat Iris near the Lake 25h

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

25i (water hyacinth?)

Other Comments

I am particularly concerned that the non-native plants in Pine Lake be removed. For many years Pine Lake was neglected. If no other money is spent on this area, I would encourage you to

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Simply remove the weeds that are destroying the lake, and remove the old tires, car pieces etc that are in the Lake. Right now the water is so full of weeds, one can scarcely know it is a Lake

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

25j If Eucalyptus are removed in the Grove, I think the Pine Lake Area should have priority. Native trees could be planted in that area and gradually in the rest of the Grove

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Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 (5)
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

I like the fact that dogs will be allowed on the trail around the lake, but not IN the lake. I am a regular dog walker at Pine Lake and I do not like dogs going into the water 26a

Trees 1 2 3 4 (5)
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

I am pleased that the plan calls for no trees to be removed. 26b

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 (4) 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 (4) 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Ducks, turtles, fish in the lake. Herons visit the lake.] 26c

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

Greater abundance of wildlife (e.g. ducks) appeared after lake level rose last fall. Lake level should be maintained] 26d

Water primrose should be eliminated] 26e

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 (4) 5

Pine Lake
Letter 27

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 (5)

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain. 27a

We are concerned with monitoring the dog play areas around Pine Lake. They are adequate as they exist now. We are interested in maintaining the status quo.

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 (5)

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

28a

We enjoy using the Dog play area around Pine Lake. We feel current monitoring is more then adequate. No changes are required.

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

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Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

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Other Comments

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Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

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Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

WE DON'T NEED IT.] 29a

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

DON'T SHUT OFF THE TRAIL AROUND THE LAKE.] 29b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

STOP PULLING VEGETATION OFF THE HILLSIDE.] 29c

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

LEAVE THE DOGS ALONE. I LIKE MY POND TURTLE SWIMMERS IN CLEAN WATER.] 29d

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

LEAVE THE TREES ALONE] 29e

Grasslands/Wildflowers (1) 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

NO. LEAVE THINGS ALONE.]29f

Landscaped Areas (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

WHO CARES]29g

Other Comments]29h

LEAVE THE AREA ALONE SO THE PUBLIC (IN-CLUDING DOG OWNERS) CAN RECREATE IN IT.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

DOBERMAN OWNERS

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

GET THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS OUT OF]29i
PARK + REC..

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Pine Lake
Letter 30

From: "Renee Saucedo" <renee@lrcl.org>
To: <trasvina@sfsu.edu>
Subject: RE: Dog walking in danger at Pine Lake
Date: Mon, 27 Jun 2005 12:24:36 -0700
X-Mailer: Microsoft Outlook IMO, Build 9.0.2416 (9.0.2910.0)
X-Brightmail-Tracker: AAAAAQAAA+k=
X-Language-Identified: TRUE
X-SFSU-VirusScanner: Found to be clean

June 27, 2005

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to respectfully request that you maintain Pine Lake, and Stern Grove Park, open and accessible to visitors and to our dogs. Please do not limit any paths, roads or areas to those of us who have enjoyed the park for many years. 30a

As a long-time, San Franciscan resident, I have taken my dog Coco to exercise at Stern Grove Park for many years. It is one of very few places where I can still go to walk and exercise my dog freely. Moreover, the park has become a focal, social gathering place for many people who need a safe place to gather, away from the traffic and busy city life.

Please do not restrict our park in any way. 30b

Thank you,

Renee Saucedo

-----Original Message-----
From: trasvina@sfsu.edu [mailto:trasvina@sfsu.edu]
Sent: Sunday, June 26, 2005 6:45 AM
To: renee@lrcl.org
Subject: Dog walking in danger at Pine Lake

Pine Lake
Letter 31

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2005 09:58:07 -0700 (PDT)
From: Kathleen Uskert <kathleenuskert@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Stern Grove public meeting 6/28/05
To: trasvina@sfsu.edu
X-Brightmail-Tracker: AAAAAQAAA+k=
X-Language-Identified: TRUE
X-SFSU-VirusScanner: Found to be clean

Please give to those in charge at the meeting at Trocadero Clubhouse, Stern Grove on Tuesday, June 28, 2005. Thank you.

31a

I am writing this as a concerned user of Stern Grove. I have lived in the Pine Lake district (on 35th Ave) for 27 years. Dog owners have been using the Grove area for as long as I can remember. It is a safe and contained area where dogs can be let loose to socialize and exercise. It is an area where the owners socialize and exercise also! A public park is just that, public. This area is well used by the public, and has been for years. It would be unjust to limit its usage. With all the problems lately concerning dog attacks, isn't it wonderful that there is an area people can use to help keep their animals socialized, thus reducing the risk of bad behavior. Why take that away? Native is nice, but sometimes not feasible, especially when it would so negatively impact a community. Please keep the Grove as it is and has been for many, many years. Thank you,
Kathleen Uskert

Pine Lake
Letter 32

June 28, 2005

City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Parks Department
Stern Grove-Pine Lake Improvements

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Stern Grove/Pine Lake Public Meeting

My husband and I have been coming to this glorious park with our dogs since moving into this neighborhood several years ago. We haven't found a more dramatic or peaceful place in the city. Of particular beauty is the Pine Lake path which we take at least once a day with our dogs. We have noticed and approve of the changes since the test filling of the lake earlier in the year. The lake has really come to life!

Our hope is that we might continue to enjoy this lake and this path for many years to come. Please consider those of us who use your park on a daily basis when making decisions that will affect us on a permanent basis. 32a

Sincerely,

Patricia & Martin Taylor

3826 19th Avenue
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taylor98@pacbell.net

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Letter 33

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Restoration 1 2 3 (4) 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

GARTER SNAKE, QUAIL REINTRODUCTION 33a

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 (4) 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Trees 1 2 (3) 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

MORE NON NATIVE TREE REMOVAL IN NON-SPECIAL AREAS. 33b
LESS EUCALYPTAS MORE PLANTINGS OF MADRONE, OAK AND BRUSH. EDUCATE PEOPLE WHY THIS IS NECESSARY.

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 (2) 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain. 33c

MORE WILD FLOWERS AND DUNE GRASSES NEEDED. EDUCATE PEOPLE AS TO WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 (4) 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain. 33d

SO FAR OK MAY NEED TO REFINE SPECIFIC SITE PLANS CASE BY CASE.

Other Comments 33e

YOU MUST DOCUMENT WHY CHANGE IS NECESSARY AND YOU MUST DEMONSTRATE HOW IT WILL BE DONE AND WHAT END RESULT WILL LOOK LIKE. (COMPUTER GRAPHICS + PHOTOS)* ← ASK GGNRA HOW THEY HAVE DONE THIS)

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area? 33f

HAWKS → HAWK HILL → GREAT HWY, PINE LAKE
GARTER SNAKES → STERN GROVE → GG PARK → GLENN CAN.

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see? 33g

STERN GROVE → CONTROL HILL EROSION
GOLDEN HEIGHTS → DITTO

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5
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Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments Pine Lake Park 34a

Surface removal of vegetation in the Lake is not effective because it grows back.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

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Natural Area Site Name: Pine Lake Park: Pine Lake / Stern Grove

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Please cost out, so we can see the priorities and the long range cost versus the overall budget. — 35a

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain. On the east side

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

It's the red-shouldered hawk's nest at the west end of Pine Lake. The Red-tailed hawk's nest is near the concert meadow. dup! — 35b

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

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Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

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Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

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Other Comments

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mention in dog playarea]35c

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain. 36a

Not enough – attempts I've seen around Pine Lake have been degraded by park users.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sounds good. 36b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain. 36c

Probably not enough as collectively, attempts to save endangered wildlife around world are not working as hoped. Even as a dog owner & lover, to save wildlife requires almost complete closure to disturbance.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain. 36d

What controls are used against wild domestic cats (house kept as well) to prevent bird kill – more removed, infection of marine life, fe. contamination?

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain 36e

Concerns re: aesthetics of Pine Lake area – will non-native tree removal leave barren landscape, deprive birds of habitat? When I walk my 2 dogs would rather walk through shade vs. sun - offers comfort from one.

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain. 36f

Not adequately – again, people around me as I walk, still allow dogs: in the lake, into newly planted areas, into duck nesting areas. How would you monitor these sensitive areas – once damage done... How

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain. 36g

No – i.e. Sloat Blvd. restoration already looks overgrown and weedy. Bushes + trees ~~[illegible]~~ that were removed, plastic + mulch laid, and now looks worse.

Other Comments 36h

My dogs are young, active and require exercise, but there is a crucial need to conserve + restore. I'm in favor of protecting the few resources left.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area? 36i

Open the public bathrms. during the day – perhaps the homeless would stop using the trails + play areas as bathrooms. This is unacceptable.

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see? 36j

Keep existing trails + children's playground free of glass + garbage. Homeless habitation of my park (Stern) makes for fairly disgusting discoveries on morning walk. Human waste, including feces, contaminates large areas, including the children's play area of Sloat

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? ✓ Site(s) of interest: Stern Grove

Pine Lake
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Natural Area Site Name: Pine lake / Stern Grove Park: Pine lake Park

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

No Poison Oak – why – bad idea] 37a

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain. 37b

You simply cannot close anypart of circling the Lake]

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Have not heard of the plan before
– I will go on-line & then Look, then give my Feedback
Thank you

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain. 37c

According to a neighbor who has grown up here - w/ Backyard Above Pine Lake
- Said the Frogs are NOT there anymore
– I have not seen or Heard any frogs and think it would be Nice but noisy

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain 37d

a tree Leaning over a path should be cut - Esp. Eucaliptus Tree]!

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

I will have to look at the plan

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

I will have to look at the Plan

Other Comments

Signs - posted - should be visable from all Directions

A Dog Walker pointed out the Sign - My Neighbors are not Here!?

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area? 37e

A few years ago, Some (most, but not all) of the water-weeds were pulled out of the Lake - Disruptive, Messy, Not Thorough the Weeds have grown back - What a Waste!

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see? 37f

Yes, the road around Pine lake should be paved. to Allow Better Access to the park for Wheelchair bound persons, as well as the Kids who use the Camp.

-Also the Area at the Southern End (Street Level) Sidewalk is - uneven, Broken

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Yes Site(s) of interest: Pine Lake/Stowgrove

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Restoration 1 2 (3) 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Sustain foliage] 38a

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 (4) 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 (2) 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

too much MINOR interference] 38b

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

need open access areas ; Most owners are very responsible AND sensitive] 38c

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Grove - outstanding
too much eucklyptus] 38d

Mayor Gavin Newsom
Acting General Manager Yomi Agunbiade

To. Marvin yee

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 (3) 4 5
Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

with lack of funds - adequate efforts are made 38e

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 (4) 5
Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments 38f

need funding - more gardeners + better equipment

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants; wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

let dogs have park access 38g

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 5

Pine Lake
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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

39a

I DO NOT BELIEVE ANY TAX DOLLARS SHOULD BE SPENT AUGMENTING RARE OR NATURAL PLANTS I BELIEVE A MORE PRACTICAL & REALISTIC APPROACH WOULD BE TO REPLANT THE GRASS IN THE WEST MEADOW SO USERS CAN WALK SAFELY WITHOUT HAVING TO LOOK DOWN CONSTANTLY TO AVOID GOPHER HOLES.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

39b

IT IS MY OPINION THAT SENSITIVE SPECIES BELONG IN HOT HOUSES & ZOOS OR AQUARIUMS NOT IN A PARK WHICH IS USED PRIMARILY BY PEOPLE & DOGS.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

39c

THE GROVE IS USED PRIMARILY (OVER 80%, A FAIR ESTIMATE) BY PEOPLE WHO WALK THEIR DOGS (EXCLUDING SUMMER CONCERT ATTENDEES) PRIORITY BY THE PARK + REC MUST BE DIRECTED TO THEIR NEEDS (PEOPLE WITH DOGS)

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

39d

THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO NEED TO REMOVE ANY EUCALYPTUS TREES. ALTHOUGH THE EUCALYPTUS TREES ARE NOT NATIVE THEY PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT WIND BREAK AND DOLLARS USED FOR REPLACEMENT COULD BETTER BE PUT INTO ROUTINE MAINTENANCE WHICH IS SORELY NEGLECTED.

Grasslands/Wildflowers (1) 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

ANY MONEY PLANNED TO BE SPENT ON RESTORATION COULD BETTER BE ALLOCATED TO MAINTAINING THE LAND OWNED AND OVERSEEN BY PARK + REC 39e

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments 39f

THE WEST MEADOW, BETWEEN PINE LAKE & THE PARKING LOT IS IN DEPLORABLE CONDITION BEFORE ANY MONEY IS SPENT ON PSEUDO ENVIRONMENTAL NON NATIVE PLANT REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT WITH NATURAL PLANTS TAX DOLLARS SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO MAINTENANCE OF WH PRESENTLY EXISTS.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants; wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see? 39g

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDITIONAL BATHROOM FACILITIES & DRINKING FOUNTAINS AUTOMATED LAWN SPRINKLERS I BELIEVE THE FAILURE TO PROVIDE SPRINKLERS IN THE MEADOW EAST OF THE PARKING LOT AND WEST OF THE CONCERT STAGE AREA ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE OF A SHORTAGE OF FUNDS DURING THE RECENT IMPROVEMENT IS UNFORGIVABLE AND INDICATIVE OF WHAT WI

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? (1) 2 3 4 5

Pine Lake
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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

40a

please reseed, water & care for the meadow where the off leash dog area is ~~to~~ before you reach pine lake.

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

40b

I love all the small trails, dogs, children & people, wild am have made around the park. Please do not restrict ~~to~~ where we can go.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

40c

please do not introduce any rare, especially legally protected, plants or animals in the park because access restriction +/or tree removal may be necessary to protect them in the future.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

40d

introduction of rare species such as the pacific chorus frog + SF gumplant are inappropriate for a high use urban park.

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

40e

please don't remove any trees that are not hazardous. all the trees in the park are important aesthetically & as protection from the wind.

Grasslands/Wildflowers (1) 2 3 4 5 40f

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

if a rare turtle is found at Pine Lake please move it to another location where it will not be disturbed by heavy recreational traffic around the lake shore. That goes for any other protected species plant animal

Landscaped Areas (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

the temporary fence around pine lake that will last 3-5 years to protect the shores is too long to prevent access. 40g

Other Comments. 40h

I love this park & want to continue to be able to use it on a daily bases which I do now.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

water fountain for dogs & people. accessable bathroom 40i

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Restoration 1 2 (3) 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Pine Lake needs restoration. Even there will not be any water at all. 41a

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Glen Park needs an off leash dog area.

Trees 1 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

4/B

The recreation center and playing fields need to be upgraded

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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

PLANTINGS DONE AT PINE LAKE ALREADY HAVE HAD MIXED RESULTS – SOME PLANTS WERE DROWNED WHEN LAKE LEVEL WAS RAISED. NEED BETTER PLANNING HERE. 42a

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

I DO NOT APPROVE OF CLOSING OFF SOCIAL TRAILS OR DENYING FREE ACCESS TO PARK AREAS. PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE WHERE THEY WANT TO IN A PARK, NOT BE RESTRICTED TO TRAILS ONLY 42b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, INTRODUCE WESTERN POND TURTLES TO PINE LAKE THE REGULATIONS THAT WOULD BE TRIGGERED WOULD RUIN THE PARK – TREE REMOVAL + BAN ON RECREATIONAL USE 42c

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

I DO NOT SUPPORT REMOVING EXISTING WILDLIFE OR ADDING NEW TO NATURAL AREAS. DO NOT DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD IMPACT NEARBY DOG PLAY AREA NEGATIVELY 42d

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

DO NOT REMOVE TREES AROUND PINE LAKE. ANY TREES REMOVED DUE TO AGE/DISEASE SHOULD BE REPLACED BY TREES OF SAME SIZE + STATURE AS REMOVED TREE 42e

Grasslands/Wildflowers (1) 2 3 4 5

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Landscaped Areas (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

USE OF BRUSH PILES IS UNSIGHTLY. THEY LOOK LIKE DISCARDED TRASH. 42f

Other Comments

DO NOT ADD WESTERN POND TURTLES TO PINE LAKE, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. 42g

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

NO

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

KEEP ACCESS TO PINE LAKE AS OPEN AS POSSIBLE. DO NOT RESTRICT PEOPLE ANY MORE THAN AT PRESENT. 42h

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Restoration 1 (2) 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

THIS AREA IS HEAVILY USED & REQUIRES CONSTANT UPKEEP & THE NAP RELIES HEAVILY ON VOLUNTEERS WHICH THERE ISN'T ENOUGH OF. 43a

Recreation and Trails 1 (3) 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

AROUND THE LAKE LOOP TRAIL SHOULD BE AVAILABLE. 43b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

EXISTING ECOSYSTEM SHOULD BE RESPECTED. THIS IS NOT A GOOD FIT FOR THE WESTERN POND TURTLE 43c

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

SHOULD BE NO CHANGE FOR EXISTING DPA. 43d
NO REMOVAL OF SPECIES
NO TRAPPING EXCEPT FERAL FIX & RETURN

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

ONLY DISEASED TREES SHOULD BE CUT. CONCERNED ABOUT REMOVAL OF TREES ON THE STEEP SLOPES TREES SOAK UP RAINWATER & HOLD HILL IN PLACE. 43e

Grasslands/Wildflowers (1) 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain. 43f

PRESERVING & RESTORING REQUIRES MONEY & MANPOWER THERE IS A BUDGET CRISIS WITH NO REAL END IN SIGHT OFTEN SITES BEGUN WELL BUT ARE NOT MAINTAINED

Landscaped Areas (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

LANDSCAPED AREAS COULD REQUIRE CONSTANT UPKEEP 43g

Other Comments AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED I DON'T THINK THE MAP IS PRACTICAL OR SUSTAINABLE, COST TO TAXPAYERS WITHOUT EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THAT IT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IS UNEXCEPTABLE, NO MONEY FOR MONITORING SITES EFFECTIVELY, 1/3 OF PARKLAND IS TOO MUCH SINCE ONLY 1 GARDNER PER 100 ACRE 43h

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

NO

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see? 43i

THE DOG PLAY AREA SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AND ADDED TO, WATER FOUNTAIN NEEDED, MORE BENCHES & PICNIC TABLES

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If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

(Recreational uses) Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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Pine Lake
Letter 44

The on-line comment form does not work, so I am mailing my comments to you.

Site: Pine Lake
Restoration 1

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below.

I cannot believe the amount of destruction that the natural area's group had brought upon the sf parks. They continue to destroy the beauty that the inital park's creators had set into to play under the guise that it is necessary to see what sf was like 200 years ago. 44a

Recreation and Trails 1

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.
It seems that they continue to fence off areas that were once available to people who use the trails. 44b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.
They are willing to destroy all animals in a lake under the assumption that an endangered turtle might live there. This goes in line with how they continue to operate with very little evidence prior to destruction. 44c

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain below
Dogs and cats? They seem to be happy if they didn't exist at all. Non-native wildlife, isn't that what they continue to destroy? 44d

Trees 1

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain below.
There was a wonderful park that once had 7 trees on it. The trees were a delight to the people who used the park. All 7 have been destroyed. 44e

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.
Everytime they plant them, they die. They fail here as well. 44f

Landscaped Areas 1

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain below.
Weeds. That's all that I have seen. 44g

Other Comments This group is the worse thing that has happened to park and rec. 44h

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

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If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?
Recreational uses Natural resource protection Natives/Wildlife

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?
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Pine Lake
Letter 45

7-13-05

I walk daily in Stern Grove. I am very upset about the proposed plan for the development of the natural areas in Stern Grove. 45a

First of all the citizens did not initiate this idea of natural areas. This idea was never brought to the public in order to see if they even wanted natural areas.

I do not approve of what is happening to the park. Last year at least 5 healthy trees were destroyed in the upper meadow, and they remained on the ground for months before removal. Several very large healthy trees were destroyed near the main entrance to the park. This destruction has to stop. 45b

Instead of destroying healthy trees and removing so called "invasive plants," perhaps sincere efforts should be made to remove invasive items such as broken beer bottles, beer and soft drink cans, paper, bags, and other debri 45c

What about using time, energy and money to maintain Stern Grove in the manner that it should be kept instead of removing existing trees and plants? 45d

We are told that there is not enough 45e

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money to properly maintain the park why are we spending close to a million dollars for a natural habitat?

Sincerely
Josephine Guerra

City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

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Natural Area Site Name: Pine Lake Park: Sigmund Stern Grove

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

45f

I believe that it is ridiculous to close off areas the length of 5 football fields IF the Western Pond Turtle is found at Pine Lake I am against the possibility of closing off all of Pine Lake also this lake should be enjoyed by all. Building a fence would make the area lookugly. Instead put efforts and money into saving the Lake. It is in terrible condition.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

45g

No raccoons, cats, or other animals should be trapped. What will happene to them?

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

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Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

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Other Comments

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Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

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Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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Pine Lake
Letter 46

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Recreation and Park Department

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, 2005 Thursday

Natural Area Site Name: Pine Lake Park: _____

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 (5)
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 (5)
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.
See attached comments

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.
See attached comments

Trees 1 2 3 4 (5)
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Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 (5)

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 (5)

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Other Comments

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(Recreational uses) Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 (5)

Pine Lake
July 13, 2005

46a

The proposals for Pine Lake and the perimeter trail are positive steps towards renovating the lake and improving the habitat.

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However, as one who has frequented Pine Lake's trail, I can tell you that the on-leash regulation for that area will not be obeyed by most of the neighborhood dog walkers and many of your habitat restoration projects will suffer. At the meeting on June 28, I met a neighbor who told me, "we've been walking our dogs unleashed around the lake for 30 years and that won't stop". Though I told her the dogs should be unleashed only in the "dog park area", she didn't seem at all concerned and felt no threat that the regulation would be enforced around the lake.

Recently, I had the opportunity to walk through the new Stern Grove Concert area before its official opening. During the walk, I saw at least three off-leash dogs wondering around. Even, as we parked our car in the parking lot for the June 28 meeting, there were off-leash dogs roaming around. The fact of the matter is that though there is an official "dog park area", there are many dog walkers who consider the whole Stern Grove and Pine Lake area as accessible to off-leash dogs. I'm sure that during the week, the Stern Grove Concert area is inhabited by off-leashed dogs much to the detrement of the grounds.

Since this is my neighborhood park and I'm a homeower who pays taxes, I feel I should be able to walk around Pine Lake and any other park without the threat of off-leash dogs. Despite the plan to post signs at at designated areas, I don't think there will be any positive changes. I have a suggestion for the proposed signs alerting dog walkers of the off-leash regulation. Perhaps something could be added that addresses the issue of the necessity to leash dogs to **show respect for adults and children walking in the area without dogs.**

It's a disgrace that San Francisco has allowed so many of our parks and lands to be turned over to off-leash dog areas with little or no concern for the citizens of San Francisco who pay for the upkeep of these areas without the benefit of their enjoyment. The fact that we have on-leash regulations has not helped the situation at all, since the regulations are being constantly abused with no reprecussions.

It has been extremely frustrating and upsetting these past several years to have neighborhood parks and federal lands such as Stern Grove, Pine Lake, Fort Funston and Crissy Field, turned over to dog walkers, leaving so many of us longing for safe places to walk and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of our City without surrounding dogs.
IS THERE ANY PARK IN SAN FRANCISCO WHERE DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED?

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Pine Lake
Letter 47

NAP MAP – Public Comment Form Due July 14, 2005

Site Name: Pine Lake

47a

Restoration: I was not anticipating further claims of the existence of the Western Pond Turtle (WPT), plans to "augment its population" or to "enhance" its habitat. Commitments were made by RPD/NAP to follow the capital plan at Pine Lake, which do not include such plans. "Enhancement" of the habitat of the Western Pond Turtle would require the creation of unshaded nesting habitat—requiring tree destruction--and the restriction of recreational access. Neither of these actions are acknowledged by the plan, although all reputable published sources clearly require such actions for the viability of this legally protected species. The plan acknowledges that the present habitat is "very poor" for the WPT, which implies that the authors of the plan are well-aware of the need for improvements, although the plan doesn't admit that such changes are needed.

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Recreation and Trails: Although the plan for Pine Lake does not acknowledge that the trail around Pine Lake will be closed, this is not consistent with the plan for Lake Merced which says, "To prevent native turtles [Western Pond Turtle] from being disturbed during breeding season, restrict public access to the waters and shoreline of East Lake between April 1 and August 31." Since the trail around Pine Lake is a part of the shoreline of the lake and the WPT is known to nest as far as 500 meters from the shore, claims that the trail will continue to be open are not credible. Also, the plan must acknowledge that the perimeter of the lake will be fenced for 3-5 years, as prescribed by the capital plan. At the moment, no mention is made of this fence. One of the primary obligations of the revised management plan is to explicitly describe what changes are necessary to implement the plan.

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Sensitive Species/Wildlife: I did not expect the plan to propose "augmenting" an alleged population of WPT or "enhancement" of its habitat. Given that the plan also says that the habitat for the WPT is "very poor," it does not make sense to augment its population. Given that providing adequate habitat for the WPT would require more tree removals and access restrictions, it does not make sense to "enhance" the habitat. The plan reports the "reintroduction" of Grindelia hirsutula var. maritima below and above the path on the north side of the lake. This federal species of concern was not included on the plant list for the capital plan. Therefore, it also violates the commitment made by RPD/NAP to follow the capital plan for Pine Lake. A written commitment should be made in the plan NOT to plant more of this legally protected species. This species no longer exists below the path because raising the water level of the lake (a planned action when it was planted) killed it. Therefore reference to its existence below the path should be removed from the plan. In any case, the identity of this species should be confirmed by qualified biologists. Descriptions of this species in reputable published sources are not consistent with the visual characteristics of the plant in question at Pine Lake, e.g., it does not have "hairy" or red stems, nor are its leaves narrow and pointed. There are many varieties of this species and they are difficult to distinguish; special efforts must be made to identify this rare plant. Plans to "reintroduce" the Pacific Chorus Frog to Pine Lake should be removed from this plan UNLESS its habitat needs are consistent with PRESENT conditions in this park. I do not know the habitat needs of this particular species; therefore I am not in a position to say that it can

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or cannot exist at this location. However, NAP/RPD has a responsibility to research its needs and to introduce it only if it can survive in this heavily used, heavily forested location. 47f

Dogs, Cats & Non-Native Wildlife: The plans now state that non-native turtles "consume" native turtles. This claim is not consistent with reputable published sources. The recovery plan for the WPT in the State of Washington, where it is endangered, does not include non-native turtles as a predators of the WPT. Dave Johnston of the California Department of Fish & Game also informed me verbally that turtles do not eat one another. Although they compete for food, they should not be described as predators. Since no one claims that there is more than one WPT at Pine Lake, it does not seem reasonable to require the removal of all other turtles to provide one turtle with more food. Surely, there is adequate food for those few turtles that reside at Pine Lake, regardless of their origins. In any case, I believe that it is necessary to relocate the WPT (if it exists) to suitable habitat so that it can survive and potentially breed. 47g

Trees: Although the plan for Pine Lake does not acknowledge that any more trees than those identified in the tree plan portion of the capital plan for Pine Lake will be removed, this claim is not consistent with the recommendation that the habitat for the WPT be "enhanced." All reputable published sources regarding the habitat needs of the WPT state that "unshaded nesting habitat" is required for the WPT to reproduce. Consistent with these requirements, Dave Johnston of the California Department of Fish and Game informed me verbally (confirmed in writing) as well as the capital planning team for Pine Lake that the trees at the western end of the lake would need to be destroyed to provide such habitat. Therefore, claims that further tree destruction is not planned are not consistent with the stated plan to "augment" the population of WPT and "enhance" its habitat. 47h

Grassland/Wildflowers: There are no "grasslands" at Pine Lake, unless a cultivated lawn at the eastern end that is heavily used for recreational purposes is designated "grassland." Native grassland cannot be created at the western of the lake without destroying more trees. Claims that recreational access will be maintained and few trees will be destroyed are not consistent with the need of the WPT for unshaded grassland for nesting purposes. 47i

Landscaping: There are no such plans nor was I expecting any. The areas that have already been planted with natives are either under water and therefore dead, infested with weeds, or a mix of barren ground, flags, and a few plants. I wouldn't call it landscaping. I would call it wishful thinking. 47j

Other Comments: This plan MUST be revised to comply with commitments made by NAP/RPD to follow the capital plan at Pine Lake. Those revisions should be: (1) IF a WPT is found at Pine Lake, it should be relocated to Lake Merced where a larger population of WPT exists, where appropriate habitat exists without destroying more trees than those already identified by the capital plan at Pine Lake, and where access can be restricted without closing trails and the Pine Lake children's day camp. Assurances that such tree destruction and/or access restrictions must be approved by the Rec & Park Commission are meaningless because such approval is pro forma, as everyone knows. (2) IF there is Grindelia hirsutula var maritime at Pine Lake its location should be described accurately and written commitment should be made 47k 47l

not to plant more at Pine Lake. (3) Plans to fence the perimeter of the lake for 3-5 years should be added to acknowledge this access restriction.

Can you provide factual information about the location of rare plants? YES, there is no evidence that San Francisco lessingia (Federal Endangered Species) ever existed at Pine Lake. It is not even mentioned in this document in the paragraph regarding "Sensitive Plant Species" (6.7-2). The federal recovery plan for this species identifies all historical records of the existence of this species in San Francisco. Pine Lake is not one of them. Mention of this plant must be removed from Table 6.7-2 "Sensitive species historically and presently known to occur at Pine Lake." Also, claims that Grindelia hirsutula var maritime exist below the trail should be removed because those plants have died after being covered in water.

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? YES, the trail around the lake MUST remain accessible throughout the year and all healthy trees at the western end of the lake must remain in order to maintain the windbreak that is essential to the survival of all other trees in the park.

Explanation of Rating of Presentation: The presentation sounded great because it completely obscured the underlying issues that the typical park visitor is unable to evaluate. Truly masterful introduction of the "Trojan Turtle."

Mary McAllister, Sierra Club, Audubon, American Birding Association, Nature Conservancy
San Francisco 94116

Pine Lake
Letter 48

Subject: Fw: Pine Lake Comment

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To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
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Subject: Pine Lake Comment

(Embedded image moved to file: pic20505.gif) The Recreation and Park Department has extended for a second time the comment period for public input on the Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan. The new deadline for comments is July 28, 2005 at 5:00 pm.
This website has the comment form available for on-line response; however, some users have encountered difficulty submitting comments on line. The maximum length per comment box is approximately 3-4 pages. We encourage those having difficulty with the comment form to email comments to the Natural Areas Program. Should you have difficulty emailing responses, please print out this pdf and mail the completed form to:
Recreation & Parks Dept.
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501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco CA, 94117

Please provide comments in each relevant subject area BY PARK. Please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue. (5 = Exceeds Expectations and 1 = Does Not Meet Expectations). Please note this is not a survey. Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be as specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on any topic covered by the plan in any relevant manner.

Site: Pine Lake Park

Restoration
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Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below. Yes, continue to plant and beautify this area. I love walking my dog around the lake while enjoying the birds and tranquility of area. 48a

Recreation and Trails
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Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain. Yes, Thanks for not limiting my and my dogs access. I was concerned our access was going to be limited. I'm happy we can still walk around the lake and enjoy our park.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife
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Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below I'm concerned that the western pond turtle won't have habitat to reproduce. Can a larger beach area accommodate their needs and offer a viewing area for us pleasure to watch and observe them? 48c

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife
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Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain below Yes, I'm pleased we can continue to walk around the lake and enjoy the life it supports. 48d

Trees
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Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain below. No, although unhealthy trees will be removed I'm concerned about the fire danger the remaining trees pose. I'd like the eucalyptus trees in near to the pond removed. Please address erosion on the sandy slopes. Plant more oaks, and deep rooted shrubs that in addition to providing soil stability they will offer wildlife habitat. 48g

Grasslands/Wildflowers

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Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below. Yes, thanks for watching over our rare species.] 48h

Landscaped Areas
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Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain below. Please plant oaks, toyon and ceanothus to separate the dog play area from the lake area.] 48 i

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

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If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?
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Natural resource protection
Natives/Wildlife

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

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Pine Lake
Letter 49

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----- Original Message -----
From: Jan Scott
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Dear Lisa,

Attached is my submission regarding Pine Lake Park that failed due to the run time error in your form submittal script. Both a text version and a reformatted MS-Word version are included for your convenience.

Thank you.

Jan Scott
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415-681-1855(See attached file: pine lake park comments.txt)(See attached file: pine lake park comments.doc)

Comments are due by July 21, 2005 at 5:00 pm.
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Site: Pine Lake Park

Restoration I chose #1 = does not meet expectations

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below.

No. The plan goes too far in introducing rare plants. As you state, this is a heavily-used urban park, in which it will not be beneficial to tear down thriving plants to introduce plans that probably will not grow too well. I am concerned that protecting these plants and animals will restrict the human use of the park. Dead/diseased trees should be removed and replaced, the weeds in the lake should be removed, the lake should be filled and maintained to it's height of 20 years ago. 49a

Recreation and Trails I chose #1 = does not meet expectations

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.
No. It is not acceptable to have only two access points to the lake. The trail should remain as it is today with the ability to access the lake from any point. 49b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife I chose #1 = does not meet expectations

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.

I've lived 2 blocks from the Park and used it regularly for 35 years. There are many species of urban wildlife there. Whether or not they are native or not, seems irrelevant in an urban park. We still enjoy seeing them. I do not think we should spend the money or sacrifice vegetation or access to preserve or re-introduce the species as suggested in your plan. I do not believe the endangered turtle exists in Pine Lake. Pine Lake has traditionally been a place for children to release their cast-off goldfish and turtles. I believe the turtle being seen was probably someone's pet at one time, not an endangered turtle. 49c

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife I chose #2

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain below

The dog play area is fine as it is. If you feel compelled to change it and have the budget to do this, then expand it. Any observer can see that the greatest use of this park comes from dog walkers. So it makes great sense to provide for them. Regarding non-native animals, I do not think they should be removed. We enjoy seeing them and they have become well adapted this park. 49d

Trees I chose #2

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

I believe there should be removal only of trees that are diseased or dying. 49e

Grasslands/Wildflowers I chose #1

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below

No. Your plan is not a good idea. Nicely growing plants shouldn't be replaced with something that probably won't grow too well. 49f

Landscaped Areas I chose #2

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain below.

One of the benefits of Pine Lake park is that it is somewhat "wild". When my children were young, they enjoyed going there. There was mud to play in, social paths through bushes to explore, water to play in, and secluded places to build forts and to ride dirt bikes. There are very few places in San Francisco like this -- where kids can be kids. Let's not make it into a perfect park, beautiful to look at but not usable by real people. 49g

Other Comments

There are many other higher priorities for the Park and Recreation Department if money is available. The grass on Sunset Boulelvard is not cut regularly; many trees in Golden Gate park are dead or dying, there are not enough trash cans in our parks, and litter is not up in a timely manner. These maintenance items should be handled before money is spent this plan for Pine Lake Park. 49h

Are there special features of this park that you think be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

1. path around the lake with access at all points as it is now 49i
2. Eucalyptise trees that are not dead or dying should be kept 49j
3. keep social paths 49k
4. grass meadow east of the lake should be preserved 49l
5. Lake should be maintained at a higher level and weeds should be cleaned out 49m

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site.

I ranked the plan #1 (poor) in achieving a balance

If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which you find were under valued on this site?

Recreational uses are undervalued.

May we contact you regarding your comments? yes
Name/Affilications: Jan Scott, resident of the surrounding neighborhood
Phone: 415-681-1855
Email: Jan@qb-soft.com
Address: 2563 33rd Avenue

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program nter your site(s) of interest below.
possibily, Pine Lake Park

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

Very well, except that you have a runtime error in the script that submits the formand the zip code on the form is incorrect.

Pine Lake
Letter 50

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 08:19 AM -----

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

Duplicate comment, see Pine Lake 10a

Comment regarding Pine Lake Park:
I think what was omitted from the June 28th public meeting was the potential consequences to Pine Lake Park users which would result from the introduction of rare plants listed on the Federal Species of Concern List and particularly, the deprivation in park use resulting from the introduction of the threatened Western Pond Turtle. I question the ethic not to fully reveal to the public what effect these two issues would have on the public's future use of Pine Lake Park. Literally hundreds of people go to this park on a daily basis beginning from the first light of dawn until nightfall. Many walk with their dogs and/or children for the healthy exercise and savor this time as a respite from the noise, traffic and stress of city life. The tax paying public fund RP and RP/NAP. Must we be affronted with the absurdity of paying to have our park taken away from us?
We were told at the meeting there was no plan to alter the current public use of Pine Lake Park while at the same time, and it would seem behind our back, plans to include threatened plant and animal species is proceeding which could permanently alter public use of this park. I am vigorously opposed to the placement of any threatened animal or plant species into Pine Lake Park.

50a

Regarding erosion and "native" plants:
NAP wants to remove the Nasturtium and Ivy from Stern Grove/Pine Lake Park hillsides. The hillside property owners surely will not appreciate their homes slipping down the hill because "native" plants do not have the strength to stop erosion. Consider what has happened with the NAP Ice Plant removal at Great Highway. Now the city (read: the taxpayers) must spend money removing windblown sand on the road because the native plants are useless protection. None of the NAP expensive mistakes and/or often unappealing results seems to have any effect on halting their suctioning up of taxpayer dollars which is sorely needed in so many other ways. Pine Lake Park needs staff: gardeners, janitors, accessible bathrooms and bathroom repair, benches in the meadow. There's rarely any staff to be found and no one to help if any safety issues arise. These are issues park users care about and how they'd like their tax dollars spent rather than millions of their dollars pouring into the NAP Plan. Native plants are a nonexistent priority for people who actually use and cherish San Francisco public parks.

50b

50a

Regarding balancing recreational uses and the Natural Areas Plan:
No balance is possible if threatened species are introduced into public parks. If there's anything "invasive" (as

50d

the present tree and plants are labeled by NAP) in the public parks, it isn't the vegetation, it's the NAP Plan. Why is the San Francisco General Plan's mandate that the public parks are meant for recreational use only ignored? Native plant and animal "museum" parks and/or nature preserves cannot truthfully be considered recreational. Appropriate areas of non-public parkland is what should be used for experimenting with "restoring" so-called native plants. Though sand dunes was what was orginally the landscape in the western part of the city. Taking over multiple acres of public recreational parks and the destruction of "nonnative" trees, plants and wildlife is going forward unchallenged because of public unawareness. The public needs to be informed and have a vote regarding the NAP plan. It's public tax money and public parks that are at stake. It's wrong for the NAP to plan and prevail behind closed doors.

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Thank you,
Felicia Zeiger
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San Francisco, CA 94132

Pine Lake
Letter 51

Christy Cameron
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San Francisco, CA 94116

July 28, 2005

NAPMAP
San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco, CA 94117

VIA FAX: (415) 661-1979
Attn: NAPMAP

Dear Ms. Wayne and NAP:

I am a San Francisco resident, homeowner and taxpayer. Please accept the following comments to the Natural Areas Program Management Areas Plan (NAPMAP).

Address the public's concerns.

I frequent several parks that have designated Natural Areas, including Stern Grove/Pine Lake Park, Golden Gate Heights Park, McLaren Park, and I occasionally visit Bernal Hill and Glen Canyon. I attended NAP Community workshops. I am very concerned that NAP failed to incorporate the public's concerns regarding this unpopular program. The public has made its concerns known to NAP and Ms. Wayne at numerous meetings, including the few community meetings that were held in response to the public outcry, San Francisco Board of Supervisors hearings, Board of Supervisors' committee meetings, and PROSAC meetings. Ms. Wayne and NAP are fully aware of the public's concerns and wishes. My comments apply to all the Natural Areas in the San Francisco parks.

Tax dollars should be used first for park maintenance and recreation programs.

The cost of this unpopular program is unsupportable when compared to the unmet needs of San Francisco residents. I have found NAP to be evasive when questioned about the cost. Nevertheless, NAP has been unable to totally obscure the cost to the public. I understand that the budget for 2005-2006 is close to one million dollars Ms. Wayne and the Volunteer Coordinator are each paid $93,000 plus benefits. Eight gardeners have been assigned to NAP. In addition to this enormous amount, acquisitions and habitat restoration work can use the Capital Projects program. I understand $3.4 million was spent on Parcel 4. I also understand that the part of NAP within the Capital Project has authorization to hire 16 gardeners.

San Francisco residents expect that their tax dollars will be used to maintain recreation areas in our parks and fund recreation programs for children and seniors. As any visit to any of our parks will clearly reveal, we need more gardeners to maintain our parks. The enormous funds that NAP is taking from our park maintenance and recreation programs needs to be severely reduced and curtailed.

Do not introduce new species into our parks.

I am particularly concerned that NAP can introduce "sensitive species" even if there is no record that they ever existed at the site. In addition, "sensitive species" should only be defined by Federal and State statues on endangered species, not by private groups such as the California Native Plant Society, the Audubon Society and the Sierra Club. These groups have their own agendas that are not necessarily the same as the interests of the residents of San Francisco who pay the taxes and use the parks. The introduction of such "sensitive species" will undoubtedly curtail recreational access. I had understood that NAP was designed to save native "remnants", not create new areas by planting new species and taking over areas that are merely "naturalistic". I strongly object to the introduction of either Lessingia or Gumplant in any Natural Area..

Do not remove non-native wildlife and plants.

The diversity of plant and wildlife is San Francisco is greater now than when Europeans arrived. The diversity of trees and plants have created a habitat for birds and butterflies that have migrated here. Migration of plants, birds, and animals is the history of the planet. Migrations and change doesn't stop at one isolated moment, the day Europeans arrived. San Franciscans love the diversity here and they love the trees. They do not want the tress taken out, even if they are non-native.

Do not cut off public access in the Natural Areas, including MA1 and MA2 areas.

I, and other members of the public, have repeatedly (at public hearings and in written comments) pointed out that San Francisco is an urban area of very high density. The few parks and open space areas that we have need to be available to the public for recreation. **The first priority of the San Francisco Department of Parks and Recreation is, and must remain, parks and recreation for the public.** I strongly object to the restriction of public access (and fencing) around Pine Lake and in parts of McLaren Park. A

I also strongly object to the removal of the social trails in Golden Gate Heights Park. I, and many other residents, enjoy trail walking in this area. The portion of Golden Gate Heights Park designated a Natural Area is not a remnant, it is "naturalistic" and not appropriate for the a Natural Areas designation. The proposed trail does not compensate for the lack of open space access. True open space access means a place to walk and play and wander. Restricting the public to a few (NAP acceptable) trails takes needed open space away from the public's use.

Do not limit off-leash dog walking recreation in existing DPA and de facto areas.

Off-leash dog walking recreation and native remnants have co-existed for decades. San Franciscan families love their dogs and off-leash dog walking is a beloved San Franciscan tradition The NAP proposed changes to existing off-leash areas is highly controversial among residents. Adopting NAPMAP in its current form will not end this controversy.

I strongly, object to the to following provisions of NAPMAP with respect to off-leash dog walking:

- Bernal Hill DPA reduction from 21 acres to 13 acres
- McLaren Park DPA reduction from 60 acres to 51 acres
- Pine Lake no access zone
- restrictions on de facto off-leash dog walking areas in Glen Canyon
- restrictions on de facto off-leash dog walking trails area of Golden Gate Heights Park

Do not adopt General Recommendation GR-7 (removal of cats).

The SPCA Feral Fix Program has been successful in reducing the number of feral cats. If NAP traps cats it may well include roaming pets of San Francisco families. In addition, and cats that are trapped are unlikely to be adopted and thus will be killed.

The City of Ventura trapped and eliminated feral cats at Ventura Beach and discovered that it had created an enormous problem with respect to rats. The feral cats had kept the rat population in check and when the cats were trapped and killed the rat population exploded. NAP may be unaware that San Francisco already has a rat issues in many neighborhoods. Should the number of feral cats be significantly reduced it is likely that the rat population in San Francisco will greatly increase.

Thank you for considering my comments to NAPMAP.

Sincerely,

Christy Cameron

Christy Cameron

cc: Mr. Yomi Agunbiade, Acting General Manager
Ms. Margaret Mc Arthur, Park and Recreation Committee Liaison

Pine Lake
Letter 52

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

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In 1931, Mrs. Sigmund Stern bought the property and deeded it to the city as a memorial to her late husband, with the provision that it forever be used for recreational purposes. NAP fails to respect the one contractual requirement outlined for this park when it was so generously donated by Mrs. Sigmund Stern. In essence, it is a betrayal, it is unethical, and it is perhaps illegal. The Natural Areas Program does NOT foster recreational access. There is no pressing reason to create a Natural Area at Pine Lake.
Restoration of water quality and the lake's health can easily be accomplished without creating a Natural Area.

52b

This plan is in violation of the performance standards established in the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's (SFRPD) own Operational Plan. First, public safety is not protected by implementing an inferior erosion control plan which may threaten the homes of taxpayers surrounding the lake area. Native plants are inferior to non-native plants in controlling erosion – as was evidenced by the failure of Natural Areas at Fort Ord, along Great Highway, and at Fort Funston. Ice plant is the proven solution to sandy slopes which must resist erosion. Nasturtium grow readily as well as ivy in the Pine Lake area. All of these plants would be superior in erosion control to preserve the health of the lake.

52c

Removing eucalyptus trees as NAP proposes will hasten erosion.
Additionally, the destruction of eucalyptus trees at Stern Grove (merely because they are non-native) is another violation as the Operational Plan requires arboreal maintenance and reforestation of all SF parks. Because the eucalyptus dominates the landscape at Stern Grove, reforestation would not be possible without removing ALL the eucalyptus. Certainly destroying healthy eucalyptus trees does not qualify as arboreal maintenance!

52d

The augmentation of the existing vegetation with any combination of these plants or hardy non-native plants would not require closure of any of the trails, and would still allow public access to the lake. Children would not have to wait 5 years to feed the ducks at Pine Lake, and access to people wishing to recreate with their dogs off-leash would not be banned permanently. We find it disturbing that when questioned by SF Rec and Park Commissioner Jim Lazarus as to what alternatives to Pine Lake for dogs to recreate in the water have been considered by SFRPD/NAP, NAP Director Lisa Wayne responded, "None".

Lastly, were we to focus on restoring the health of the lake without making it a Natural Area, we would not be facing the wanton extermination of red-eared turtles, spiny soft-shelled turtles, domestic and/or feral cats, and raccoons. 52e

From a scientific standpoint, as well as a public benefit standpoint, this NAP plan for Pine Lake cannot be justified. The NAP plan is unrealistic for Pine Lake; this is a highly utilized urban park which does not currently have the ecosystem to support native plants. The experimental native plants planted at Pine Lake a year or so ago are mostly dead. It is not acceptable to subject the public to a loss of recreational use for a plan that is sure to fail. And once it has failed, the trees will be gone, the erosion worse than it is today, and we will have lost years of use of this recreational treasure. 52f

Sincerely,
Norma Miller
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San Francisco, Ca
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Pine Lake
Letter 53

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

53a

I am a user of the parks in San Francisco. I go to Stern Grove almost every day. I meet other 'regulars' there. We look for a place to sit that is not so dusty we have to leave because it hurts our eyes. We love to watch our dogs play. The conversation goes to remembering the time when...
'They used to takes care of this area, water and mow the grass. We used to have access to the bathroom, 'I don't drink fluids when I come here' one elderly woman admits. Remember when there were trash cans through out the meadow and not those ugly dumpster's at either end? Someone asks 'Have you walked around Pine Lake yet? Someone else says I'll go with you I need to exercise.'
NAP must provide detailed long-term plans for funding to create and maintain each site. Other Park and Rec programs are in dire need of staff and funding (athletic fields, recreational programs, day camps, building maintenance, watered and mowed lawns, accessible trash cans, clean restrooms)
At Pine Lake do not create a Western Pond Turtle Habitat. Do not introduce rare plant species such as the SF Gumplant, or the Lessingia. Do not restrict dogs from going into the lake. If any rare species (legally protected) plant or animals are found relocate them to a more appropriate habitat not a dense urban park Thank You, Melinda McMurray
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Sam Francisco, Ca
94131

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Pine Lake
Letter 54

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

54a

I am writing to express my concern for the NAP plans regarding Stern Grove/Pine Lake Park. I live in the area and visit Stern Grove almost daily..usually with my dogs. I attended meetings where we were assured by NAP representatives that DPAs would not be changed...yet the NAP management Plan asks for restrictions in several DPA areas. To be truthful...I do not trust NAP regardless of what they say. It is my firm believe that they would like nothing better than to banish people, and especially dogs ,from all recreational use of much of our city parks. 54b

I do not approve of, nor will I support, the NAP management plan for Stern Grove/Pine Lake Park Jean Kind 2165 15th Avenue, SF 94116

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Pine Lake
Letter 55

Subject: Fw: NAPMAP

---- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 12:31 PM -----

"Rebecca Pollack" <beckyrebel@earthlink.net>
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Please respond to beckyrebel

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cc:
Subject: NAPMAP

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Thanks for the extension- I know that you are working hard and don't deserve some of the flack you have been getting. I guess you have learned not to take it personally. My only comment is there something in the NAP plan to coexist with other Rec. and Park departments to ensure the survival of our natural areas. I was horrified that English Ivy was used as a ground cover in the Stern Grove renovation. As the NAP works to preserve our natural areas other people in the parks department needs do a check in.
I'm sure there are better plants ot plant as ground cover. I work with the Youth Stewardship Program and we spend days out in the field removing the Ivy as it takes over as the non- native plant species. I think something should be built into the plan- one hand needs to know what is happening when it comes to our Natural Areas in the city. Thanks Rebecca Pollack, 55a west portal ave, 94127

55b

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Letter 56

Subject: Fw: Stern Grove/dog walking

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 09:23 AM -----

	Katharine Petrucione	07/22/2005 11:32 AM

To: Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV@SFGOV
cc: kathleenuskert@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Fw: Stern Grove/dog walking

Hi Lisa -

I believe that Kathleen probably found my e-mail on the website. Please include her comments on the NAP in your database of responses.

Thanks -

Katie

----- Forwarded by Katharine Petrucione/RPD/SFGOV on 07/22/2005 11:30 AM -----

Kathleen Uskert <kathleenuskert@sbcglobal.net>	To	Katharine.Petrucione@sfgov.org
07/21/2005 02:58 PM	cc	
	Subject	Stern Grove/dog walking

I was advised that comments concerning the usage of Stern Grove were due today by 5 PM. I have been unable

to find where to submit those comments so I am writing you in hopes that you can see to it that my email gets to the right people. I am a dog walker and I hope that usage by dog owners/walkers in Stern Grove/Pine Lake will not be curtailed. I have lived on 35th Avenue for 27 years and Stern Grove has been used for walking dogs as long as I have been in the area. It is an area for both owners and dogs to socialize, which in this fast paced world is sorely needed. With all of the problems you read about concerning dog attacks etc, socializing the animals is a positive thing for owners to do. Why take away the space
that exists for that to occur? Please keep Stern Grove as it has been for
YEARS.
Kathleen Uskert
661-9222

56a

Pine Lake
Letter 57

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Shirley Selby, Chair of Guardians of Sigmund Stern - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 09:22 AM -----

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07/22/2005 10:47 AM

To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Shirley Selby, Chair of Guardians of Sigmund Stern - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Pine Lake Park

Restoration Score - 3
Restoration Comments - TOO much concern for plants and not people. The parks are for the people, all the people, hikers, walkers, dog walkers, elderly residents of the City who enjoy using the parks, etc. Not just for NAP people who are only interested in their own projects. 57a

Recreation & Trails Score - 4
Recreation & Trails Comments - Pretty much, unless Pinelake is taken off the free access list. This is our lake, our park, as residents of S.F.! I have a copy of the original deed, the City residents are to use Stern Grove for RECREATIONAL purposes. 57b

Sensitive Species Score - 3
Sensitive Species Comments - The "enhance sensitive species" is what makes most people cringe. We see a fringe group who wish to take over our recreational areas, and disallow humans to enjoy and recreate at the Grove. 57c

Dogs & Cats Score - 3
Dogs & Cats Comments - We walk our dog at the Grove, with the leash on in the p arking lot, and in the area of the lake. A policewoman, Barbara Dullea stopped me yesterday as I walked my dog, rolled down the window, and said, "Thank you for having your dog on the leash." This was in the area of the camp and lake.
I am the chairwoman of the Grove group, Guardians of Stern Grove, we number 250 or more people who are part of this group. I send out emails all the time, reminding the members of their responsibilites, scheduling clean- 57d

ups, etc. We are law abiding, good citizens who walk at the Grove. 57d

Trees Score - 3
Trees Comments - Take out a few damaged trees, leave the rest. 57e

Grasslands Score - 1
Grasslands Comments - No, it does NOT provide for a gardener! How can the grass areas, etc. ever look good unless they are maintained by Rec and Park gardeners. We have not had a gardener in our meadow for over a year. That is outrageous, send in your NAP people to care for the meadow, since they are so devoted to the landscaping. 57f

Landscape Score - 3
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - Work with us, not against us. You can reach me at 415-661-3807

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments - Plant the areas such as Pinelake meadow as it was for years. Send a gardener to this site, at least once or twice a week. 57g

Plan Score - 1
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

Name - Shirley Selby, Chair of Guardians of Sigmund Stern Phone - 415-661-3807 Email - selbygang@comcast.net
Address - 336 Country Club Drive S.F., CA 94132-1110

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 3

Pine Lake
Letter 58

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Marcia Seeman - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

---- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 09:20 AM -----

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cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Marcia Seeman - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Pine Lake Park

Restoration Score -
Restoration Comments - If the plans interfere with access to the area around the lake, I am ooposed. 58a

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments - If the plans interfere with the trail around the lake, then I am opposed. 58b

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments - If the plan limits access to trails and recreational areas I have enjoyed for thirty years then I am opposed. 58c

Dogs & Cats Score -
Dogs & Cats Comments - If the plan limits the access for my pets , then I am opposed. 58d

Trees Score -
Trees Comments - If the removal of any trees inhibits access to the path around the lake, then I am opposed. 58e

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments - If the plan inhibits any access I have enjoyed for thirty years, then I am opposed. 58f

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments - If the plan restricts my access to the path around the lake, then I am opposed. 58g

General Comments - No.

Rare
Plant Comment - No.

Improvement/Features Comments - The regular and simple maintenence of this park is shoddy..ie:watering,mowing and simple gardening. Access to the restroom and water for the elderly and pets in the area near the lake should always be available and it is not!!

58h

Plan Score - 4
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

Name - Marcia Seeman
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Email - marciadvd@aol.com
Address - 461 Melrose Ave. SF,CA 94127

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 5

Pine Lake
Letter 59

Subject: Fw: Comment Form for Pine Lake Park

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/19/2005 07:38 AM -----

"JoAnne Shanahan_SF" <joanne_shanahan@gensler.com>
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cc:
Subject: Comment Form for Pine Lake Park

07/18/2005 02:23 PM

lisa,

i tried twice today to submit my comments online and encountered a server error message on your end and had to retype it twice so i copied my comments and pasted them below and hope that this will be okay. i was getting a little frustrated! i thought that the form could have been worded a little better or maybe more appropriate for Pine lake.
but thanks for taking the time to read them.

joanne shanahan
135 san marcos avenue
san francisco, ca 94116
415.664.2754
joanne_shanahan@gensler.com

Comment Form for Pine Lake Park:

Restoration - Score 3
it seems to me that there are no guarantees on some of the issues of introducing rare species and wildlife that the plans will stay as planned. right now the plan is for access around the lake with the lake it self off limits. can we be guaranteed that the plan will stay as is even if there is some rare turtle found in the lake. i think leaving the path accessible as planned is more important than one turtle. 59a

Recreation and Trails - Score 4
i was pleased that the plan calls for access around the lake on the trail for people and dogs with minimum fence put up to get the vegetation growing around the lake personally i think the lake is pretty disgusting and would not let my dog in it anyway! 59b

Sensitive Species - Score 2
i think only sensitive species should be introduced as long as no special treatment is needed (except for possible fencing for them to establish). if it mean taking away any trail space or blocking off the lake than i am against it. 59c

Dogs, Cats & Non-Native Wildlife - Score 2 as i said previously, i don't think any special treatment should be taken. there were frogs and turtles when i was growing up out there and they did just fine. 59d

Trees - Score 3
i think as few trees as possible should be removed. i have seen tags on some trees and from what i can tell it doesn't look like alot. but they should be diseased or dying. no healthy trees should be removed. 59e

Grasslands/Wildflowers - Score 3
i'm not sure what you mean as grasslands. the meadow? if so - NO. 59f
the meadow is in horrible shape. and the cars parking on it is appalling. has anyone gone out there to look at what the cars are doing to it? when i asked lisa about the lawn she said they were.

Landscaped Areas - Score 1
see above. this should not be used as a parking lot. period! 59g

Other Comments
i am a fourth generation san franciscan and the one place in the city i feel very tied to is pine lake. i went to camp there and my children have gone to came there. it's a great park. as any one on the committee spent time there? visiting it at different times, days, more than just a handful of visits? then you would notice that the majority of people there are normal people with dogs and kids. where can kids go and climb up a hill and build a fort out of twigs? people come home from work and can come out there and have some peace and let there dogs run free. i would prefer as little as possible be done. sometimes the best intentions don't really work for what a place really functions as. 59h
this should be considered.

Any special Features...
new sprinklers and lawn for the meadow and keep the cars off! 59i

Undervalued on this site:
recreational uses

Pine Lake
Letter 60

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - wagner bridget - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - wagner bridget - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

07/15/2005 11:03 AM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Pine Lake Park

Restoration Score - 2
Restoration Comments - What is the plan. It is good currently. It would be nice just to have a regular grounds person in this area. At person none oversees this area on a daily basis. 60a

Recreation & Trails Score - 3
Recreation & Trails Comments - Unclear from the plan. Dogs under voice controll should be allowed off lease and shold not chase balls or swim in the lake. Dogs under voice control should be allowed off lease around the lake just on the path. 60b

Sensitive Species Score - 3
Sensitive Species Comments - Too sensitive. Dogs under voice control can be allowed in this area 60c

Dogs & Cats Score - 2
Dogs & Cats Comments - The vast magority of people who use this area oar responsible people walking their dogs. For the elderly folks this is a flat and safe area to walk their dogs and these people enjoy the park on a daily basis. It would be tragic to not allow dogs in this area and their owners.
They
are the citizens and voters who really enjoy and use this. 60d

Trees Score - 2
Trees Comments - The elculyptus trees are beautiful 60e

Grasslands Score - 1
Grasslands Comments - The Stern grove concerts and teh new concerts meadows are great but the other meadow are awful, dry, no watering and suffering from teh recent construction 60f

Landscape Score - 3
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - Lets get some basic things in the park right, there is no grounds keeper, more places for trash the dumpster are unsightly and smell in the summer. Reseeding the meadows after heavey traffic with the summer concerts. Watering ????. Correcting pollution in pine lake form broken sewers

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments - See other comments

Plan Score - 7
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

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Volunteering Comment - Stern grove,

Staff Score - 1

Pine Lake
Letter 61

Subject: Fw: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.

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Subject: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.
07/10/2005 12:48 PM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Pine Lake Park

Restoration Score - 1
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score - 1
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score - 1
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 1
Dogs & Cats Comments - Leave the existing wildlife alone. a

Trees Score - 1
Trees Comments - Proposed tree removal is excessive. b

Grasslands Score - 1
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score - 2
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - There are no Western Pond Turtles at this site. c

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments - Yes, complete access to Pine Lake by the tax paying public d

Plan Score - 1

Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

Name -
Phone -
Email -
Address -

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 3

Pine Lake Letter 62

WHO WROTE THIS? SORRY, BUT I "EXPECTED" POLITICS, BUREAUCRA AND HIDDEN AGENDAS. I AM NOT REASSURED BY THE TALK.

City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

Attn: NAP MAP
McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park
501 Stanyan Street, San Francisco, CA 94117
TEL: 415.831.2700 FAX: 415.831.2096 WEB: http://parks.sfgov.org

WHY WAS THERE NO SURVEY? (SINCE THIS ISN'T ONE)

For On-line version See Significant Natural Area Tab in right Corner Blue Bar Center Page! Then select Comment Form on next screen.

NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, 2005 Thursday

Natural Area Site Name: PINE LAKE Park: SIGMUND STERN "GROVE"

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

DOES PACIFICA KNOW ABOUT THE MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO? HOW DID YOU TELL THE

Restoration NA ~~1 2 3 4 5~~ Please respond by email

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

a

If you do not cordon off areas for endangered plants or animals YOU INTRODUCED and declare the area MA1 then I don't mind. I do mind high nature appreciation & usage areas being removed from appreciation & use in this high population density area

Recreation and Trails NA ~~1 2 3 4 5~~

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

b

I am worried about how appreciation/use areas could be taken from the public paying taxes for it by the loopholes in the plan. It is a naive view that the plan will be followed carefully. We are, after all, in San Francisco, which has formiddable hidden agendas & bureaucracies.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

c

These parks were sand dunes with grizzly bears & elk. The introduced species have formed interrelationships with native species. Anything still here HAS ADAPTED OR IT WOULD BE DEAD! Do not try to go backwards since we would lose the wildlife we have! DO NOT CLEARCUT!!!!

d

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

e

DO NOT IMAGINE THAT CITY DOGS ARE SOME HUGE NEGATIVE INFLUENCE Pets aren't a problem or the existing native species wouldn't be alive They don't know how to hunt, they bounce around happily. DON'T STOP THEIR JO

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

f

NO THEY DON'T!! Removing non native trees, that hawks & other raptors nest in & have for hundreds of years, will disturbe the delicate balance of nature!!! Leaving nature alone is the WISE PATH. It knows how to survive. Drastic changes DON'T WORK! This removal of non native species should be only to remove NEW trees or species! Crashing huge old growth will kill everything below! You will be doing thousands of times more damage than a few happy wagging dog

Mayor Gavin Newsom
Acting General Manager Yomi Agunbiade

f (cont'd)

[illegible] that prevent CLEARCUTTING, ROBOT TO CUT LUDWIGIA FROM PINE LAKE, NO USE OF ROUNDUP TO STOP GROWTH, NO ROPING OF BECAUSE OF INTRODUCED SPECIES.

THIS SEEMS TO BE A DONE DEAL AND I AM GREATLY OFFENDED BY THIS & YOUR "PROCESS."

* I expect it to deteriorate when funds become scarce

NA

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5 *

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain. g

You have reintroduced some - and the area has been labeled MI. Again these parks were sand dunes & bare rock. "Prohibiting" because of what you've introduced isn't just on par but I do expect this having run into this kind of thinking before. I don't like it!!!

Landscaped Areas NA 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

h

They're pleasant enough. I like plants & love to see them. Go ahead & plant away! Really! My biggest fear is the reclassification because of your landscaping. DO NOT USE REINTRODUCTION TO RECLASSIFY TO WILD.

Other Comments

again - if you really want to step back before European settlers you would have sand, dirt, rocks, grass & grizzlys & elk. There would be tons of loud, raucous water birds & rattlesnakes. How far are you planning to go with this? Bedrolls on sand dunes?

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Hawks live in very tall groves of trees... presently eucalyptus. NATURE DOESN'T NEED INVASIVE MANAGEMENT WHEN IT'S WORKING Mt Davidson has the most hawks & it works as it is!! It doesn't need to be managed when it's working!

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

k

Clear cutting is the cheapest removal — you don't have a lot of money ∴ this means that no matter your plans the money will be the prime directive - DO NOT NAIVELY THINK IT WON'T!

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection Natives Wildlife

l

May we contact you regarding your comments? I prefer email. ARE YOU MEETING IN PACIFICA? Please reply by email!

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? _____ Site(s) of interest: _____

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 5

Pine Lake
Letter 63

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Vera Eby - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Vera Eby - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

07/09/2005 01:45 PM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Pine Lake Park

Restoration Score - 3
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score - 1
Recreation & Trails Comments - At present dogs can walk unleashed around the lake. In the restoration plan, they would be restricted to on-leash walking. I do not approve of this new, reduced recreational use.

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 1
Dogs & Cats Comments - I am a 63 year old native San Franciscan who has always enjoyed having a dog with whom to walk. Most recently, I find my walking pleasures are becoming more restricted due to new policies. While I support respect for the native species & my dog is trained & never goes into the lake or into bushes after the wild life, I strongly disagree with a policy that respects native "critters" over native San Franciscans! Please allow us to continue to walk around the lake with unleashed dogs & fine the uncontrolled animals and people who do not obey the restriction to stay out of the water.

Trees Score - 4
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score -
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

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Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

Pine Lake
Letter 64

Subject: Fw: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.

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07/06/2005 12:04 PM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Pine Lake Park

Restoration Score - 1
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score - 1
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score - 1
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 1
Dogs & Cats Comments - Do not remove ANY resident wildlife a

Trees Score - 1
Trees Comments - Do not remove any more trees b

Grasslands Score - 1
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score - 1
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score - 1

Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

Name -
Phone -
Email -
Address -

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 3

Pine Lake
Letter 65

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Joshua Switzky - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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Subject: NAP MAP - Joshua Switzky - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

07/01/2005 09:21 AM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Pine Lake Park

Restoration Score - 4
Restoration Comments - I strongly support resotration of native plants and enhancements for native wildlife. We cannot let the dog fanatics overrun the city and dictate park policy for every open space in the city. A

Recreation & Trails Score - 3
Recreation & Trails Comments - Proposal looks fine. b

Sensitive Species Score - 4
Sensitive Species Comments - We should always be doing more to protect sensitive species and do restoration to aid their recoveries. c

Dogs & Cats Score - 3
Dogs & Cats Comments - There are still too many dog areas! d

Trees Score - 3
Trees Comments - Please continue to remove dead or dying trees, especially non natives and invasives, and leave healthy natives and larger caliper trees. e

Grasslands Score - 4
Grasslands Comments - We can still do more. f

Landscape Score - 3
Landscape Comments - We need to be tearing up more asphalt in the city, especially our parks to reduce stormwater runoff, support our natural watersheds, and create a greener and more livable city. g

General Comments - I strongly support resotration of native plants and enhancements for native wildlife and Natural Areas Program in general. We cannot let the dog fanatics overrun the city and dictate park policy for every open space in the city. h

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score - 10
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Natives/Wildlife

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Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 3

Pine Lake
Letter 66

Subject: Fw: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.

Demian

As I receive comments I will be forwarding to you. Written comments from the first workshop are in the mail to you as well. We are keeping a set here too. Talk to you soon. Lisa
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cc:
Subject: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Pine Lake Park

Restoration Score -
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score -
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - Map needs pop out info on it! D/A

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score -
Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

Name -
Phone -
Email -
Address -

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

Pine Lake
Letter 67

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Rene Terrazas - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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Subject: NAP MAP - Rene Terrazas - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

07/28/2005 02:15 PM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - ~~15th Avenue Steps~~ Pine Lake

Restoration Score - 1
Restoration Comments - Restoration via locally rare plants and wildlife will severely restrict access to the lake path for walking dogs on leash. A

Recreation & Trails Score - 1
Recreation & Trails Comments - See above. B

Sensitive Species Score - 1
Sensitive Species Comments - Sensitive species (aka endangered) bring will end up causing limitation of access. C

Dogs & Cats Score - 3
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score - 2
Trees Comments - Existing trees that are in good health should be retained. D

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score - 2
Landscape Comments - natives require more intensive gardening. as it is the city has a limited budget and gardners at Stern Grove have been reduced. E

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score -
Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

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Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 3

Pine Lake
Letter 68

NAP/MAP General comments

Following are a few general comments regarding the Natural Areas Plan.

I find it troubling that some questions at the NAP meeting I attended alluded to not restoring habitats as completely as possible. I can't say I think it a good idea to restore rare, endangered, or extirpated native plants in an early restoration stage. However, the goal of restoration in every site should be to reassemble the maximum amount of native plant diversity as possible. Only then are we talking about restoration. This comment might be particularly relevant to Pine Lake Park.

There is a major problem in all of our parks with water features. In the case of NAP, this seems only to apply to Lake Merced and Pine Lake. The problem is that there is a very active minority of dog walkers who use the lakes as their dog swimming holes. This needs to end, promptly. For the first time of which I am aware, Mallards reproduce at Pine Lake. That's something of a miracle since so many potential ground predators use the uplands around the lake. The last time I was at the lake. I observed a young lady with a dog that she encouraged to chase the young ducks. There is no point to reporting such incidents because there is no possible response. The fact of the matter is though, this is illegal and this infraction needs strict enforcement for the sake of wildlife and water quality. If the Recreation and Park Department opt not to enforce regulations against dog owners who use our open waters, they need to begin the process of doing a full Environmental Impact Report and showing there is no impact to protected wildlife and water quality. A

A comment I couldn't find a place for in my Lake Merced comments has to do with new habitats. Only this year did duckweed become a significant element of the Lake Merced ecosystem in the shallows of the impound lake.. It needs mention.

There is no mention of a snag policy. It is important to keep some standing snags in wooded areas. A rule of thumb is 3 per acre in forests. That may or may not be appropriate for woodlands in our natural areas, but it should provide a guideline for snag density. I don't support keeping them near paths, or near places where they could damage people or property, but I most certainly support a policy that demonstrates the Department's acknowledgement of the need to provide snags for cavity nesting birds, roosting birds and all the insects, fungi and such that make up the ecosystem of a dead tree or branch.

It would be of benefit to many species if large nests, when abandoned, were left untouched for at least 2 nesting seasons. It is common for large stick nests to be reused by birds of the species the built them and by birds of different species.

Protocols for determining distances that should be kept from nests need to be established. All protocols should be developed with scientific support. For example, the distance people should stay from the heron and cormorant nests at Lake Merced should be

researched in ornithology literature and deted based on that and on the special features of Lake Merced. It is certain both es tolerate much more disturbance anyone would think reasonable. Moving bome well within the zone that would drive off many other populations. Factors lit should be taken into account when developing a policy for this situation. Needb say, this should cover raptors and owls, and other species as situations arise.

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San Francisco Recreation and Park - NAP MAP Public Comments Form

Pine Lake Letter 69

City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park
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The Recreation and Park Department has extended for a second time the comment period for public input on the S Resource Areas Management Plan. The new deadline for comments is **July 28, 2005 at 5:00 pm.**
This website has the comment form available for on-line response; however, some users have encountered difficulty submitting comments on line. The comment box is approximately 3-4 pages. We encourage those having difficulty with the comment form to email comments to the *Natural Areas Progra* emailing responses, please print out this pdf and mail the completed form to:

Recreation & Parks Dept.
ATTN: NAP MAP
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco CA, 94117

*Please provide comments in each relevant subject area **BY PARK**. Please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue. (5 = Exceeds E Not Meet Expectations). Please note this is not a survey. **Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be as specific as po** you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on any topic covered by the plan in any relevant mann*

Site: Pine Lake Park

Restoration

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ◉ 4 ○ 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain b

The plan seems well thought out and represents much of what I would like to see. Ho feel that the lake is Pine lake and would do to have introduction of pine species t resistant to the pine canker disease. Those native plants and trees from the riper: of the Santa Cruz Mountains would be beautiful and sustainable.

A

Recreation and Trails

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ◉ 4 ○ 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

They exceed my expectations

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ◉ 4 ○ 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.

They exceed my expectations

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. no expected? Please explain below

I have 2 huskies that I do not walk in the park because of the few owners that do n their own dogs. I worry about the wildlife in the park, as there are those who all dogs to worry the waterfowl, squirrels, and raccoons. There are also those who fee dogs need to take daily swims in the lake.

B

JUL-25-2005 20:50 WEST BAY HOME HEALTH 650 P.01/03

Trees

○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal address or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

Again this is not Eucalyptus Lake. Can we start a new forest of native trees and g: get rid of all or most of the Eucalyptus trees. They do not allow much to grow und them and their litter is messy. Redwoods, oaks, pines, madrones, maples...those be: to the lake.

C

Grasslands/Wildflowers

○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.

Grasslands and wildflowers are great, but let's help the hillside erosion on the no: the lake, too. Are there shruberies (like manzanita or buckeye) that can help with erosion and not damage our sewer main and pipes?

D

Landscaped Areas

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ◉ 4 ○ 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not

These plans look great.

Other Comments

The only reason I did not score 5s is that you didn't get the funding to reach 5s, had, you've done a wonderful job with the funding situation you have.

E

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the this Natural Area?

I have seen long earred owls nesting in the pines at 30th and Wawona (pinehurst lod hawks, red tailed hawks, various ducks and scoters, egrets, Anna and Allens Hummingl Wilsons and other warblers, brown creepers, pine siskins, virios, mourning doves, : jays and scrub jays, black phoebes, says phoebes, house finches, juncos, pygmy nuth:

F

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvem would you like to see?

I would like to see the introduction of native fish and wildlife to decrease the mo: population. The reeds in the lake are nice, but tend to overgrow and lead to stagn: of water that promote mosquito development. In this time of West Nile Virus, we ne: severely limit mosquito development to protect our wildlife and ourselves.

G

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, p plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent)

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5 ○ 6 ◉ 7 ○ 8 ○ 9 ○ 10

If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?

○ Recreational uses ○ Natural resource protection ◉ Natives/Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Enter your site(s) of interest below.

I may be able to give some weekend time at Pine Lake. Thanks.

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ● 5

Submit

Mayor Gavin Newsom
Acting General Manager Yomi Agunbiade

Pine Lake Letter 70



Nicky Trasvina [redacted]
07/28/2005 10:24 PM

To margaret.mcarthur@sfgov.org
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Subject Fwd: PINE LAKE PARK

>Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2005 22:24:00 -0700
>To: Yomi.Agunbiade@sfgov.org
>From: Nicky Trasvina <trasvina@sfsu.edu>
>Subject: Fwd: PINE LAKE PARK
>
>
>>Date: Thu, 28 Jul 2005 22:23:15 -0700
>>To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
>>From: Nicky Trasvina [redacted]
>>Subject: PINE LAKE PARK
>>Cc: info@sfdog.org
>>Bcc: [redacted]
>>
>>Hello, I am a native San Franciscan, 50 year resident of the West side
>>and avid user of Pine Lake for almost 8 years. Yes, I have a dog!
>>But it is not only my dog who benefits from the usage of Pine Lake. It
>>has become a daily sanctuary for me. It has reduced the stress I feel
>>from caring for two teenagers and two elderly parents. It is a definite
>>benefit to my mental health. I know I speak for other users of the park
>>as well. Not only is it exercise for me and my dog, but it is also a
>>meeting place of like minds. I cannot tell you the important professional
>>contacts I have made while spending time at this park. Pine Lake is like
>>heaven, like a piece of gold in my life!
>>
>>Unfortunately, I have some heavy duty concerns about the future of Pine
>>Lake brought on by the interception and misguided planning of the NAP. My
>>concerns are as follows:
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>>The recreational needs of the park should be a priority. We are an urban A
>>park where human/dog usage should be a priority.
>>
>>Costs as to how NAP will conduct it's plans are unclear, especially in
>>consideration of the other needs and costs that are the responsibility of B
>>Rec and Park. Is this a good use of resources when there are so many
>>parks in dire need of repair and maintenance?
>>Is this a clear representation of how NAP takes families into
>>consideration?
>>
>>The introduction of sensitive species seems to be misguided and
>>arbitrary. They need to be defined only by State and Federal statues on C
>>Endangered Species.
>>
>>Cat removal is not necessary. It is actually dangerous as it will impact
>>rodent control to the park and nearby residents. The SF SPCA has an D
>>effective feral cat program that does not remove the cats from the area,
>>but does limit their reproduction.
>>
>>Removal of any trees and wildlife would be detrimental to the tress and
>>wildlife because you will be killing them. Co-existence of these gifts E
>>from nature along with the native species would be much kinder and it is
>>a reality!

>>
>>Off-leash recreation for dogs is in jeopardy! No scientific studies
>>substantiate that it is necessary to eliminate dogs from the area. These
>>should be provided before any alterations are made to dog areas. In fact,
>>dogs and the wildlife have co-existed at Pine Lake as far back as I can
>>remember.
>>
>>The use of herbicides in the park seem to be another detriment and hazard
>>to a healthy spin in the park. There is no scientific evidence that these
>>herbicides are safe. Perhaps usage of herbicides could be attempted by
>>the NAP membership. I suggest a vigorous application to your houseplants
>>and yards.
>>
>>Public comment needs to be given strong consideration and taken into
>>account. This means eliminating any future bogus surveys such as the
>>survey handed out at the June 28th meeting..
>>
>>Please feel free to contact me. Thank you.
>>In solidarity, Nicky Trasvina
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>Nicky Trasvina
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>BSS Student Resource Center Coordinator
>HSS 362A
>San Francisco State University
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Pine Lake
Letter 71



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Subject NAP Comments

1. I've heard or read that a small percentage (7%-10%) of park areas would be converted to NAP. Conversely I've heard that the areas would be more like 25%.

The discrepancy, I'm guessing, may be the definition of "area". The smaller of the area percentages could be attruibuted to considering all park land, including structures such as McLaren Lodge, swimming pools, ball diamonds, soccer fields, sidewalks, parking lots, and playgrounds. If those categories of area were to be excluded then the proposed NAP areas would, of course, be much larger, perhaps easily 25% or more. Let's be certain what it is we are going to get under the current NAP plan.

In my own background as an engineer for a major construction company I was once asked to determine hoiw many "trees" would have to be removed for the Massachusetts project. After discussing the matter with the project engineer I defined at "tree" to be at least 4" in diameter. I surveyed the area for typical "tree" density for many aproximately 50ft by 50 ft areas and then calculated how many trees for the whole project area. We were all surprised to find that there were "over 16,000 "trees" to be removed. This was, of course, an uncomfortably large number. We redefined the diameter of a "tree" for be considerably larger and determined a more "reasonable" number for public information.

Moral: Numbers are not always what they seem on the surface.

2. I understand that an earlier biologist's (or equivalent consultant's title) report concluded that Pine Lake at Stern Grove was, or is, not suitable for the western (wood?) turtle for various reasons. I understand that a NAP/SFRPD person "thought" he (or she) had seen one of this type turtle. Reportedly this has been used as a basis for introduction of this turtle species to Pine Lake. The extended implication of such introduction would reportedly mean seizure and manipulation of additional areas away from Pine Lake that would additionally and negatively impact use of traditional paths and land use. A

At a minimum, science requires independent confirmation of the turtle's existence. It must also be confirmed that the turtle was not "planted" by an over-zealous NAP fan. I understand that other turtles do in fact live in and around Pine Lake. One can wonder if the purported sighting was at a sufficiently close (whether unassisted by binoculars or with) distance and if the reported sighting conditions are consistent with that person's visual accuity.

Has there been an external, independent audit of NAP's operations and financial matters? Since the scope of NAP seems to be growing ever larger it would seem proper to know that there are no indications of costs and land seizure spiraling out of control. Additionally, in light of the

continuing deterioration of many of our parks, supposedly from inadequate budgets, it would seem altogether inappropriate to proceed with a program such as NAP in the foreseeable future. At a minimum, NAP project interface problems with existing used park land must be fully identified and resolved to prevent additional financial uncertainties for the people of San Francisco.

I strongly recommend a complete, independent audit of NAP's programs and finances.

3. How does NAP propose to address potential (shall we say "certain"?) problems of blowing and rain-washed sand for neighbors and streets? What financial reserve is there to effect immediate remediation? Surely such expenses would not be taken from SF's already inadequate budget. (What of the ever-growing backlog of deferred maintenance and repair for not only SFRPD but the whole city?)

4. Reportedly just under $1 million ws spent on a consultant's report for NAP. What source funded this report? Were particular conclusions and recommendations requested of the consultant by NAP/SFRPD? Were all "deliverables" met at or under budget? Where do the costs and report finish stand if not? (Recall that GGNRA reportedly requested at least one finding or conclusion by a cousultant before the work was begun.) My own reading of some document earlier suggested that the project engineering firm's environmental group for Crissy Field certified the location of a lagoon to be constructed as being where there had been one at an earlier time. It was determined after construction, I understand, that the location was questionable since the tidal flow failed in some way to work as it should. Reportedly GGNRA had pushed for locating the lagoon and the feed channel before the contractor did its asse! ssment and recommendation. (My) Conclusion: Consultants' reports must be truly independent.

In the broader picture there seem to be numerous undefined or ill-defined martters associated with the NAP. It would be better to scale back NAP's ambitions to a few demonstration areas to verify over time that there are in fact enough volunteers to handle the maintenance; that controls are in place to prevent misuse of public funds such that we read about frequently.

5. Reportedly the form created by NAP for comment had a "satisfaction" section on a scale of 1 through 5. If one failed to pick a number, then the computer would default to 5, which, I understand, means excellent, exceptional, or some such top rating. If my understanding is correct, then this programming liberty constitutes fraud and invites an even closer look at all other promotions and assertions by NAP.

6. Because I am frequently out of town I "catch up" with friends and colleagues on my return The many concerns I've heard from them about potentially improperly controlled and used herbicides gives me concern in turn. I have a background in use and management of hazardous chemicals. I've seen them misused, such as during wind, and have seen numerous failures to post warnings of use, and failure to follow up after application to check for containment (e.g., no run-off to adjacent public or private property). It must be realized that wild animals, including birds, pets (cats and dogs), and even children are likely to pass through the application areas. Residual chemicals can then be tracked into homes where kids hands and their toys can pick up

the herbicide tracked in by other people and pets.

7. In going to numerous public meetings over the years that dealt with off-leash dog activities I have been saddened as well as puzzled by a small number of individuals who, for lack of better words, seem only to promote ignorance, fear, and hatred of dogs, particularly off-leash dogs. There's room for all of us in the parks. I visit several parks regularly. At those parks both people without dogs and people with dogs, as well as people with young kids, some of whom have dogs, get along fine. If a person wants, as a SFRPD staffer coined the term, the non-dog experience, then there are many acres of parks that are dog free than there are with dogs. In a similar way, if I don't want to get hit by a soccer ball, I don't stand at the edge of the soccer field. San Francisco has a long tradition of off leash recreation in the parks. This tradition should be accepted and codified once and for all to preven! t the seemingly endless and progress-less meetings on the subject.

8. I have developed the impression that NAP management is frequently disingenuous about its plansand actual and forecast costs, and that it seemingly ignores or disregards stated concerns of a large number of San Francisco citizens.

I would welcome being contacted by NAP to address the above and other concerns. I urge our San Francisco elected officials to take a long and serious look at where NAP is now and what NAP will likely grow into and how it will adversely affect traditional park use.

Respectfully yours,
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Pine Lake Letter 72



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Subject NAPMAP Public Comment

(My Public Comment can be read embedded as text, or in the attached doc.)

From: Karin Hu, Ph.D.

Re: Public Comment on the June 2005 SNRAMP: Changes Needed

I am a SF native who grew up studying insects & other animals in SF parks. I did my doctoral thesis on insect vision. I have good knowledge of SF Natural History (plants and animals) and excellent grasp of scientific methods and evaluating scientific findings (I teach this course). Having served on the Green Ribbon Task Force, the Board of Supervisor's NAP Citizen's Advisory Committee, and the NAP ad hoc group I've been able to observe progress made from 2001 to the present. For example, some of the things I like about the June 2005 Draft Management Plan:

--eliminates calling entire parks "critical areas," and in fact, has deleted the term and now more clearly distinguishes high priority areas (containing true remnants & species needing protection) from low priority areas.

--acknowledges the value of the Urban Forest (Urban Forestry Statement). Additionally, it provides definitions of "tree", "sapling" and "seedling" and will hopefully prevent the earlier controversy about Bayview Hill where opponents said "hundreds of trees" were cut down and NAP said "seven trees were cut."

--a commitment to Monitoring, i.e. tracking what is needed, what is planted, what is the outcome/success rate, and reporting annually to the public. Be sure to follow through on this and actually do it.

--initiating involvement with the public. Prior to 2001, NAP was operating below the radar. The public was largely unaware that NAP existed, and NAP violated its own commitment to a public process. Currently, NAP has made an attempt to involve the public. (The community workshops with the severely truncated Question and Answer Period, and censoring of group discussion raised suspicious about NAP outreach, as did the faulty on-line response form, but you still have a chance to make good.) Be certain that you

"walk the talk," i.e. use public comment as you would a focus group. What is the public telling us that will help make NAP successful?

--inviting stakeholders to the table. I appreciate the opportunity of being in the ad hoc group.

On the other hand, there are still major problems to be resolved. I know you are anxious for the program to "move forward," but there are some costly controversies that NAP is still mired in. Since some of the controversial proposed actions are unlikely to take place, I'm not sure why you include them in the plan. Politically it is very expensive to kill cats, remove wildlife, introduce sensitive species in high-use recreational areas, use herbicides, etc. and there is no clear benefit (i.e. lack of scientific evidence) that these measures protect remnants or conserve natural resources in San Francisco. Those proposals are counter-productive because it turns the public against what could be a very good program that protects, conserves, and enhances native landscapes.

Your strongest Public Comment support is probably from the CNPS, a modest core of adult NAP volunteers (I'm not including schoolchildren who are usually forced by their teachers to participate), the handful of people in the Sierra Club conservation committee (not the recreation division of the Sierra Club), a few Audubon folks, some NAP employees, and a well-known group of people who know more about the "off-leash dog problem" than they know or care about natural resources. The majority of San Franciscans are alarmed when they learn the details of NAP, the high costs of expanding the native landscape.

No doubt you probably feel you have already made too many compromises. Prior to Feb 2001, NAP operated as it wished and had grand plans for restoration, basically operating carte blanc. The interference of "the public" put the brakes on some of those plans. But given that NAP is funded by public funds on public lands, it's only right that the public determine land uses.

Maybe I'm too optimistic, but I believe a program can be designed that can garner the support of the majority of San Franciscans AND support the goals of NAP (though to be frank, it wouldn't necessarily support the current acreage and current/future costs).

I'm dividing my comments into General Issues, applicable to the whole program, and then a few comments on individual parks.

I have so much to say, starting to write my Public Comments was almost paralyzing. This isn't polished or comprehensive. I still have more to say, but it's 10:30PM July 28, 2005. Following are some main points.

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. ISSUE: Cost of NAP and accountability
 NAP currently costs almost $1,000,000/year, and receives additional funding through the Capital Projects division of Rec and Park.
 NAP encompasses over 1,000 acres of park. Currently each NAP gardener has over 100 acres to maintain.
 NAP recognizes that it cannot maintain all sites and that the greatest amount of attention will be the high priority sites (MA1 and MA2). However, MA1 and MA2 still comprise over 600 acres, i.e. more than 50% of NAP acres
 NAP maintains that volunteers will help maintain these sites. However, only about dozen of the 31 sites have stewardship groups. The majority of volunteer hours are donated by school groups and other one-time volunteers. Volunteers enjoy building sites and planting, but it is difficult to recruit for long-term weeding and other routine maintenance tasks.

 Many NAP sites have been planted but are now neglected, overgrown, weedy plots.
 NAP maintains that grants will help maintain these sites. However, these grants are not identified and "future grants" are not a dependable source of funding

 Recreational needs should receive priority, i.e. people before plants in urban parks. Competing Rec and Park programs and facilities are also in dire need of staff and funding (e.g. athletic fields, recreational programs, day camps, building and equipment maintenance, watered and mowed lawns, accessible trash cans, clean restrooms, etc).

 NAP must provide detailed long-term plans that state the funding, staff and volunteer hours, and other resources needed to create, maintain and monitor each site. Until detailed NAP plans are available, NAP actions should not be initiated, and sites should remain as open space but not designated as NAP acres.

2. ISSUE: Introduction of "sensitive" species
 NAP can introduce "sensitive species" even if there is no record they ever existed at that site.
 "Sensitive species" can be defined by the Audubon Society, California Native Plant Society, and Sierra Club
 The presence or introduction of sensitive species can result in loss of recreational access.

 Do not introduce new species into the park. NAP was designed to protect remnants, not to recreate nature preserves.
 "Sensitive species" should be defined only by Federal and State statues on Endangered Species, not

by private clubs such as the Audubon Society, CNPS and the Sierra Club.

3. ISSUE: Removal of cats
 NAP will remove cats (NAP General Recommendation GR-7, page 5-6). The plan cites studies that are not scientifically sound (i.e. not peer-reviewed) and that were done in rural and island sites, not dense urban parks. If NAP traps cats, which may include feral as well as roaming pet cats, the majority of these cats will not be adoptable, i.e. they will be killed.
 Cats are currently part of the urban ecosystem and may help keep rodents in check.
 The SPCA Feral Fix Program has successfully reduced the number of feral cats in a humane manner.

 Delete General Recommendation GR-7 (removal of cats) from the Plan.

4. ISSUE: Removal of non-native wildlife and plants.
NAP proposes the removal of non-native animals such as turtles, frogs, and non-native trees such as the blue gum eucalyptus. People enjoy their local wildlife, the trees have high aesthetic value, and many of the non-native plants provide protection against erosion and against fire hazards (as contrasted to native grasses and shrubs). Scientific studies must be conducted at park sites and there must be a clear benefit BEFORE controversial actions are taken. In many cases, the existing ecosystem works fine and shouldn't be tinkered with.

 Non-native wildlife and plants can co-exist with native species. Do not remove them.

5. ISSUE: Reduction in off-leash recreation
NAP proposes changes to off-leash dog recreation (legal DPA and de facto areas). For example, the Bernal Hill DPA will be reduced by 20%. Changes are also proposed at McLaren Park and the Golden Gate Park DPAs.

 Off-leash dog recreation and the native remnants have co-existed for decades.
 No restrictions until there is scientific evidence documenting a detrimental impact of off-leash recreation and until all other measures (i.e. trail borders, erosion controls, etc.) have been attempted to mitigate any impact.

6. ISSUE: Herbicides: NAP has stated that 2% of staff time is spent administering herbicides.
 Although herbicides are widely used throughout the park system, the use of herbicides in Natural Area sites is new. These are previously neglected sites which were not maintained as

weed-free. The Precautionary Principle, adopted by the SF Dept of Environment, indicates that in the absence of data, one selects the safest option. Since there is a lack of scientific data supporting the safety of herbicide formulas (glyphosate and additives) we should not expose park visitors to unnecessary risk.

 Do not use herbicides in the Natural Areas.

7. ISSUE: Response to Public Comment
 NAP has stated public comment will be "incorporated as appropriate." Who decides what is appropriate—the citizens or NAP staff and its consultant? Given the impact of this 20-year NAP plan and the history of Rec & Park's lack of response to public comment, it is important to demand that revisions of the NAP Management Plan address public concerns from the Public Comments form, as well as previous comments about NAP from letters to RPD, Supervisor hearings, PROSAC and other public meetings. The public is already suspicious that you are simply going to ignore public comment. Many people I talked to said, "why bother to write anything. RPD always ignores it anyway," and frankly, I don't have any evidence to refute that.

 Public concerns must be given serious consideration. This 20-year plan needs to have the public support. Paid attention to the critics of the plan. It's nice to hear praise about your plan, but keep in mind that those who agree with you make you feel good, but those who disagree with you make you better and stronger.

SPECIFIC PARK COMMENTS

PINE LAKE

--Delete mention of the *Western Pond Turtle from the Plan because its existence at Pine Lake is uncertain..

Additionally, positive identification of the WPT is shaky. Of the 4 people (two teams) who may have identified the turtle, only D.Ebert, the EIP author of the management plan (and perhaps C.Reading, SF State Grad Student who was later hired by EIP) stand behind WPT identification. M. Paquin, the 3rd observer says a positive identification cannot be made without having the turtle in hand (because mud may obscure red-earred slider identification), and R. Zebell, the 4th observer is not willing to state that he saw a WPT, but is only willing to say he has confidence in D. Ebert's identification.

Note: The California red-legged frog sighting at Lake Merced has now been discounted in the June 2005 plan

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because later surveys failed to confirm the sightings. The 2002 plan read: "It seems likely, based on historic accounts and sighting in spring 2000, that a small population of California red-legged frog persists in Impound Lake" p. 6.1-8 (2002 draft). This was changed to

"At this point it is assumed that the California red-legged frog is no longer present in Impound Lake or at other locations within the Lake Merced Natural Area," (p. 6.1-10 (2005 draft)

Similarly, the WPT at Pine Lake has NOT been confirmed by later surveys and should be deleted from the Plan.

----Delete mention of the *Western Pond Turtle from the Plan because it is unlikely any NAP actions would occur (per personal communication with Lisa Wayne, June 2005), but the possibility of recreational restrictions threatens acceptance of the NAP plan.

--Delete mention of the Western Pond Turtle from the Plan because if it is there, it is likely to have been introduced.
IF there is a WPT at Pine Lake it is unlikely it was born there. The WPT requires open, sunny, sandy areas for egg incubation and the shady eucalyptus trees have been standing for over 100 years. IF the WPT is there, it probably arrived at Pine Lake the same way the other turtle species did, i.e. acquired as a pet (perhaps found in Marin County or Santa Clara County) and later dumped into Pine Lake when it was no longer wanted.

--IF a Western Pond Turtle exists at Pine Lake, the turtle should be relocated to another site that provides a) a sunny open sandy area to provide appropriate nesting conditions, and b) a sufficient population of other Western Pond Turtles to provide the opportunity for mating and genetic diversity to insure a viable future. If NAP created a "Turtle Island" sanctuary at Lake Merced East Lake (where a population of WPT possibly already exists, and is a low-use area) this would be a great public relations opportunity (like SF Garter Snakes in Pacifica). A basking island, complete with a sandy area suitable for egg incubation and protected from predators, could help insure the long-term success of this species.

--Do not remove the non-native turtles that currently exist at Pine Lake. People LIKE to watch these turtles, and there is no scientific evidence that these turtles are prey on Western Pond Turtle, or evidence that there is competition for resources.

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--Do not introduce ANY sensitive species. There is no historical evidence that Lessingia or SF gumplant (Grindelia hirsutula var maritime) ever grew there. Western Pond Turtle and Pacific chorus frogs should not be introduced either. Pine Lake is a high-use

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recreational area and the presence of sensitive species could conflict with its current use. B

--Do not state that dogs are restricted from going into the water. There is much more goop (sediment), rotting vegetation and trash in the water in areas where there is NOT access or dogs in the water, e.g. the willow shrub, bulrush and swampknot area. Leave the eastern access beach open for dog water recreation. Plant swampknot or other low borders on the perimeter to discourage entry at other points. C

LAKE MERCED

--The Mesa is a DPA. It was formerly landfill. Do not use this area to plant sensitive species such as the SF Wallflower.

--Do not say "Sunset Circle" is an alternative to the Mesa as a DPA. "Sunset Circle" sounds nicer that the term used in the previous draft, "Sunset Parking Area" but it still means "go play in traffic."

--Note: the plan states "DPA currently experiences low use levels, perhaps due to lack of parking and abundant foxtails," Lack of parking & proximity to high-speed traffic are probably the main reasons, but proximity to Fort Funston (as stated in earlier draft) is probably main factor. If FF becomes unavailable, use at LM DPA may increase.

--on one hand, you promote native landscapes that could support the (non-threatened) white-crowned sparrow, on the other hand, you're ready to cut down more eucs, which have proven to be attractive to a protected species, the double-crested cormorant. The plan states: p. 1.6-7 "Recently, cormorants were observed nesting on the north shore of East Lake in the eucalyptus grove below the Mesa". (in addition to the older nesting site. Shouldn't NAP be providing MORE, not less, cormorant habitat?

--the plan states that one of the Mesa's special attributes is that it supports the white-crowned sparrow. It should be noted that the "Spanish tile habitat" of my house also supports the white-crowned sparrow. They were nesting there earlier this year. Bottom line, the sparrow doesn't need native plants.)

--Table 6.1-2: delete "presently occurs" for the California Red-legged Frog. The text indicates it is not found at Lake Merced.

MINOR POINT

Be consistent in how you count DPA and NAP sites. Currently, the 3 DPA areas in Golden Gate Park are

counted as "three" while the 4 NAP sites are counted as "one."

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Table 3.12-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Twin Peaks.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Twin Peaks	1A	Choisser, B.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Twin Peaks	1B	Choisser, B.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Twin Peaks	2A	Kohn, E.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Twin Peaks	2B	Kohn, E.	Trails	Editorial	See MR-7
Twin Peaks	3A	Ukrainiec, N.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Twin Peaks	3B	Ukrainiec, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Twin Peaks	3C	Ukrainiec, N.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Twin Peaks	3D	Ukrainiec, N.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Twin Peaks	3E	Ukrainiec, N.	Trees	Content	See MR-6
Twin Peaks	3F	Ukrainiec, N.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
Twin Peaks	3G	Ukrainiec, N.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-4 and MR-6
Twin Peaks	3H	Ukrainiec, N.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Twin Peaks	3I	Ukrainiec, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-7

Twin Peaks
Letter 1

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Re: Natural Areas - Twin Peaks

Gentlemen:

I tried to send these comments via your web site but it kept giving me a Runtime Error message, so I am mailing them.

The trail that connects the Twin Peaks road with Crestline needs its ends better marked. Signs saying "TRAIL" would keep people from taking trails you are trying to close, because most people who take them don't know there is a much better trail that is developed. Signs should be placed near the closed trails' ends (with arrows pointing to the developed trail) as well as at the ends of the developed trail. You may also want to provide a cut in the wall at the top of this trail to make its entrance more visible and more accessible. 1a

Four small racks to lock bicycles should be provided at the four points where trails go up to the peaks. You did a lot of work to repair bike damage to those trails, and people are still taking bikes up there because they fear leaving them down on the road. In so doing, they are re-causing the damage you fixed. Signs prohibiting taking bicycles up the hill and stating the fine for so doing should also be installed. People carry their bikes up and then can't resist the temptation to race down. 1b

I hike up the hill almost every day and those are the comments I have, based on what I see park visitors frequently doing.

Best regards,

Bill Choisser

Twin Peaks
Letter 2

City and County of San Francisco
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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form

Natural Area Site Name:_____ Park:_____

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration 1 2 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 (3) 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.
TWIN PEAKS TRAILS NEED MAINTENANCE. 2a.
SEE ATT'D MAP

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Trees 1 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

TWIN PEAKS TRAILS NEED MAINTENANCE
SEE ATT'D MAP

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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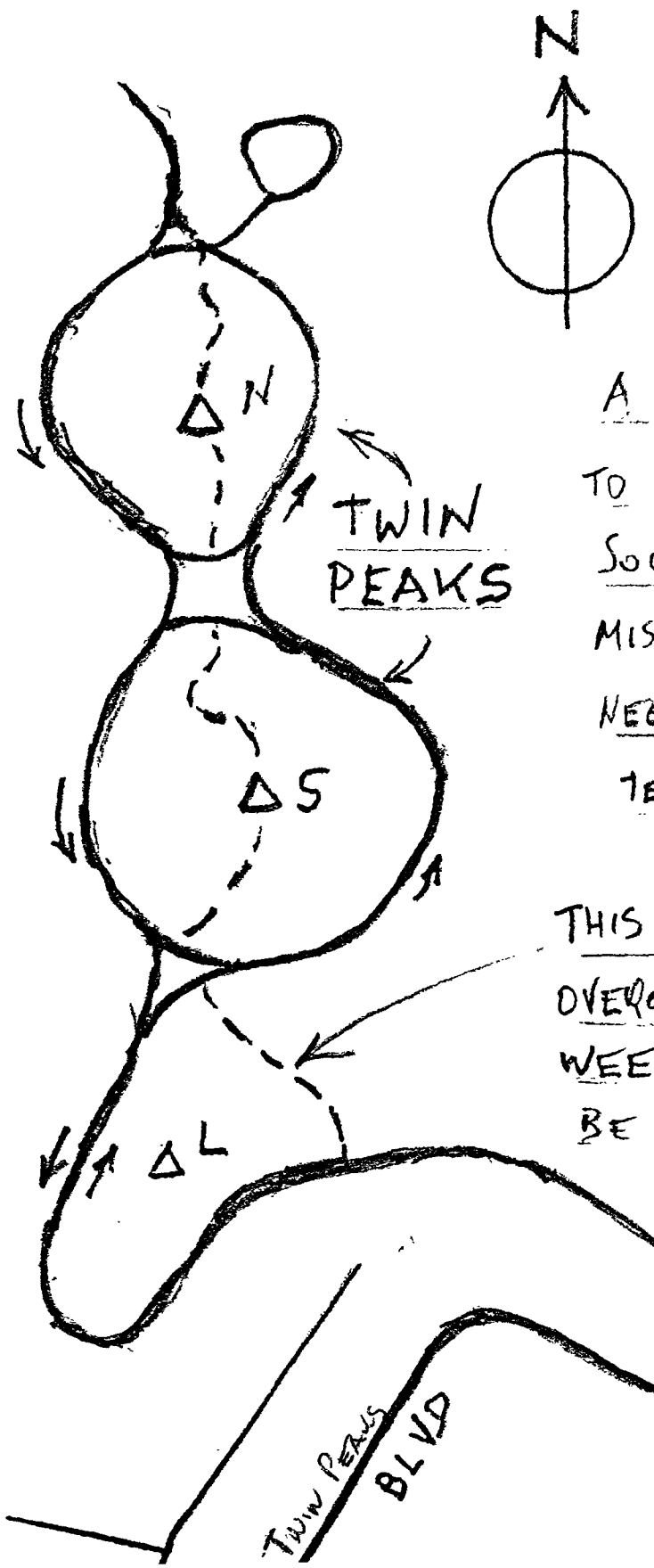

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A FEW STEPS ON TRAILS TO NORTH (N) AND SOUTH (S) PEAKS ARE MISSING, AND TRAILS NEED SOME MAINTENANCE.

THIS TRAIL IS HEAVILY OVERGROWN BY 2'-3' HIGH WEEDS AND NEEDS TO BE CLEARED AND MAINTAINED

Twin Peaks
Letter 3

Subject: Fw: Twin Peaks comment

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Nicholas Ukrainiec <nicholasu@mac.com> 07/25/2005 03:47 PM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Twin Peaks comment

(Embedded image moved to file: pic29422.gif) The Recreation and Park Department has extended for a second time the comment period for public input on the Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan. The new deadline for comments is July 28, 2005 at 5:00 pm.
This website has the comment form available for on-line response; however, some users have encountered difficulty submitting comments on line. The maximum length per comment box is approximately 3-4 pages. We encourage those having difficulty with the comment form to email comments to the Natural Areas Program. Should you have difficulty emailing responses, please print out this pdf and mail the completed form to:
Recreation & Parks Dept.
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501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco CA, 94117

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Site: Twin Peaks

Restoration
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Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below. Yes, although I would like to see more lupine for mission blue butterfly habitat. 3a

Recreation and Trails
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Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain. Yes, although the road side trails get narrow at points. 3b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife
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Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below. Yes, but more lupines. 3c

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife
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Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain below. No.
As a responsible dog owner I'm concerned that the increase in dog walking at Twin Peaks will continue to have a deleterious effect on sensitive areas. Digging is more and more common here. 3d

Trees
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Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain below.
Yes. More silk tassel. 3e

Grasslands/Wildflowers
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Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below. Yes. I'm pleased that the city and more specifically the Rec and Park Natural Areas Program recognizes and values these significant local habitats. 3f

Landscaped Areas
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Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain below.
Yes and no. I'm pleased there's so much emphasis on restoring the grasslands and mission blue - san bruno elfin habitat, however I'd like to see the next draft recommend planting a native forest scrub environment along the south east area of Twin Peaks Blvd. The broom and eucalyptus trees should be removed and and replaced with native trees and shrubs. 3g
Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area? I've seen many rabbits darting about the brush when I walk here. 3h

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see? Please work at reducing the ongoing destruction of Twin Peaks by motorbikes, SUVs that go off road and mountain bikes.

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent)

10

If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?
Recreational uses
Natural resource protection
Natives/Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?
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Phone:
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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Enter your site(s) of interest below.

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

5 Thanks for taking this on.

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Table 3.13-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Billy Goat Hill.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Billy Goat Hill	1A	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Billy Goat Hill	1B	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Billy Goat Hill	1C	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2

Billy Goat Hill
Letter 1

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501 Stanyan Street, San Francisco, CA 94117
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Comments are due by July 21, 2005 at 5:00 pm.
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San Francisco CA, 94107

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Site: ~~15th Avenue Steps~~ Billygoat

Restoration

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Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain be

Recreation and Trails

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Remove dogs + all else will naturally improve

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. nor expected? Please explain below

Remove Dogs — NO DOGS !!

Trees

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal address or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

Grasslands/Wildflowers

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.

So long as dogs remain dominant - none of this will improve. LC

Landscaped Areas

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvem would you like to see?

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, p plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent)

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too much emphasis on dogs

If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?

○ Recreational uses ○ Natural resource protection ○ Natives/Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

Name/Affilications:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Table 3.14-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Buena Vista Park.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Buena Vista Park	3A	Alexander, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Buena Vista Park	3B	Alexander, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-4
Buena Vista Park	3C	Alexander, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Buena Vista Park	3D	Alexander, J.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-11
Buena Vista Park	4A	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Buena Vista Park	4B	Anonymous	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Buena Vista Park	4C	Anonymous	Trees	Content	The Natural Areas Program does not have the power of legal enforcement; this issue must be dealt with by the SFPD or SFRPD enforcement personnel.
Buena Vista Park	8A	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Buena Vista Park	6A	Chapman, S.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Buena Vista Park	6B	Chapman, S.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Buena Vista Park	6C	Chapman, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Buena Vista Park	6D	Chapman, S.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Buena Vista Park	6E	Chapman, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Buena Vista Park	6F	Chapman, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Buena Vista Park	6G	Chapman, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Buena Vista Park	7A	Robbins, M.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Buena Vista Park	7B	Robbins, M.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Buena Vista Park	7C	Robbins, M.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Buena Vista Park	7D	Robbins, M.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Buena Vista Park	7E	Robbins, M.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Buena Vista Park	7F	Robbins, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Buena Vista Park	7G	Robbins, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Buena Vista Park	7H	Robbins, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Buena Vista Park	7I	Robbins, M.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Buena Vista Park	7J	Robbins, M.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Buena Vista Park	5A	Spaulding, M.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Buena Vista Park	5B	Spaulding, M.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Buena Vista Park	5C	Spaulding, M.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-3
Buena Vista Park	5D	Spaulding, M.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Buena Vista Park	5E	Spaulding, M.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Buena Vista Park	9A	Toulmin, P.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-8
Buena Vista Park	9B	Toulmin, P.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Buena Vista Park	9C	Toulmin, P.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Buena Vista Park	9D	Toulmin, P.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-8
Buena Vista Park	9E	Toulmin, P.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Buena Vista Park	9F	Toulmin, P.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-5
Buena Vista Park	9G	Toulmin, P.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Buena Vista Park	9H	Toulmin, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Buena Vista Park	9I	Toulmin, P.	Plants	Reference	See MR-6
Buena Vista Park	9J	Toulmin, P.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Buena Vista Park	2A	Wade, I.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Buena Vista Park	2B	Wade, I.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Buena Vista Park	2C	Wade, I.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Buena Vista Park	2D	Wade, I.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Buena Vista Park	2E	Wade, I.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Buena Vista Park	2F	Wade, I.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Buena Vista Park	2G	Wade, I.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Buena Vista Park	2H	Wade, I.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Buena Vista Park	1A	Wilcoxen, K.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-8
Buena Vista Park	1B	Wilcoxen, K.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Buena Vista Park	1C	Wilcoxen, K.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2

Buena Vista Park
Letter 1

Subject: Fw: Comments in support for NAP

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 10:42 AM -----

Wilcoxen.Katy@epamail.epa.gov **To:** **Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org**
cc:
07/28/2005 10:21 AM **Subject: Comments in support for NAP**

Lisa,

Please ensure this public comment is submitted into the public record.
Thank you,

To: San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department;

I am writing to strongly support implementation of The Natural Areas Program as outlined in the current plan. Native plants and wildlife bring a richness to city life that only make San Francisco a more attractive and healthy place. I am not a member of the California Native Plant Society but a city resident interested in improving the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. 1a

Restoration of native plants and wildlife habitat in public spaces in San Francisco, such as Crissy Field, Buena Vista Park and Lake Merced have been wildly successful. The restoration of Crissy Field, the most prominent project, has opened up an underutilized area to many more people, for running, bicycling, dog walking, and visiting. It is magnificently beautiful and provides a link to the indigenous landscape of the Bay. It is a refreshing to have a public investment in beauty that also has public benefit. I applaud the effort to create more native niches in the City. A critical companion effort will be the addition of more park rangers who are necessary to protect the parks and everyone who use the parks. 1b

Finally, the off-leash dog advocates are a well-organized and vocal single interest group that historically has shown very little willingness to compromise their interests for the greater good. Please resist their hard lobbying efforts to weaken or eliminate the NAP Areas Program. 1c

Sincerely,
Katy Wilcoxen
Duboce Triangle

Buena Vista Park Letter 2

Original sent via email but not received. Isabel emailed Lisa Wayne before the 28th inquiring if LW received the comments that were sent. They were not received. Isabel faxed this comment at Lisa's request. 661-1974

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, 2005 Thursday

Natural Area Site Name: BUENA VISTA Park:

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Restoration 1 2 X3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

2a

The focus on oaks is correct since that is the main native species. The understory clearly needs work but there is a user issue of visibility that needs to be considered since dense undergrowth which prevents visibility up into the park invites negative users and discourages others due to safety concerns. The key may be to leave some areas open at critical points and to ensure that the most attractive plants are planted in effective groupings that are appealing to passersby as well as wildlife. 2b

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 X5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 X3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

2c

Water feature is an excellent idea. Perhaps a design competition for placement and look would produce the most effective location and win public support while educating residents regarding the need for water for birds and other fauna. However, most of us don't know enough to know what is needed for various species. Several years ago, the open area across from my house was planted with more oaks to extend the natural areas. I heard from several people that this would ultimately be detrimental to the hawks that frequent this side of the park because they prefer open areas. Were any raptor specialists consulted in this decision, or did NAP just consider the expansion of oaks that are good for other species of birds? I would hope that an integrated and very thorough approach to the existing science is being conducted in considering these decisions.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 X5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Original comments received.

Trees X1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

2d

I am concerned about the possible removal of the Eucalyptus alba across from my house. Some were removed in the past with no public process. These are specimen landscape trees. Unless we are removing all non-natives, i.e. non-oaks, all over the park (which would be foolish and unjustifiable on a sand dune that is now a public park) I want assurance that these trees which are healthy will not be removed. The plan indicates "approximately" 10 trees will be removed but Christopher indicated that the map is not accurate and the natural area does include the area in front of my home which was planted in the last decade with new oaks now fronting the large Eucalpytus alba I am concerned about. I am not against removal of dangerous or declining trees or even some that would maintain visual corridors in our urban forest, but I am totally opposed to removing healthy specimen trees that enhance the visual experience for residents and visitors to our parks. The real urban forestry issue in Buena Vista, as in all are parks, is much better tree care to ensure that trees do not become dangerous and to maintain health. There is probably a million dollars of tree work needed in Buena Vista and we should concentrate on this before we remove healthy non-natives dispersed among the oaks.

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 X 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas X 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Many natives have short blooming seasons & are not necessarily the best plants for park entrances, roadways & high traffic areas. Mediterranean plants are equally water tolerant & offer more usual appeal for these areas. 2e

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

2g

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see? 2f

[Asphalt paths should be redone where possible; mud trails need renovation.] [major tree trimming is needed] [major erosion control work is required — hopefully using stonework where possible] 2h

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If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

Other: See comments on restoration

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? _____ Site(s) of interest: _____

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To: Lisa From: Deb

Fax: 661-1979 Pages: 3 + Cover

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Re:

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• Comments:

(1) For some reason, my comments on page 2 wouldn't print out, so had to hand write. Call if you can't read.

(2) The issue is that this form is for specific parks only, not general comments on plan.

Buena Vista Park
Letter 3

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Trees 1 (2) 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain.

BV-1b What is the specific location of the 10 Eucalyptus and Acacia trees that are apparently dangerous and are proposed for Removal? 3a

BV-1a- Removing ivy and other herbaceous invasive species from the oak woodland understory and putting in Bushes creates - indeed Reveals social concerns that have plagued the area before. Concealment brings opportunities for illegal drug use, sexual activity, homeless encampment. Bushes bring problems that supercede habitat issues. 3b

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 (2) 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

In some cases - as in understory oak woodlands - the plan is counterproductive to the reality of social concerns. 3c

Landscaped Areas 1 (2) 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

The costs of making landscaping choices in these areas need to be considered. Planting, pruning and maintenance are too high in on the desired effect. 3d

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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Buena Vista Park
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Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

4a

In Buena Vista Park, dogs on trails have made this former drug-dealers' haven safe for families. Please do not restrict their presence further or people will leave the park!

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

The "expose" of "lazy gardeners" was demoralizing to all staff in parks. They avoid all public interaction as much as possible. It's very sad. 4b.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

A gentleman who routinely vandalizes trees in Buena Vista Park has yet to be arrested by police. Even though gardeners call them, they do not consider it a crime. 4c

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

~~Recreational uses~~ Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

Name/Affiliation(s) *(if any):* _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? _____ Site(s) of interest: _____

Buena Vista Park
Letter 5

July 26, 2005

To: Lisa Wayne
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NAPMAP

2 pages

Fr: Margaret Spaulding
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1. I support the proposed natural areas in my local park, Buena Vista, and support the thinking behind the proposal. 5a

2. As both a dog owner and native plant enthusiast I recognize the potential conflicts over usage, ie access versus protection. Lets keep working on the mix and balance. 5b

3. This is an urban area so the amount of native habitat restoration we can accomplish will always be modest; you have outlined a reasonable approach in Buena Vista. 5c

4. Keys to success will be: communication, including signage; meetings; neighbor/advocates encouraged to speak up; accommodation of dog owners' needs*; much better physical protection - barriers - for young plants 5d

* trash cans, H_2O, etc.

(2)

and even more appropriate plant selection (eg. native beach vegetation). I have experimented in my yard and would be happy to share ideas. 5e

Finally, I apologize for hand written response but computer has failed and I wanted to get my comments to you.

Feel free to call 865-0266 – or email: mspaulding@igc.org to discuss how I can be of assistance going forward.

Good job!

Buena Vista Park
Letter 6

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June 21, 2005

Natural Areas Program
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6a

RE: Public Comment on the Natural Areas Management Plan

As a long time advocate for the restoration of healthy urban ecosystems and frequent visitor to the city's natural areas, including Golden Gate Park, Corona Heights Park and Buena Vista Park, I wish to submit the following public comments regarding the proposed Natural Areas Management Plan.

As a general plan, I believe it strikes a balance of the needs of various park users while ensuring that restoration activities here in San Francisco proceed according to scientifically-tested methodologies. Having a general plan is essential to guide the Department's day-to-day restoration efforts, and I would like to commend all the people involved, including department staff, the outside consultants, and especially members of the public who have participated in this time-consuming and often grueling process.

I have filled out a comment form and provide in a separate enclosure some comments/suggestions relating to Buena Vista Park, specifically regarding the need for a more detailed planting program, the advisability of further select tree removal, installation of temporary fencing in newly planted areas, as well as suggestions for more effective coordination with the regular park gardeners and neighborhood groups.

The Oak Woodland in the lower reaches of Buena Vista Park counts among the city's most precious natural resources. Once occurring in a broad swath from Golden Gate Park through to Buena Vista and inland toward the Mission Creek drainage, this vast expanse of native forest has been reduced to a few remnant populations. Unlike the planted Monterrey Cyprus and Pine and Blue Gum Eucalyptus, the native oak trees *belong* here. The preference for native oaks over non-natives (whether planted or invasive) is not simply a matter of subjective taste—as has been argued by some members of the public--but has to do ultimately with how we as human beings interact with our urban environment.

It would be my hope that with a general plan in place, San Francisco will have the will to commit the resources and energies necessary to continue to preserve and enhance the city's remarkable natural legacy, and serve as a model for the rest of the country of how ecological restoration can become a reality even in a densely populated and politically complicated urban area.

Yours truly,

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To: Natural Areas Program Staff

RE: Comment on Management Plan for Buena Vista Park Natural Area.

I would like to submit the following comments regarding the proposed management plan for the designated natural area Buena Vista Park.

Buena Vista's Grassland and Dune Scrub 6b

While the primary feature of the Buena Vista Natural area is correctly designated in the report as Coast Live Oak Forest, with currently less than one percent grassland within the designated natural area, the plan needs to account for the fact that historically Buena Vista Park stands at the margin of oak woodland in the lower elevation gradually ceding to grassland and dune-scrub in the higher elevations. The area may be correctly designated as an ecotone, a transition area between two distinct communities. More can be made of this in the plan, and more effort put into restoring grassland areas with native bunch grasses and dune scrub in the sandy areas in the upper reaches. There are currently thriving populations of lupine and coyote brush as well as California poppy in this area, and removal of non native trees and debris could accomplish much.

Recommendation for Water Source 6c

Neighbors have long advocated for a drinking fountain somewhere in the vicinity of the children's playground (marked developed area on map). Perhaps it can be possible to incorporate a fountain or simple trough in the same general area.

Feasibility of Quail Restoration 6d

Buena Vista Park supported historically a large California Quail population. Long-time members of local neighborhood groups can remember when quail were a common occurrence and were in fact a major feature of the park. There have been occasional sightings in recent years both here and in adjacent Twin Peaks. Especially with a water source, it should be possible to incorporate a quail restoration program into the overall project. Neighborhood groups I believe would be supportive in this endeavor. More study is needed.

Tree Removal

6e

While removing the blue-gum eucalyptus and the acacia is long overdue (acacia has already been recognized as a weedy invasive in the Buena Vista Park Master Plan), I find it troubling that none of the large Monterrey Cyprus and Pine are slated for removal. Some of these trees are already near the end of their life spans, and their persistence within the Designated Natural Area will pose a continuous management nightmare, as the trees will be in need of constant pruning and will eventually be uprooted by winter storms—an occurrence all too frequent in Buena Vista's sandy soils. While it is probably not feasible to remove the 100+ specimens in the area, some thought should be give to select tree removal, especially where trees are damaging structures (such as the WPA-ear stonework), or where they shade out areas designated for replanting. As the vegetation map indicates (Fig 6.10.3) the oak forest (TC) is predominant in the lower reaches of the natural area. Within this area, which constitutes the core of the historical oak woodlands, thought should be given to removing a select number of trees to open the canopy.

Need for Fencing

6f

Temporary fencing will be needed to protect young plantings until they are sufficiently established. One of the frustrations of the current restoration efforts is that, without fencing, seedlings are quickly trampled over by off-leash dogs. Issue needs to be addressed rather than skirted.

Dog Play Area/Lathrop Trail/Potential Wildlife Corridor

6g

Consultants should know that the currently designated DPA is so overgrown with blackberry and other weedy growth that it is unfit even for canine recreation. Most dog-walkers use the "secondary earthen trail" extending uphill. This trail, officially the "Lathrop Trail" is in a current state of neglect. Thought should be given toward rehabilitating the trail as a dog-friendly path, with appropriate plantings on the northern edge of trail. By improving existing trail and directing traffic (both canine and human) away from sensitive nesting areas toward the more accessible areas, it should be possible to create what is in effect a "wildlife corridor" in the northwestern portion of the natural area. As long as existing uses are not impacted and real improvements are in the offing, I believe neighborhood groups would be in support of such an approach.

Yours truly,

Steven Chapman

CC: Isabel Wade, Friends of Buena Vista Park
Richard Magery, Buena Vista Neighborhood Association
Maggie Robins, Buena Vista Park Oak Woodlands Restoration Project.

Buena Vista Park
Letter 7

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July 5, 2005

Re: NAP-MAP for Buena Vista Park

Dear NAP-MAP folks,

7a

I went to the public meeting at Glen Park and found the presentation and plan interesting and well done. Congratulations on getting so far into this long and, unfortunately, contentious process. It was clear from some of the comments I heard there that some folks were loaded for bear, and were attacking things they feared that weren't in the plan, and they were assuming the plan contained policies and proposals that were not even remotely present in the plan. I'm not sure how you don't end up reeling from this level of emotional and largely un/ill-informed defensiveness on the part of some commentators. I'll try to keep my comments on point and related to things actually proposed in the plan.

As for me, I've been a habitat restoration volunteer at Buena Vista Park since about 1998. I was one of the originators of the work party there and have recruited friends and neighbors to the effort over the years. We have all seen firsthand the challenges and successes of urban habitat restoration work. I want to thank the RPD and commend the natural areas staff for their knowledge and commitment to habitat restoration work and to increasing public understanding of and support for it.

I have attached my comments to the questions in the form are attached.

Sincerely,

Margaret Robbins

Buena Vista Park Oak Woodland

Restoration

Having worked on restoration in this park for about 8 years now, I'm realistic about what can be accomplished with the limited staff and volunteer resources available. If we can do what is scoped it will be a significant amount of restoration, though affecting only a small portion of the park.

Recreation and trails

I am glad the overall MAP contemplates more activity to limit "social" trails. Buena Vista is a highly erosion prone park due to its sand soil and steep slopes. There are already many paved and improved trails crisscrossing BV park, and the oak woodland at the relative flat north end of the park. We need a more active way to prevent the constant use and movement of social trails through our restoration work zones. This is just as true outside the designated natural area.

7b

Sensitive species/wildlife

I don't know much about what could potentially be done in this realm, so I defer to the natural areas staff on this one. I'm pleased the rich bird habitat I've observed has been documented and will be enhanced as a part of this plan.

The plan mentions adding a water feature to enhance bird habitat. I'm open to creative ideas on this, but I'm skeptical anything will turn out at hoped given the number of off-leash dogs and people who use the park. I can't imagine a water feature for birds that would not attract dogs to play or drink. And there are other potential bathers or drinkers among the people who seem to camp, or at least occasionally sleep, in the park.

7c

Dogs, cats, and non-native wildlife

I'm pleased the overall plan begins to address the issue of cats and off-leash dogs. I have not observed many cats using Buena Vista, but then that is not surprising given the nature of cats. Dogs are another matter.

This report says the designated off-leash area in BV park is not heavily used and doesn't speculate as to why. My observation is that dogs are walked and run off-leash everywhere in BV park. Off-leash activity is therefore dispersed all over the park. In fact, I've rarely seen a dog "on" leash in the park. And I've numerous times seen dogs run directly into the woods upon entering the park. And I've seen dog owners throw sticks and balls into the woods and across planted areas for their dogs to fetch. In fact even while we are working in the parks owners will let their dogs come up to us and run around off leash. Some owners demonstrate their lack of voice control over their off-leash dogs by yelling incessantly for the dog to come back, to stop following others, to get out of the planted area, to get away from us, and so on. Some areas of the park have distinct dog-run trails adjacent to the paved paths. Dog owners I've observed in the park (and other parks) are generally oblivious to the existing, long-standing rules that require dogs be leashed, except in the designated off-leash area near the northwest corner of the park.

7d

We volunteers encounter dog feces regularly during our work, especially what I assume within a few feet of the edges of the paved trails. Many dog owners seem to think

wooded parks are dog-crap zones, not requiring the efforts most dog owners make to pick up after their animals on sidewalks and more groomed areas of parks.

I agree with the MAP that there is no need to restrict use of a little used off-leash area in BV park. However, the issue of dog damage to the park in general might be noted in the report, so you don't create a myth that dogs are all kept on leash in the rest of the park and don't cause damage in other areas.

Dog owner culture in the city needs to change to be more respectful of the cumulative impact the off-leash activities of their pets have on the shared open areas of the city (including parks and sidewalks). However, it is not the place of the NAP-MAP to take a strong stand on this issue. RPD is already neck-deep in the issue and if enforcement and education on dog owners ever becomes a priority, they will have to initiate it. On that day, I will be one happy urban walker and park volunteer. 7d

Trees

I can accept that only 10 tress will be cut in 20 years in this oak woodland AS LONG AS we are not going to allow new plating or recruitment from seeds or roots or stumps. This is what the overall tree plan seems to indicate for level 2 areas, and I support that. I accept the tyranny of the "every tree is sacred" mentality that has become SF PRD tree policy. 7e

I would suggest that the MAP report restate and clarify the current Parks policy on notice and cutting of dangerous trees. I assume if a tree becomes dangerous from storm damage or whatever in a natural area, it will be treated like any other dangerous tree and limbed and perhaps taken down, regardless of if it is in a natural area's cutting plan or limit. This should be explicitly stated in the plan (I may have just missed it if it is already there...) so no one is surprised later.

Grassland/wildflowers

More of BV park than the oak woodland could be restored, perhaps adjacent scrub or grassland on the slopes of the park above the oaks. However, given limited resources for weed control, perhaps this is a "phase 2" sort of concept for BV park in the next 20-year plan. 7f

Landscaped areas

This wasn't mentioned explicitly in the BV park plan. That's ok. In my time at the park I've noticed the planted areas (outside the oak woodland covered in this plan) are increasingly being planted with native tress and shrubs or garden varieties of these species. There are still plenty of other plants, but natives are showing their stuff. They grow well and are lovely! I hope this tendency continues within RPD. 7g

Other comments

Herbicide use: I want to advocate for limited and careful use of herbicides to control some of the worst patches of invasive plants such as erharta, mattress vine, and Himalayan blackberry. It is very difficult to keep these invasives under control any other way, and our manual work is sometimes both ineffective and contributes to erosion or undermines erosion control efforts. For example, we now have to do repeated digging of blackberry roots on steep, sandy slopes to get out this weed. Some of our areas were 7h

originally blackberry thickets, so this is a considerable weed control problem for us. Sometimes we have had to dig re-sprouts from under waddling several times over several years and still be unable to eradicate them.

Limited application by methods that keep an herbicide confined to the target species will help us and the park immensely. For example, we could paint the cut ends blackberry canes with herbicide to kill the root to avoid digging and stop re-growth. Some species, such as erharta, may take a spray. And you should consider spraying to get rid of poison oak. There is a significant amount in the BV oak woodland and we are getting to our limit of being able to work around the edges of it. And we've still have both volunteers and staff get PO on themselves repeatedly despite our efforts to stay away from it. 7h

Factual information on rare plants or animals

I can confirm that the California Slender Salamander is found in the oak woodland. I've encountered a number of them in my work and showed them to the other volunteers. We also come across centipedes, beetles, dragonflies, and other flying insects I can't give you more details on. I agree it is a rich bird habitat. I see birds there I don't see in the treed back gardens on Page Street where I live. This includes hawks (red shouldered and perhaps red tailed) but mainly smaller birds such as juncoes and tits I only occasionally see in my garden. 7i

Special features that should be maintained

The old stone walls and drainage system. There are a number of cypress trees around BV park, at least one in the natural area, that have grown up right on the edge of these stone walls and drainage of the park trails. Several years ago I sent a letter to RPD complaining that a number (less than 10) had destroyed sections of wall and obstructed sections of drainage, and threaten to do much more damage as they continue to grow, lean, and when they ultimately fall. No action has been taken on these trees in terms of this damage, though some have had limbs removed, presumably to help prevent further leaning. Please reconsider this policy of preservation of tress just because they are big. These are a handful out of thousands of tress in this one park, and these are a handful of the many, many mature cypress in the park. 7j

Thanks for the opportunity to read and to comment on the draft NAP-MAP.

Buena Vista Park
Letter 8

Subject: Fw: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 09:29 AM -----

The SFGOV Web Applications Server <webmaster@sfgov.org>
07/25/2005 03:52 PM

To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Buena Vista Park

Restoration Score - 2
Restoration Comments - Excellent

Recreation & Trails Score - 4
Recreation & Trails Comments - Yes keep them alive 78a

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score -
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score -
Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

Name -
Phone -
Email -
Address -

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

Buena Vista Park
Letter 9

Subject: Fw: Comment form 7-22-5.doc

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/06/2005 09:26 AM -----

Isabel Wade <iwade@sfneighborhoodparks.org> **07/01/2005 07:47 AM**

To: **lisa wayne <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>**
cc:
Subject: **FW: Comment form 7-22-5.doc**

Here's a comment form from a neighbor. Thanks. Isabel
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Revitalizing Communities, Park by Park

------ Forwarded Message
From: "Paul Toulmin" <PToulmin@KQED.org>
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Subject: Comment form 7-22-5.doc

Would you please forward
Thanks
Paul

NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, 2005 Thursday

Natural Area Site Name: Buena Vista Park
Park:
A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please share yourprovide comments which may influence changes to the plan in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. With (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example
questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the

subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) with in any relevant matter.

Restoration 1
2 3 (4) 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant , or habitat improvements in suggested areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Has been very slow in the past, but new plan indicates more priority to restore natives] 9a

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3
4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? Are the restrictions to recreational uses as you expected? If not, please explain.

I did see mention about trails and paths but then it referred to GR-11 which I could not find.] 9b

Improving the sand paths should be a priority – original wood rail step installation was shoddy, and the ground rock is slowly eroding.] 9c

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2
3 (4) 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife areas identified as you expected? If not, please explain.

Plans look good.] 9d

Major question – the idea of installing a pool to provide water to birds etc will be very had to maintain in this park with the high homeless county. Dogs will also tend to get into the water and may foul the water for the wildlife. 9e

Design would have to be very sophisticated to keep out the homeless & the dogs.]

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife
1 2 3 4 5
Do Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expectedmeet your expectations? Are the proposed prescriptions for restriction or removal of non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Dogs are not that much a problem – Rarely see cats due to the number of dogs. 9f

Trees
1 2 3 ()4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are Does the Plan address your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive Are there sites you want more extensive removal and sites you want no removal or less intensive removal? Please explain

Forestry plan appears very good. Question is, which eucalyptus are slated to be removed?? 9g

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2
3 4 5
Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Plf not, please explain.

Appears no plans for grasslands – BV park has only the Northwest lawn on Haight and the little circle lawn at the very top – both in good shape. 9h

Landscaped Areas 1 2
3 4 5
Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

I do not recall any specific landscaping addressed. 9i

Potential Impacts 1 2
3 4 5
Are potential impacts as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

9j

It would be good to have a couple of more sources of water for humans and pets. Only one faucet I know of is located at the tennis courts.

When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent)

1 2 3
4 5 (6) 7 8 9 10

1 2 3 4 5 6
7 8 9 10

If your ranking was ed the plan's balance on the site anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? Circle one.
Recreational uses Natural resource protection -- Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Check here if iInterested in volunteering with the Natural Areas for the pProgram. ? Site(s) of interest: _____ at this site.

Check here if interested in volunteering for the program at another site: _____

How well did the presentation and available , information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 (4) 5 1= Not at all 5=Very well, thanks for the good job

1 2 3 4 5

How could we present information more effectively for you?

Attn: NAP MAP

For On-line version See Significant Natural Area Tab in right Corner Blue Bar Center Page! Then select Comment Form on next screen.

------ End of Forwarded Message

Table 3.15-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Corona Heights.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Corona Heights	1A	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	1B	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	1C	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	1D	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	8A	Englander, C.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
Corona Heights	8B	Englander, C.	Trails	Content	See MR-1, MR-6, MR-7
Corona Heights	8C	Englander, C.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Corona Heights	8D	Englander, C.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	8E	Englander, C.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	8F	Englander, C.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	8G	Englander, C.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Corona Heights	8H	Englander, C.	Trails	Content	See MR-6, and 7
Corona Heights	8I	Englander, C.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	8J	Englander, C.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Corona Heights	8K	Englander, C.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-11
Corona Heights	8L	Englander, C.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Corona Heights	8M	Englander, C.	Trails	Content	See GR-14 in Section 5
Corona Heights	2A	Gemmil, A.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Corona Heights	2B	Gemmil, A.	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	2C	Gemmil, A.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	2D	Gemmil, A.	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	2E	Gemmil, A.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	2F	Gemmil, A.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-6
Corona Heights	2G	Gemmil, A.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Corona Heights	2H	Gemmil, A.	Trails	Content	See GR-14
Corona Heights	2I	Gemmil, A.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	2J	Gemmil, A.	Trails	Content	See GR-14
Corona Heights	2K	Gemmil, A.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Corona Heights	3A	Goodale, M.	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	3B	Goodale, M.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Corona Heights	3C	Goodale, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Corona Heights	3D	Goodale, M.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
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Corona Heights	3I	Goodale, M.	Trails	Content	See MR-6
Corona Heights	3J	Goodale, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Corona Heights	3K	Goodale, M.	Plants	Editorial	See MR-6
Corona Heights	3l	Goodale, M.	Trails	Editorial	See MR-6
Corona Heights	3M	Goodale, M.	Plants	Editorial	See MR-6
Corona Heights	3N	Goodale, M.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Corona Heights	3O	Goodale, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Corona Heights	3P	Goodale, M.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	3Q	Goodale, M.	Plants	Editorial	See MR-6
Corona Heights	3R	Goodale, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-7
Corona Heights	3S	Goodale, M.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	3T	Goodale, M.	Trails	Content	See MR-8
Corona Heights	3U	Goodale, M.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Corona Heights	7A	Hoehn, P.	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	4A	Houillion, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Corona Heights	4B	Houillion, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Corona Heights	4C	Houillion, J.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Corona Heights	4D	Houillion, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Corona Heights	4E	Houillion, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Corona Heights	4F	Houillion, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Corona Heights	4G	Houillion, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See GR-14
Corona Heights	4H	Houillion, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Corona Heights	4I	Houillion, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Corona Heights	9A	Houillion, J.		Editorial	Change made.
Corona Heights	9B	Houillion, J.	Dogs - On-Leash	Editorial	Change made.
Corona Heights	9C	Houillion, J.	Plants	Editorial	Most of Corona Heights is actually grassland, not shrubland and oak woodlands. These communities are present, but in relatively small amounts. No change made.

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Corona Heights	9D	Houillion, J.	Dogs - On-Leash	Editorial	Change made.
Corona Heights	9E	Houillion, J.	Plants	Reference	This area is located on the western side of the Natural Area as indicated on Figure 6.11-2.
Corona Heights	9F	Houillion, J.	Plants	Content	Although the oaks mentioned in the comment may have been planted, they may also be the result of natural regeneration as is occurring in other portions of the Natural Area. Regardless, they are providing important habitat and should be maintained. No change required.
Corona Heights	9G	Houillion, J.	Plants	Reference	See MR-6.
Corona Heights	9H	Houillion, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Corona Heights	9I	Houillion, J.	Plants	Content	The visual appearance of the Natural Area will change very little and the changes that will occur will do so gradually over a long period of time. No change to the section is required.
Corona Heights	9J	Houillion, J.	Plants	Content	Recommendation CH-1b has been revised to include augmenting populations of Johnny-jump-up and San Francisco gumplant. Recommendation CH-1c has been edited to remove these species from the reintroduction list.
Corona Heights	9K	Houillion, J.	Trails	Content	The existing recommendation includes the option of installing barriers to prevent erosion. Signage is discussed in GR-14. No change required.
Corona Heights	9L	Houillion, J.	Plants	Reference	See MR-6.
Corona Heights	6A	Kaufman, S.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-6
Corona Heights	6B	Kaufman, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-1 and MR-6
Corona Heights	6C	Kaufman, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
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Corona Heights	6F	Kaufman, S.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-5 and MR-1
Corona Heights	6G	Kaufman, S.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	6H	Kaufman, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-6 and MR-7
Corona Heights	6I	Kaufman, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Corona Heights	6J	Kaufman, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-6 and MR-7
Corona Heights	6K	Kaufman, S.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	6L	Kaufman, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-6 and MR-7
Corona Heights	6M	Kaufman, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Corona Heights	6N	Kaufman, S.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Corona Heights	6O	Kaufman, S.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Corona Heights	6P	Kaufman, S.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Corona Heights	6Q	Kaufman, S.	Trails	Content	See GR-14
Corona Heights	5A	Reitan, J.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-6
Corona Heights	5B	Reitan, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-1 and MR-6
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Corona Heights
Letter 1

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form

Natural Area Site Name: Corona Hts Park: _____

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Restoration 1 2 (3) 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

1a
Remove dogs - contain + control is designated area only or make NO DOG if they continue to not comply.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

1b
NO DOGS or contain to off-leash area only. 1c

Trees 1 (2) 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 (3) 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

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too much accessibility for dogs. I'd

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

Name/Affiliation(s) (*if any*): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? _____ Site(s) of interest: _____

Corona Heights Letter 2

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Site: ~~15th Avenue Steps~~ Corona Heights

Restoration

○1 ○2 ●3 ○4 ○5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain b

MA-3 areas need also to be restored as these non-natives will quickly seed selves into MA/1 & 2 areas. 2a

Recreation and Trails

○1 ○2 ●3 ○4 ○5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

No, more needs done to prevent dog traffic off trails and to protect me from off-leash dogs. 2b 2c

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

●1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.

restoration work needs to be restricted to non-breeding season for birds. Massive numbers of dogs make wildlife habitat useless. All areas need to be managed to protect sensitive species from dogs, humans and raccoons (Red Fox too). 2d

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

●1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. no expected? Please explain below.

I have had serious encounters w/ off-leash dogs outside DPA. Much more needs to be done to enforce leash laws; spot checks for Cat's license too. 2e

Trees

○1 ○2 ○3 ●4 ○5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal address or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

Recommendation CH-2 is much needed: increase complexity of vegetative mosaic and enhance cover and food sources for birds. Corona Hts. has potential to be good bird habitat especially in migration but is presently poor for wildlife 2f

Grasslands/Wildflowers

○1 ○2 ○3 ●4 ○5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below. 2g

need to eradicate non native in MA-3 areas. Corona Hts. has an abundance of wild flowers not found anywhere else in region; even Twin Peaks doesn't support such a variety.

Landscaped Areas

○1 ○2 ○3 ●4 ○5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not 2h

yes, Very good idea. Best Corona Hts. needs more interpretive signage, esp for geology. It's a very special place and a rare ecotype

Other Comments 2i

I am a bird watcher and would like to be able to use Corona Hts. more - it's my closest park but too few trails and too many off-leash dogs

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the this Natural Area? Owl Clover

Corona Hts. is a rare ecosystem for SF. - a serpentine outcrop. Pine and more emphasis needs placed on its geological uniqueness; especially for kid's education 2j

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvem would you like to see? 2k

the serpentine outcropping need kept clean of graffiti; wildlife values much enhanced.

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○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5 ○6 ○7 ○8 ○9 ○10

If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?

○ Recreational uses ● Natural resource protection ● Natives/Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Address:	

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Enter your site(s) of interest below.

I already volunteer at Corona Hts. do wip & bird censes.

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

○ 1 ● 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

Submit

Mayor Gavin Newsom
Acting General Manager Yomi Agunbiade

Corona Heights
Letter 3

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP

Attachments: corona_list,7=05; NAP_MAP


corona_list,7=05 (47 KB)


NAP_MAP (682 B)

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 08:34 AM -----

Margaret Goodale <mgoodale@randallmuseum.org>
07/28/2005 04:45 PM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP

Hi Lisa,
Here are some comments... I'll fax this also just in case.
Margaret
(See attached file: corona_list,7=05)(See attached file: NAP_MAP)

NAP MAP survey (submission by computer refused 4:30 7/21/05)

CORONA HEIGHTS

Restoration: 4
Fifteen years of volunteer efforts have succeeded in limiting the broom and radish that once dominated the hill. Work by the natural areas staff to replant natives, to replace deteriorating stairs and to use stairs to delineate trails has helped to guide foot traffic onto trails. However, increasing use of the hill by the public and off leash dogs continues to put plantings and wildlife at risk. The introduction of more dense scrub would help protect the remaining gopher, garter, and ring-necked snakes well as alligator lizards and ensatina salamanders and other wildlife. Protection for the very few *Viola pedunculata* plants is vital to their survival in heavy traffic areas used primarily by the homeless. 3a 3b 3c

Recreation/trails: 4
Social trails completely cover Corona. Despite the outstanding work rebuilding and delineating trails, visitors to the park expect that they and their off-leash dogs can access, trample or dig anywhere on the hill, causing erosion and destroying plantings. Clearly delineated trails will help revegetation efforts to succeed only if foot traffic, both human and canine, is limited to trails. Temporary fencing of revegetated areas is proving very helpful. Fencing may be necessary to protect newly planted hedgerows that are intended to block use trails. Regularly removing homeless encampments on the north and east sides of the hill and immediately behind the Museum would further protect delicate, new plants from foot traffic as well as cut down on social trails. 3d

Sensitive species/wildlife: 4
Despite 15 years of dedicated volunteer and department efforts, maintaining native plants and animals is impossible without consistent enforcement of the leash laws. The reptiles, amphibians, birds and squirrels will only survive if they are not harassed or killed by dogs. Our populations of ground nesting juncos and white-crowned sparrows are plunging due to continual disturbance, and there are fewer native baby birds than ever before. 3e

Dog Play Areas
The existing, fenced dog run off Roosevelt Way is used by probably less that one third of the people bringing dogs to Corona. Over one third use the Randall Field, and another third let their dogs run at will through the natural area leaving it smelly and degraded. Some entice dogs to run up and down very steep slopes by intentionally throwing balls uphill for dogs to chase, thereby causing destructive erosion in delicate areas. No monitoring or revegetation efforts on behalf of native plants or wildlife can succeed unless leash laws are enforced. A restriction on the number of dogs handled by any single dog walker must be implemented and enforced also. 10 dogs is TOO MANY!!! 3f

Urban forestry plans
In the north forest, pines could be selectively pruned or eliminated to encourage the growth and spread of the existing coast live oaks. Similar pruning of pines in the east facing canyon and replacement with toyon, buckeye and oaks would better support migrating birds in the spring and fall.
CH-2a, The need to provide a variety of understory plants is complicated by the homeless problem. Currently, additional understory plantings would simply serve to make homeless camps more inviting for drug use.

Grasslands, wildflowers, etc.: 4
The north quarried area, identified as the "amphitheater," has a magnificent flowering of spring goldfields which could be protected and allowed to spread by temporary fencing to reduce trampling. Continuing to remove broom and fennel is essential.
Please add to CH-1a: Eradicate Italian thistle (which is spreading rapidly) and Tangier pea (mapped as 'giant' pea).

Landscaped Areas: N/A

Other comments
Site Specific Conditions
General Description – South boundary of the area is States Street.
Geology, etc. – Note that all steep bedrock slopes and exposed rock were quarried.
Please correct the soils, land features and trails map (fig.6.11-2), which shows many non-existent trails and stairs, and leaves out several recently installed stairs and some long-time trails.
Forest – At the base of the north cliffs are native coast live oaks, most likely planted by birds.
Mosaic & Scrub – Above Randall Field is an area of several healthy coyote brush plants (along the sandstone/chert contact) east of the area identified as PP and mapped on Fig 6.11-3 but not identified. Fig.6.11-3 (vegetation) also neglects the osoberry, purple sanicle, milkmaids and other seep vegetation on part of the northwest top of the hill currently identified as MG. The north part of MG is in fact mostly poison oak with only a few intransigent broom plants. In the eastern canyon, the north western portion of the area identified as TC contains only pines which could happily (for the birds and insects) be replaced with more oaks, buckeyes and toyon.
Sensitive plant species – SF gumplant is spotted variously throughout the southern grasslands. *Viola pedunculata* occurs only on the northeast edge near the top and above the slickensides. See Fig 6.11-4Viola pedunculata does not exist on the south part of the hill.

Wildlife and natural features
In addition to common Red-tailed and Red-shouldered hawks, Cooper's hawks and American Kestrels are seen on Corona. Dark-eyed juncos, white-crowned sparrows, mockingbirds, Anna's hummingbirds, California towhees, black-headed grosbeaks, scrub jays, bushtits and others nest on the hill. Please include the attached bird list.
During the last 5 years, gopher, terrestrial garter and ring-necked snakes have been found. Alligator lizards are common, ensatina salamanders are rare.
Three squirrels play regularly when not being chased by dogs.
Several nests of Bombus vosnesenskii are located in the grasslands. Native Agapostemon texanus, Megachile perihirta, Osmia lignarium and other carpenter and sweat bees have been discovered and are being surveyed by Dr. Gordon Frankie of Cal Berkeley. 3n

Special features:
Protect the stunning spring bloom of goldfields in the northern facing flats. 3o

Balance of recreation and natural resources
Rate balance as 6 with natural resources and wildlife being under valued. A definition of appropriate recreational activities emphasizing bird watching and meditation would be appreciated. The values of sound and scent need to be emphasized so the folks who come to meditate, bird, admire the view or just smell the air can enjoy doing so. The early spring fragrance of goldfileds or the sweet scent of Coyote brush in the late summer can be overwhelmed by the rank smell of urine and feces. Bird song is overpowered by barking dogs. 3p

General Issues & Recommendations
CH-1a: Add: Eradicate Italian thistle and Tangier pea (mapped as ''giant' pea) 3q
CH-2a: While the plant species listed are desirable for habitat, until the problems with homeless camps are solved, more cover will simply serve to hide drug deals and dirty camp sites. 3r
CH-3: Excellent specific recommendations. Unfortunately off leash dogs and homeless encampments need to be controlled before revegetation will succeed. Temporary fencing will be a necessity. 3s 3t

Thank you for your excellent work!

Margaret Goodale
Randall Museum

Corona Heights Bird Checklist 3 u

Turkey Vulture
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
American Kestrel
Merlin
California Quail
Rock Pigeon
Band-tailed Pigeon
Mourning Dove

Great Horned Owl
Barn Owl

Anna's Hummingbird
Rufous Hummingbird
Allan's Hummingbird

Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker

Western Kingbird
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Black Phoebe
Say's Phoebe
Ash-throated Flycatcher

Warbling Vireo

Steller's Jay
Scrub Jay
American Crow
Common Raven

White-throated Swift
Vaux's Swift
Tree Swallow
Violet-green Swallow
Barn Swallow

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Bushtit

Pygmy Nuthatch

Brown Creeper

House Wren
Bewick's Wren

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Hermit Thrush
American Robin

European Starling

Northern Mockingbird

Cedar Waxwing

Orange-crowned Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Black-throated Grey Warbler
Townsend's Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Prairie Warbler

Western Tanager

Spotted Towhee
California Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow

Golden-crowned Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
House Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco

Black-headed Grosbeak
Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Red-winged Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Western Meadowlark
Bullock's Oriole
Hooded Oriole

Purple Finch
House Finch
Red Crossbill
Pine Siskin
Lesser Goldfinch
American Goldfinch

White-winged Parakeet
Yellow-chevroned Parakeet
Red-masked Parakeet

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Corona Heights
Letter 4

Subject: Fw: NAPMAP comment period - Second extension

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 08:29 AM -----

Jim Houillion <jhouillion@sonic.net> **To: Lisa Wayne <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org>**
cc:
Subject: Re: NAPMAP comment period - Second extension
07/28/2005 04:38 PM

Hi Lisa,

Since I don't know if you have received my web site Comment Form intact, I've copied it here for you.
I've also mailed in additional comments on paper to 501 Stanyan.

COMMENT FORM

Site: Corona Heights

Restoration
1 2 3 4 5

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Recreation and Trails
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*Trees *
1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain below.
The problem non-native tree species shouldn't be perpetuated. They should gradually be replaced with more compatible species. 4a

*Grasslands/Wildflowers *
1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.

*Landscaped Areas *
1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected?
If not, please explain below.
I didn't see this kind of thing dealt with for Corona Heights. 4b

*Other Comments *
Please see my comments that are specific to individual parts of the Management Plan. These are on separate pages that I am mailing to you.
These you may find to be quite critical. However, overall, I find the Plan to be spectacular, an enormous undertaking, and for the most part extremely well done. I will treasure the information in it. Thank you so much! 4c

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?
I think the maps as they now exist are quite inaccurate. They don't even agree with each other. If I could be of help I would be happy to assist in correcting these. 4d

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now?
Most of the primary trails that now exist should be maintained.
Access to the top of the hill should be maintained. 4e

When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

Improvements I would like to see when funds are available:
1) Fencing to protect areas from erosion and plant destruction caused by human & pet activity. 4f
2) Kiosks at both the east and west entrances to the hill. These would have educational information about the Natural Area on the hill, how it can be enjoyed, how one can participate in its stewardship and also information on how to respect and properly treat the environment of the hill. 4g
3) Hiring of professionals to remove invasives from areas (such as steeps & cliffs and areas of poison oak) that volunteers and staff are not equipped and trained to deal with. 4h
4) Perhaps enhance access to the MA-3 urban forest areas by installing steps & picnic tables. Develop ways to discourage "leave-trash-behind" 4i
encampments and partying which might be best accomplished by a greater "pickup-after-thyself" presence.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection Natives/Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?
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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Enter your site(s) of interest below.
I already do, at Corona heights

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?
1 2 3 4 5

Mayor Gavin Newsom, Acting General Manager Yomi Agunbiade

Lisa Wayne wrote:

Dear Park Advocates and Colleagues

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department is extending the comment
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second time. The new comment period deadline is July 28th. Please see the
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Important note: The on-line comment form works intermittently. The on-line form has a maximum capacity of 8,000 characters per comment box.
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San Francisco, CA 94117

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typewriter send it via mail or FAX to above address or FAX number

The Recreation and Park Department wants and needs your input. Should you
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Restoration **1 2 3 4 5**

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Restoration efforts to date have been excellent, and the proposed restoration plan will continue and enhance these efforts. 5a

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5c

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Sensitive Species/Wildlife **1 2 3 4 5**

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5e

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Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

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N/A

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – **Natives /Wildlife**

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Corona Heights
Letter 6

Subject: Fw: NAP Mgmt Plan comments from us

Attachments: edgehill-sk-comments.doc; corona-heights-sk-comments.doc; corona-heights-jr-comments.doc; edgehill-jr-comments.doc; davidson-sk-comments.doc; davidson-jr-comments.doc


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cc:
Subject: NAP Mgmt Plan comments from us

Lisa, here are six Word documents with our comments -- 2 from each of us (Julia and me) on each project (Mt D, Edgehill Mt, Corona Heights).
Thanks for adding them to the collection. If you want me to print them out and fax them in to you, please let me know and provide the fax number.

Hope this turns out OK.

Stan
(See attached file: edgehill-sk-comments.doc)(See attached file: corona-heights-sk-comments.doc)(See attached file: corona-heights-jr-comments.doc)(See attached file: edgehill-jr-comments.doc)(See attached file: davidson-sk-comments.doc)(See attached file: davidson-jr-comments.doc)

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form

Natural Area Site Name: Corona Heights Park: Corona Heights

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration **1 2 3 4 5**

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Letter 7

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Philip Hoehn - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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Subject: NAP MAP - Philip Hoehn - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Corona Heights

Restoration Score - 1
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score - 1
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score - 1
Sensitive Species Comments -

7a

Dogs & Cats Score - 3
Dogs & Cats Comments - I recommend that attention be paid (by RPD) to expanding and enhancing the Corona Heights dog play area (DPA). While this is obviously not a direct concern of NAP, perceived inadequacies in the DPA are contributing to off-leash dogs running through and damaging the natural area of the park. I have observed several dog owners/guardians who feel it is necessary to throw balls and other toys up into the natural area from the road adjacent to the DPA and from the west lawn. They say it provides necessary exercise for their dog. The dogs do seem to take great pleasure in running up the hill to retrieve their toys or other objects. However, the cumulative damage caused by this activity is evident in the expanding number and size of dog paths and holes dug (or at least enlarged) by dogs when they are temporarily distracted from their toy retrieval task.
Invasive grasses and other weeds find these disturbed areas prime targets for opportunistic expansion at the expense of native plants (and the insets, birds and animals that directly or indirectly depend upon them)

My suggestion would be for RPD to investigate the need for an expanded DPA area having additional uphill components. Is this a real need or only one perceived to be necessary by the dogs' guardians? Assuming there is a genuine need, I would recommend expanding the present DPA to the north into the downhill area beyond the present fence. This would provide a larger hill for dogs to run on and is an area not presently being targeted as a natural area. Additional enhancements might include compartmentalizing the DPA so as to provide grass and non-grass areas for dogs/guardians, and separate areas for larger more active dogs and smaller/less active/fragile ones. Many current dog guardians who allow their dogs to run on the west lawn cite the danger to themselves and their dogs in the present DPA when large active dogs in the act of playing race around and bump into people and other dogs. I know two dog guardians who were injured by large dogs running into them from behind. Also ad d more benches and some trees for shade. I think if the present DPA were made safer and better accommodated the differing needs of dogs and their guardians it would be more heavily utilized and would eliminate the excuses now heard for having dogs off leash in the natural area.

Dog owners/guardians are in a position to provide some of the funds and person-power to make these changes, which could be made incrementally over a period of time.

And, obviously code enforcement is needed to make MAP a practical success.

7a

Trees Score - 1
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 1
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score - 1
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score - 2
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

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Volunteering Comment - Already do at C.H. habitat restoration

Staff Score - 1

Corona Heights
Letter 8

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Claire Englander - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Corona Heights

Restoration Score - 5
Restoration Comments - Restoration work which has been done for the past 10-12 years have been dedicated, thorough, and extremely good, and the proposed restoration plan would continue and add to the dedicated efforts. However, newly planted native plants require protection from inevitable off-leash dogs, so temporary fencing should be built around all plantings and be kept in place until the plants are well-established.

8a 8b

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments - Personal trails in the grassland areas (MA-1a, MA-1b, MA-1c, MA-2b, MA-2c) need to be closed. Barriers should be built across these social trails where they intersect established trails. Acceptable recreational use needs to be much more clearly defined and enforced. Off-leash dogs should never be allowed in these grassland areas.

8c 8d

Sensitive Species Score - 2
Sensitive Species Comments - See comments For Restoration. Also, consistent enforcement of the leash law are essential to reduce damage to sensitive plants and wildlife. Our ground nesting population of dark-eyed juncos is threatened by off leash dogs and feral cats, as are all baby birds just fledging. The single quail has vanished. There has also been a young coopers hawk chasing the three squirrels.

8e

Dogs & Cats Score -
Dogs & Cats Comments - Dog owners letting their dogs run without leash--a big problem. Strict, consistent enforcement of the leash law is essential.
RPD staff should be deputized to enable them to write tickets.

8f

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -
Improving oak woodlands along MA-2b and
MA-2d Would enhance stands of trees markedly. A very good idea. 8g

Grasslands Score - 8h
Grasslands Comments - Protective temporary fencing is needed to protect newly planted native plants. 8i Dog owners who let their dogs rove off-leash ought to be ticketed. Personal trails should be blocked with some sort of barricade where the personal trails meet the established trails. 8j

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - I am a volunteer, and have worked every month or bimonthly at Corona Heights for 12 years. Surely my comments should be considered more than the comments of someone who only walks his or her off-leash dog. I have volunteered and worked for the parks not simply walked my dog. Leash law should be enforced. 8k

Rare Plant Comment - I have seen red-shouldered and red-tail hawks
at Corona Heights on many occasions. I have also seem many plants Native to San Francisco which have become rare in S.F. but still grow at Corona Heights. 8l

Improvement/Features Comments - More benches and signage--possibly kiosk. 8m

Plan Score
- 7
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Natives/Wildlife

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Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

Corona Heights
Letter 9

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NAP Mgmt. Plan - Items for comment

Italics are the sections I'm commenting on. If a part is underlined, that is the part I am commenting on. If there's no underlining then I'm commenting on the entire section. ~~Strike thrus are suggested deletions.~~

Plain Texts are my comments or suggested rewording.

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This Link doesn't go to "Reference Site Data" but instead goes to "Species Names". So, the title of this link needs to be changed and the information for "Reference Site Data" needs to be inserted under an additional link.

H Typical Trail Cross-sections

FIGURE H-3 TYPICAL FENCE DESIGN

I think the post (bollard) and cable type fence (as is used in the Presidio) should be included here. It might be the least expensive and least obtrusive option and might be adequate in many situations.

The title of the link to this section might also include the part on fences. So, it might read:

H Typical Trail Cross-sections and Fence Designs

Sec. 1, OVERVIEW

p. 1-9 & 1-10

..... Future potential capital projects are identified by phase and are listed below. ....

The list of Phase 1 projects is missing.

p. 1-12

FUTURE CHANGES IN USE IN NATURAL AREAS

If a plant or animal habitat area, of sufficient import as to possibly affect key management decisions, is discovered that is not identified in the management plan, then the Commission must approve any significant change in allowable uses, removal of trees or change in allowable access deemed necessary for protection or enhancement of the habitat.

Similarly, if (re)introductions result in a proposed change of management classification from a

less restrictive one to a more restrictive one, such as MA-3 to MA-2 or MA-2 to MA-1, then SFRPD will take any change in Management Areas affecting land use, access, or tree removal to the Commission for approval prior to doing so.

In view of the policy stated here it is essential that the definition of each type of MA is accurate. For Corona Heights a substantial amount of alteration of FIGURE 6.11-5 is needed.

Sec. 2, MANAGEMENT APPROACH

p. 2-2

VALUES

The conservation values of Significant Natural Areas are significant and include:

• ~~*Refugia*~~ (Refuge?) *of high natural value within a major city;*

Sec. 3, SETTING

p. 3-4

VEGETATION

Historic Vegetation

The historic San Francisco landscape was dominated by an extensive area of sand dunes in the western part of the City, one of the largest active dune systems along the Pacific Coast. The northern active dunes were of late Pleistocene age and swept north from Lake Merced to Point Lobos and then east over a gap between the San Miguel Hills and Presidio uplands (the area today occupied in part by Golden Gate Park) to San Francisco Bay (Morioka 1992). These dune fields supported a sparse cover of sand-adapted shrubs and herbs.

Why are the Oak Woodlands which occur within this dune system ignored here?

I think it should also be noted here that these dune systems covered only about 25-30% of the City. There's such a mythology in the common mind that all of San Francisco was originally sand dunes.

p. 3-5

Trees were not a conspicuous component of the landscape. The earliest botanical descriptions mention scrubby coast live oak and dwarf California buckeye scattered on slopes above their northeast anchorage and California laurels were described as occurring along the northern shoreline (Howell et al. 1958).

I have a feeling that when these early observations were made that what was considered San Francisco or Yerba Buena was the area which later became known as the Barbary Coast, the area lying north of Market Street and east of Nob and Russian Hills.

Laurels along a saltwater shoreline near what's now the Wharf? If they existed there it's difficult to believe that they didn't exist elsewhere in the City, especially since there's

undoubtedly much more hospitable locations for them.

It should leave one to wonder what this place really looked like before Europeans started overrunning it 250 years ago, let alone the activity of Native Americans. I think we should hold our determination on this and let nature eventually figure it out for us. We just need to assist this process in the best way we can.

p. 3-22

CORONA HEIGHTS (Holzman 2001c)

..... The steep sandy slopes of the Corona Heights area were unsuited to agriculture, and the area was largely bypassed .....

As I pointed out in the section on Corona Heights, I've yet to encounter sand in my 10+ years working mostly everywhere on the hill.

Prior to the arrival of the Gray Brothers I think perhaps the slopes weren't so steep as some are today. They hadn't yet been dynamited for quarrying purposes.

p. 3-23

GOLDEN GATE PARK (OAK WOODLAND, WHISKEY HILL, AND STRAWBERRY HILL)

I think this discussion of GG Park's general history lends to the mistaken impression of many that The Natural Areas Program is taking over the Park in it's entirety. I think the discussion should be limited to the Coast Live Oak areas which are the sole concern of the NAP in GG Park.

Golden Gate Park has no natural forest. Today, indigenous oak preserves known as Oak Woodland are on the eastern edge of Golden Gate. These planted areas include native and non-native varieties of trees and other vegetation. Oak Woodland encompasses several acres of forest and is the only sizable natural oak woodland left in the City. Hall realized the value of these trees when they were first planted in the 1870s. Today the trees grow in a horizontal twisting fashion (they rarely grow vertically) and are unique because they form hyperbolic shapes. The preservation of Oak Woodland is important because it is one of the last sizable areas of native oak that once spread along the California Coast (Anonymous no date).

This is one of the most convoluted statements I've ever come across. It really can't make up it's mind whether these oaks are naturally occurring or horticulturally installed and states both options as hard fact. No wonder it's Anonymous. Can't a better, more accurate, statement about the history of the oaks in Golden Gate Park be found? I've seen one that talks about the Woodlands as being a part of a system of indigenous oaks that extended in part to Buena Vista and beyond. I'm sorry I can't reference it here.

Sec. 5, SYSTEM-WIDE MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AND PRACTICES (General Recommendations)

p. 5-2

Recommendation GR-1b: *Where native plant seed banks do not exist or have diminished, revegetation with appropriate native species shall occur. In most cases, native species shall be planted to approximate the diversity, cover, and density adjacent habitats or reference sites in similar habitats (Appendix B).*

Appendix B appears to be dealing with something else. It would be very helpful (I think essential) to name the reference sites whenever referred to throughout the plan

Recommendation GR-1e: *Management Areas, restoration areas, and other sensitive habitats shall be routinely monitored for invasion of undesired plant species*

I think "harmful" would be a better word here. "Undesired" carries a connotation of personal whim, whereas "harmful" carries a sense as to why we need to eliminate or control certain invasive plants.

Issue GR-2: *The diversity of San Francisco's flora has declined by almost half since 1958. .....*

I've been told that a survey (an inventory) of the City's native plant species was conducted in 1958. Is that available and shouldn't it be included in this Plan?

Is it possibly?: Howell, J.T., P. Raven, and P. Rubtzoff, 1958. A Flora of San Francisco, University of San Francisco?

Is this where the "L" entries in Appendix E come from?

Shouldn't something like this be annotated where it's referred to in the plan?

p. 5-11 & 5-12

Recommendation GR-8c: .....

..... If *through monitoring these sites, it is determined that all 12.3 acres of sensitive habitat required trailside fencing, a maximum of 3,900 linear feet of trail, or less than 3 percent of all trails, would contain trailside fencing.*

I think it's a mistake to set these kinds of figures for maximum fencing. I think any location, where consistent none compliance of the leash law or other behavior results in damage, should be eligible for remediation including fencing, be it a "sensitive" area or otherwise.

p. 5-15

Recommendation GR-11d: *In order to maintain and enhance public recreational experiences, viewshed should be maintained. ....*

I not sure what viewshed is. It's not in the Glossary. How is viewshed different from view?

Issue GR-12: *Most of the Natural Areas occupy sites characterized by steep, erosion-prone slopes. .... The soils in the steepest portions of these hillsides tend to be thin, sandy, and rocky,*

with limited vegetative cover.....

This paragraph bothers me. While there surely are some very steep, rocky areas I don't think it's accurate to say that most of the areas are, or that most of the Natural Areas contain very limited plant growth. Why bother if there are hardly any plants?

I think there's overkill in the notion of the City having originally been sand dunes. Only about 25-30% 0f the City was sand dunes. I haven't yet encountered any sand at Corona Heights.

There are also substantial areas of Corona where there is quite deep, non-sandy soil. Many dogs have dug holes a foot or more deep. It has also been suggested that the areas of fairly deep soil is what most of the hill was originally like prior to quarrying. The same can be said of many other Natural Areas sites. Even some quite steep areas of Corona have fairly deep soil, such as the slope just east of the Dog Play Area. It's deep soil here that is very vulnerable to erosion.

Additionally some of the steepest areas of the City have been built on. I'm not at all sure that steepness is why these areas were set aside as parkland. In fact, I believe that Corona Heights was slated to be built on but was saved by Josephine Randall. I think the bulk of Mt. Davidson, McLaren, Lake Merced, Twin Peaks, and many others are quite developable.

I think perhaps there's been more erosion since we've removed so much broom, fennel, radish, etc. and not been able to replace it fast enough (or at all) with native species that have a very great ability to hold the soil, be it thick or thin. The activity of dogs and humans, interrupting plant regeneration, has also played a very significant roll in erosion. I think the shrub/grassland mosaic (actually, in view of the amount of Coast Live Oak seedlings appearing at Corona and other sites, I think this might turn out to be a tree/shrub/grassland mosaic) referred to earlier has in the past, and can in the future, fulfill this function.

p. 5-17

FORESTRY

All urban forests in Natural Areas are classified as MA-3 areas.

This sentence is rendered false by what follows.

..... *Urban forest stands that contain significant native plant understory and are planned for native plant and animal habitat restoration are classified as MA-1 or MA-2 and are not considered here.*

Is there a difference between "urban forest" and "invasive forest"? Even if a difference is intended it's not clear and not followed through in light of the last sentence.

p. 5-18 & 5-19

Recommendation GR-14b: In order to maintain the forest as it ages, it is necessary to maintain a stocking range that will perpetuate the urban forest and promote forest health. Over time, it will be

necessary to develop a new age class of trees, which will eventually replace the existing mature canopy. ..... California native trees that offer the greatest value to wildlife such as Monterey cypress, Monterey pine, and Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziezee*) will be promoted when planting. .....

As the non-native forests age and need to be replaced very careful analysis should be conducted as to which species lend the greatest compatibility with the rest of any particular Natural Area and to the most diverse and wildlife beneficial native understory. It's quite obvious that Blue Gum should not be perpetuated. It's also obvious that Coast Live Oak should play a major role in regenerating these urban forests since this native species is already in the process of self-regeneration in many of the Natural Areas and other areas of the City. The other species that are included in this regeneration should consist of species that are presently occurring as native species in areas immediately to the south and to the north of San Francisco, such species as Douglas Fir, Bishop Pine, Redwood, Madrone, Tanoak, Alder, Laurel, etc. It really is possible that these species have occurred here naturally in the past and would still be occurring here had there not been human intervention. Of course, species should be placed in the appropriate locations, ones which are environmentally similar to locations where they are presently naturally occurring (reference sites) and have the capacity to support a particular species, ideally in a self-regenerating way. Only after it has been determined that none of these species can be supported in a particular urban forest location should species native to areas farther afield be considered.

Recommendation GR-14c: *To promote forest health ~~and~~ the removal of trees shall focus on the removal of.....*

Recommendation GR-14d: *No sensitive species shall be planted in the MA-3 urban forests.*

Why? If what I'm suggesting above (for GR-14b) were to be successful some sensitive species might be able to be supported. This GR should be eliminated.

p. 5-22

PATHOGEN CONTROL

The spread of pathogens from one area to another .....

..... All used cleaning materials should be properly disposed of and cleaning should not occur in the immediate vicinity of a wetland. ~~should be avoided.~~

Sec. 6.11, Corona Heights

p. 6.11-1

GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

Corona Heights is a 12.6-acre Park located in the central portion of San Francisco in the Corona Heights and Duboce Triangle neighborhoods. Just north of Corona Heights is Buena Vista Park

(Figure 1-1). Corona Heights is bounded in part by Flint Street on the east, Roosevelt Way to the north, and 16th Street to the south.

The following description would be more accurate and familiar to a much larger population. The existing description is redundant & inaccurate. Corona isn't in the Duboce Triangle neighborhood which goes no further west than Castro Street:

Corona Heights is a 12.6-acre Park located in the central portion of San Francisco on the hilltop just northwest of the intersection of Market & Castro Streets. It is accessed from States Street, Flint & 16th Streets, Beaver Street & De Forest Steps, and Roosevelt & Museum Ways. Just north of Corona Heights is Buena Vista Park (Figure 1-1).

A

A designated fenced Dog Play Area (DPA) exists ~~on~~ adjacent to the north-west side of the Natural Area.

B

The DPA isn't a part of the Natural Area.

Corona Heights has high natural resources and recreational values for the citizens of San Francisco that include: high levels of recreational trail use; diverse native plant grassland ~~community,~~ shrubland, and oak woodland communities; important habitat for native plants and populations of sensitive plant species; habitat for a wide variety of bird species, including foraging habitat for raptors; extensive grasslands providing habitat for butterflies and other insects; and outstanding City views.

C

GEOLOGY, HYDROLOGY, AND TRAILS

.... There are two large areas of bare ground: one is the floor of an old 9quarry (known as the Amphitheater) in the middle of the park and the other is ~~the Dog Play Area on the north western side of the Natural Area~~ amongst the rock outcrops at the very top of the hill. ....

Again, the DPA isn't a part of the Natural Area and Figure 6.11-2 shows the area at the top as being bare ground

D

There are seeps on most of the escarpments in the park, but only one area of wet ground. This is caused by a build-up of water in the soil thinly overlying the bedrock. It is at the base of a draw with gullies, drainage ways, and numerous animal burrows that channel runoff from the chert outcrop "the corona" on the top of the Natural Area. ....

Where is this? Can the location of this be stated more precisely? When is this wet ... year-round?

E

p. 6.11-2

VEGETATION

Forest

... A small area of native coast live oak forest (0.16 acres) can be found in the central portion of

Corona Heights.

The native Coast Live Oak forest referred to here and in Figure 6.11-3 in the central portion of Corona is actually regarded to be a humanly planted one (there may actually be record of this) and is by no means the extent of the Coast Live Oak at Corona. Most of the southern, uphill area of what's referred to as the mixed exotic (EM) ... on the northern slope of Corona (MA-2d and into MA-1c) actually contains numerous Coast Live Oaks of varying sizes, ranging from new seedlings to quite mature trees. These oaks also in one section extend down to the 15th Street tennis courts. Figure 6.11-5 seems to be recognizing this. This appears to be a genuine, naturally occurring and self regenerating, native oak woodlands. Is there record of any of these oaks in this location having been humanly planted?

In addition, there are numerous young oaks appearing elsewhere on the hill, ranging from brand new seedlings to 30 or more inches in height. There is no record or knowledge of these having been planted by humans. Their locations and the appearance of the terrain surrounding them would indicate that they have occurred through natural, wildlife processes.

F

Mosaic and Scrub

Scrub and mosaic series account for a total of 1.22 acres at Corona Heights. Of the three scrub series that were mapped, French broom scrub (0.78 acres) accounts for most of the habitat. Four small patches of poison oak scrub, the only scrub series dominated by native plants, can be found within and on the periphery of the wild oat grassland of Corona Heights.

What about the scrub dominated by coyote bush, Osoberry?

I have been told by a knowledgeable source that the willow at Corona is naturally occurring, not humanly installed. Is there accurate documentation of what the Rec and Park Dept has installed since acquiring the property?

French Broom no longer accounts for most of the scrub at Corona. Virtually all of the broom, with the exception of new seedlings, is either intermixed with poison oak, on very steep, very difficult to access locations, or in the NW corner of MA-3b. That's not to say that there isn't still a lot of broom.

Poison oak is by far the largest amount of scrub at Corona now. There are a number of large areas and one very large area in addition to numerous smaller patches and intermixings with other plants over much of the hill. The poison oak actually ranges from being quite large shrubs to being ground hugging plants.

Figure 6.11-3 is way off on the scrub at Corona.

G

Grassland and Herbaceous

Six grassland and herbaceous series were mapped at Corona Heights and cover almost 5 acres. The majority of the acreage was mapped as wild oat grassland (3.49 acres) and mixed exotic herbaceous (0.77 acres). A very small patch of purple needlegrass prairie (0.03 acres) found within the grassland on the northwestern side of Corona Heights is the only series within these

formations dominated by native vegetation. When all species in the grasslands were sampled (data points), native species accounted for 30 out of 59 total species; however, the invasive species account for 72 percent of the cover.

I think this paragraph gives short-schrift to some of the really wonderful and recovering areas of Corona. I think it's also inaccurate.

What's labeled as "purple needlegrass prarie" in Figure 6.11-3 may very well have some purple needlegrass. However, I wouldn't regard it as being dominated by it. I don't know of any area dominated by it. It's intermixed to varying degrees in many areas on Corona. There are much greater stands of it at other locations of Corona, most notably at the top of the rock outcrop of MA-1a.

This area that's labeled "purple needlegrass prarie", however, could be said to be dominated by natives, comprised by such as gold fields, blue-eyed grass, owls clover, buckwheat, other species of bunch grasses, lichens, etc.

There are also other areas, though small, that contain strong stands of native grasses and herbaceous plants that comprise at least 50% of the plants of the area.

I think the hill needs to be resurveyed at least four times in the same year to give accurate accounting as to what is there. If I could be of help, I'd be more than happy to assist in this.

H

p. 6.11-5

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

VISION *– Implementation of management recommendations at Corona Heights would not change significantly the overall look of the park ....*

As shrubs, oaks and other summer-active native plants increase, the hill will be a lot greener during summer months. Conversely as the invasive annual grasses decrease, the gold of late spring turning to the burnt of early fall will decrease. As invasives are replaced by natives the color, shape and texture of the hill is changing. I think this is significant.

I

p. 6.11-6

Vegetation

Recommendation CH-1b: *To help supplement the sensitive species populations at Corona Heights consider augmentation of existing sensitive plant populations by direct seeding or planting. <u>The species to utilize would be common muilla (Muilla ~~maritime~~ maritima)</u> as it currently exists within MA-1a, MA-1b, and MA-1c.*

I don't understand what this means "*<u>The species to utilize ...</u>*". Why a focus on muilla (if that's what's being proposed) as opposed to focusing on all four sensitive plants at Corona? If there is valid reason for this, I think there should be some kind of explanation here.

Additionally Table 7-1 lists *Grindelia hirsutula* var *maritima* as the only sensitive plant species at Corona that is to be monitored.

J

p. 6.11-8

Soils, Erosion, and Public Use

Issue CH-3: *There are several areas on the western slopes of Corona Heights (MA-1b, MA-1c, and MA-2b) where high levels of recreational foot and dog traffic have reduced the vegetation cover to almost bare ground. High levels of traffic combine to compact soils, trample plants, and generally impede the development of a stable native vegetation community.*

This same problem exists on the north siope, south of the amphitheater. One is a highly eroded section in the center going all the way to the top of the hill. The other is in the lower flanks of this slope where last year two oak seedlings (naturally occurring) were dug up by dogs.

At times i've witnessed people throwing items for their dogs to retrieve. When I've spoken to them they've indicated that they weren't aware of the existence of the natural area status of the hill. I think we need to provide obvious information so people will readily know how to properly use and enjoy the hill. Perhaps kiosks, similar to those used in State and National Parks, to also include educational information, could be placed at the two main entrances to the hill, one at the west at the steps leading up from the Roosevelt lawn area and one at the east at the steps leading up from the Museum and Flint Street. I think access to the top of the hill should be allowed only via the already-in-place steps. The eroding slopes need to be fenced off. I think the simple post with cable method used at the Presidio might work fine and be the least obtrusive.

K

p. 6.11-(12 thru 15)

Figures 6.11-2 thru 6.11-5

I have a lot of trouble with these maps. I think there's a lot of inaccuracies in them. For instance on Figure 6.11-5 the area on the slope just south of where we did the planting in December 2004 (near the top of the hill) contains large stands of native plaintan, buckwheat, and lotus scoparius. Yet, this area is labeled MA-2. There are numerous other areas with similar inaccuracies. I don't understand the reasoning for the distinctions between MA-1 and MA-2 areas in many places where they are made. To a lesser degree, the same holds true for MA-2 to MA-3 areas. I hope accuracy in these is not essential at his time and there's the opportunity for revision of these as we go along.

L

Table 3.16-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Duncan-Castro.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Duncan-Castro	1A	Thompson, D.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Duncan-Castro	1B	Thompson, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Duncan-Castro	1C	Thompson, D.	Plants	Editorial	See MR-6
Duncan-Castro	1D	Thompson, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Duncan-Castro	1E	Thompson, D.	Wildlife	Reference	The text has been modified to include this study.
Duncan-Castro	1F	Thompson, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Duncan-Castro	1G	Thompson, D.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8

Duncan Castro
Letter 1

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Dave Thompson/gloria Koch-Gonzalez - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Dave Thompson/gloria Koch-Gonzalez - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Duncan / Castro

Restoration Score - 5
Restoration Comments - yes, exceeded expectations, weeding program has allowed the expansion of native wild flowers across the wild oat grassland. 1a

Recreation & Trails Score - 5
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score - 4
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score -
Dogs & Cats Comments - not a big issue, but interpretive signage might help dog owners understand flower values out of season. 1b

Trees Score - 5
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 3
Grasslands Comments - I wouls like to see mention of the spectacular distribution of Triteleia laxa across most of this property. When it is in bloom, the hill looks bright blue from two blocks away. It may not be endangered but it is especially beautiful and a testament to the success of the weeding program, 1c

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments - We agree that the road frontage would improve with more of the plants that support birds and butterflies. 1d

General Comments - Figure 6.12-5 is missing. 1e
Why was as the native bee study results that found significant bee diversity at this site not included in the report

Rare Plant Comment - we have been pulling mostly wild radish for 7 years. 1f
During that time, we have observed the steady increase of the spectacular blue Ithuriel Spear,moving east from the red fescue prairie where we first saw it, so that it is now increasingly abundant throughout the oat grassland.

Improvement/Features Comments - maintain the single bench, add interpretive signage, improve the diversity of the road frontage plantings with wildlife sustaining plants 1g

Plan Score - 10
Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

Name - Dave Thompson/gloria Koch-Gonzalez Phone - 821-7601 Email - gloriakoch@earthlink.net Address - 1533 Diamond Street

Volunteering Comment - already signed-up

Staff Score - 5

Table 3.17-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Tank Hill.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Tank Hill	6A	anonymous	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
Tank Hill	6B	anonymous	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Tank Hill	6C	anonymous	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Tank Hill	6D	anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Tank Hill	6E	anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Tank Hill	6F	anonymous	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Tank Hill	6G	anonymous	Plan Costs	Content	Land acquisition is outside the Natural Area Program's purview.
Tank Hill	6H	anonymous	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Tank Hill	3A	Gaar, Greg	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Tank Hill	3B	Gaar, Greg	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Tank Hill	3C	Gaar, Greg	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Tank Hill	3D	Gaar, Greg	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Tank Hill	3E	Gaar, Greg	Trees	Content	A discussion of urban forest impacts from debris and fog drip has been added to Appendix F.
Tank Hill	3F	Gaar, Greg	Trails	Content	See MR-6
Tank Hill	3G	Gaar, Greg	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Tank Hill	3H	Gaar, Greg	Trails	Content	To promote safety, only one secondary trail will remain on the north slope of Tank Hill (See Figure 6.14-5).
Tank Hill	3I	Gaar, Greg	Plants	Editorial	Change made
Tank Hill	3J	Gaar, Greg	Wildlife	Content	Change made
Tank Hill	3K	Gaar, Greg	Trails	Content	Repair and maintenance of the Belgrave Ave trail will occur as staffing and funds are available.
Tank Hill	4A	Gemmil, A.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
Tank Hill	4B	Gemmil, A.	Trails	Content	It is necessary to delineate trails to protect sensitive resources.
Tank Hill	4C	Gemmil, A.	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Tank Hill	4D	Gemmil, A.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Tank Hill	4E	Gemmil, A.	Trails	Content	See MR-6
Tank Hill	4F	Gemmil, A.	Trails	Content	See MR-1

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Tank Hill	4G	Gemmil, A.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Tank Hill	4H	Gemmil, A.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Tank Hill	4I	Gemmil, A.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Tank Hill	4J	Gemmil, A.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Tank Hill	4K	Gemmil, A.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Tank Hill	2A	Lapins, D.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Tank Hill	2B	Lapins, D.	Trails	Content	The trail from Belgrave Ave. will remain. Repair and maintenance will occur as staffing and funds are available.
Tank Hill	2C	Lapins, D.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Tank Hill	2D	Lapins, D.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Tank Hill	2E	Lapins, D.	Trees	Content	Repair and maintenance of the Belgrave Ave. trail will occur as staffing and funds are available.
Tank Hill	2F	Lapins, D.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-6
Tank Hill	2G	Lapins, D.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-6
Tank Hill	2H	Lapins, D.	Trails	Content	Signage is discussed in GR-14 (Sec. 5). No change required to Management Plan.
Tank Hill	2I	Lapins, D.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Tank Hill	2J	Lapins, D.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Tank Hill	7A	Rhoads, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-4
Tank Hill	7B	Rhoads, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7 and GR-14 (Sec. 5) for a discussion of signage
Tank Hill	7C	Rhoads, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Tank Hill	7D	Rhoads, J.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Tank Hill	7E	Rhoads, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Tank Hill	7F	Rhoads, J.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Tank Hill	5A	Robbins, D.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
Tank Hill	5B	Robbins, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-11
Tank Hill	5C	Robbins, D.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-11

Table 3.17-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Tank Hill.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Tank Hill	5D	Robbins, D.	Trails	Content	Installation and servicing of trash cans is an excellent idea, but beyond the scope of services that the Natural Areas Program provides.
Tank Hill	1A	Rotter, E.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Tank Hill	1B	Rotter, E.	Trails	Content	The trail from Belgrave Ave. will remain. Repair and maintenance will occur as staffing and funds are available.
Tank Hill	1C	Rotter, E.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Tank Hill	1D	Rotter, E.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2 and MR-5
Tank Hill	1E	Rotter, E.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Tank Hill	1F	Rotter, E.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Tank Hill	1G	Rotter, E.	Trails	Content	The trail from Belgrave Ave. will remain. Repair and maintenance will occur as staffing and funds are available.
Tank Hill	1H	Rotter, E.	Trees	Content	See MR-4

San Francisco Recreation and Park - NAP MAP Public Comments Form

Tank Hill
Letter 1

City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park
501 Stanyan Street, San Francisco, CA 94117
Tel: 415.831.2700 Fax: 415.831.2096 WEB: http://parks.sfgo

Comments are due by July 21, 2005 at 5:00 pm.
ATTN: NAP MAP
501 Stanyan Avenue
San Francisco CA, 94107

Lisa - Might be a duplicate but the online form never seemed to go through. Neff Rotter

Please provide comments in each relevant subject area BY PARK. Please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue. (5 = Exceeds Expectations and 1 = D Not Meet Expectations). Please note this is not a survey. Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be as specific as possible. Example ques you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on any topic covered by the plan in any relevant manner.

Site: Tank Hill

Restoration

O 1 O 2 O 3 ◉ 4 O 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below. 1a

The native plants on Tank Hill are aided by local volunteers working there, but we haven't been called on since December. Reintroduction of wildlife and plants should not interfere with use of the Hill.

Recreation and Trails

O 1 O 2 O 3 ◉ 4 O 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain. 1b

The trail leading up to Tank Hill from Belgrave Avenue is not in good repair. This should be taken care of as a priority.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

O 1 O 2 O 3 ◉ 4 O 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below. 1c

I'm relieved to see that there will be no removal of trees from this site. The eucalyptus are important to the visual aspect of the hill and in lieu of any other trees there, should remain permanently. The native trees we've planted may be alive, but they aren't growing very fast.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

O 1 O 2 O 3 ◉ 4 O 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as y expected? Please explain below 1d

Dogs and cats should continue to be allowed on Tank Hill.

Trees

O 1 O 2 O 3 ◉ 4 O 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be r or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

In the past the Natural Areas folks have attempted to take down the eucalyptus trees from Tank Hill. We're all relieved that the recommendation here is that there will be no more removal of them. JE

Grasslands/Wildflowers

O 1 O 2 O 3 ◉ 4 O 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.

Grasslands here seem to do well, whether native or non-native. JE

Landscaped Areas

O 1 O 2 O 3 ◉ 4 O 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain below

The trail from Belgrave Avenue up the hill is in need of restoration, as noted above. JE

Other Comments

Thanks to those who have worked to maintain the eucalyptus trees on Tank Hill. The native trees we've planted over the last several years are not thriving and will take years to grow to any size, if they can survive the weather on the hill. JE

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful managem this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvem would you like to see?

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how we plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent)

O 1 O 2 O 3 O 4 O 5 O 6 O 7 ◉ 8 O 9 O 10

If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?

◉ Recreational uses O Natural resource protection O Natives/Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Enter your site(s) of interest below.

We DO volunteer on Tank Hill and hope that more regularly scheduled work parties will happen.

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ◉ 4 ○ 5

Submit

Tank Hill
Letter 2

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The Recreation and Park Department has extended for a second time the comment period for public input on the S Resource Areas Management Plan. The new deadline for comments is **July 28, 2005 at 5:00 pm.**
This website has the comment form available for on-line response; however, some users have encountered difficulty submitting comments on line. The comment box is approximately 3-4 pages. We encourage those having difficulty with the comment form to email comments to the *Natural Areas Prograi* emailing responses, please print out this pdf and mail the completed form to:

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Site: Tank Hill

Restoration

1 2 3 (4) 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain be

I am pleased with efforts to date but I'm concerned that neighborhood volunteer work parties have not been slated since December 2004!

2a

Recreation and Trails

1 2 (3) 4 5 2b

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

The trails are adequate; however, they are in need of repair. Specifically, the trail Belgrave east to the summit of the hill has stairs comprised of wood blocks staked into terrain. The spikes are exposed and, in a few instances, are all that remain of some steps.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

1 2 3 (4) 5 2c

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.

The initial reintroduction of native plants was quite an effort; however, as noted under 'restoration', ongoing maintenance hasn't kept pace with past efforts. This concerns me about the integrity of the site.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

1 2 3 (4) 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. nor expected? Please explain below

I believe dogs should be allowed at the site but should be kept on the trails and concrete pad (where the water tank once was) and pet owners should be encouraged to respect the trails as much as possible.

2d

Trees

1 2 3 (4) 5 2e

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal address or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

I am very pleased that existing trees (including non-native species) will remain at site. As for any removal efforts, it would be great to have the poison oak along tl section of the Belgrave trail (and elsewhere on the site) removed.

Grasslands/Wildflowers

1 2 3 (4) 5 2f

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.

Plans seem adequate; however, again, please refer to 'restoration' re: importance o maintenance and community involvement.

Landscaped Areas

1 2 3 (4) 5 2g

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not

Again, please refer to 'restoration' re: importance of ongoing maintenance and commu involvement.but

Other Comments 2h

Improved signage would be terrific, e.g.,permanent, laminated placards regarding the wildflowers, history of the water tower, etc. Presently, good info is available but materials used are not sufficient for an outdoor site. June 22, 2005 public prograr done

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the this Natural Area?

2i

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvem would you like to see?

I'd like funds used for ongoing maintenance, trail repairs, and permanant signage. interested in knowing if there is the possibility of private sponsorship of some of efforts as I'm happy to contribute.

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, p plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (8) 9 10

If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?

Recreational uses Natural resource protection Natural quality

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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2J

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Enter your site(s) of interest below.

Yes, I have volunteered in the past but ongoing work parties have not been continue since December 2004.

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

1 2 3 (4) 5

Submit

Mayor Gavin Newsom
Acting General Manager Yomi Agunbiade

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form

Natural Area Site Name: TANK HILL Park:

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration 1 2 (3) 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Reintroduction of historic, rare plants should continue + expand - Clarkia, Arabis, Grindelia beautify site and diversify wildlife. 3a

Recreation and Trails 1 2 (3) 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

New Social (called secondary in Plan) have done damage to viola pedunculata + tritilea - Need to be closed. 3b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Plan fails to address impact of off-leash dogs on muilla + tritellia + viola pedunculata. Dog feces a major problem 3c

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

No dog play areas on TANK Hill - but dog guardians" ignore the law. 3d

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Plan fails to address impacts of blue gums. Tree litters buries habitat + promotes harta erecta + oxalis. Explain benefits of thinning / removing blue gum + cypress. 3e

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 (3) 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain. 3f

Keeping people/dogs on trails is only way to preserve the small but diverse grassland western meadowlarks forage grasslands, but dogs frighten them away. 3g

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

North face was quarried, therefore landslides are regular occurence. geologists need to check stability + danger. 3h

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

clarkia rubicunda came from Graystone Not Clipper (as stated in plan) 3i

Western gartersnake + fence lizards sighted near lower rocks. 3j

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see? 3k

Rustic Stairway from Belgrave needs repair - Liability for city - exposed rebar.

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 (3) 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses (Natural resource protection) - Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? _____ Site(s) of interest: _____

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 (5)

Tank Hill
Letter 4

City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

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*Please provide comments in each relevant subject area **BY PARK**. Please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue. (5 = Exceeds E Not Meet Expectations). Please note this is not a survey. **Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be as specific as pos** you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on any topic covered by the plan in any relevant mann*

Site: ~~45th Avenue Steps~~ Tank Hill

Restoration

○1 ○2 ○3 ●4 ○5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain b 4a

I support TH - 2 to enhance habitat for small birds and control invasive vegetation

Recreation and Trails

○1 ○2 ●3 ○4 ○5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

It can be hard to get a good look at wildflowers from the existing trails. 4b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

○1 ●2 ○3 ○4 ○5 4c

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below. 4d

needs to ban dogs and control invasive vegetation which quickly overtake natives. Also restrict restoration work to birds non-breeding season

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

○1 ○2 ●3 ○4 ○5 4e

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. no expected? Please explain below

There is no DPA and should not be. Tank Hill too small and steep grade. Shld have strict No Dog policy 4f

Trees

○1 ○2 ○3 ●4 ○5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal address or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

remove all Eucs which are anathema to grassland and scrub habitat (toxic debris). 4g

Grasslands/Wildflowers

○1 ○2 ○3 ●4 ○5 4h

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below

Need to remove invasive plants from MA-3 areas to protect MA-1 and 2 areas. Also, artificial nesting 4j
structures for birds)

Landscaped Areas

○1 ○2 ●3 ○4 ○5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not

doesn't need any landscaping 4j

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvem would you like to see?

I would like better bird habitat as I am a bird watcher 4k
and this is my neighborhood park. Reduce predator
pressure (raccoons, dogs)

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, p plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent)

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5 ○6 ●7 ○8 ○9 ○10

If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?

○ Recreational uses ● Natural resource protection ○ Natives/Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Enter your site(s) of interest below.

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

○ 1 ● 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

Submit

Tank Hill
Letter 5

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Deborah Robbins - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/19/2005 07:31 AM -----

The SFGOV Web Applications Server <webmaster@sfgov.org>
To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Deborah Robbins - REQUESTS CONTACT!.
07/17/2005 08:21 PM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Tank Hill

Restoration Score - 5
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score - 5
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score - 5
Sensitive Species Comments - I applaud your decision to retain non-natives which are of use to wildlife. 5a

Dogs & Cats Score - 5
Dogs & Cats Comments - For Tank Hill and all parks, I agree with your plan to make a few wildlife and native plant areas off limits to dogs. I also approve the retention of leash laws, which seem to me to protect dogs and people equally. 5b 5c

Trees Score - 5
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 5
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score - 5
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - Could a trash receptacle for public use be installed and serviced on the level of Twin Peaks Blvd at Talk Hill? I routinely collect plenty of trash as I walk along that edge of the park and think others might think twice about littering if there were a receptacle handy. 5d

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score - 10
Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

Name - Deborah Robbins
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Address - 26 Graystone Terrace

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 5

Tank Hill
Letter 6

Subject: Fw: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.

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cc:
Subject: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.
07/06/2005 09:29 AM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Tank Hill

Restoration Score - 3
Restoration Comments - Please keep up the good work restoring plants and habitat.]6a

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score - 3
Sensitive Species Comments - NO OFF LEASH DOGS]6b

Dogs & Cats Score - 3
Dogs & Cats Comments - NO OFF LEASH DOGS!]6c

Trees Score - 3
Trees Comments - Add oaks and gradually remove Eucapyptus over the next 20 years. 6d

Grasslands Score - 3
Grasslands Comments - Preserve grass and wildflowers, all Native. 6e

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - NO OFF LEASH DOGS! 6f

Try to add more land to the Tank Hill park. 6g

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments - NO DOGS 6h

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Sc
ore - 5
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Natural resource protection

Name - Jim Rhoads
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Email - jr1945j@aol.com
Address - 81 Downey Street

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 4

Tank Hill
Letter 7

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Jim Rhoads - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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Subject: NAP MAP - Jim Rhoads - REQUESTS CONTACT!.
07/02/2005 10:20 AM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Tank Hill

Restoration Score - 2
Restoration Comments - More empasis is needed for native plant introduction coupled with the removal of invasive plant populations. 7a

Recreation & Trails Score - 2
Recreation & Trails Comments - The trails should be clearly marked so that people and dogs do not trample sensitive plants. 7b

Sensitive Species Score - 3
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 2
Dogs & Cats Comments - there should be no dog play areas on Tank Hill. It is too small. Dogs should be on leash. 7c 7d

Trees Score - 2
Trees Comments - Eucalyptus trees should be removed as they mature. 7e

Grasslands Score - 3
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - The Natural Areas Program is a valuable part of the Recreation and Park Department. They are doing a great job and should receive all of the resources that can be made available. 7f

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Sc
ore - 5
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Natural resource protection

Name - Jim Rhoads
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Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 4

Table 3.18-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Golden Gate Park (Oak Woodlands, Whiskey Hill. and Strawberry Hill.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Golden Gate Park	10A	anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Golden Gate Park	10B	anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Golden Gate Park	3A	Bakewell, R.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Golden Gate Park	3B	Bakewell, R.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Golden Gate Park	3C	Bakewell, R.	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Golden Gate Park	3D	Bakewell, R.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Golden Gate Park	3E	Bakewell, R.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Golden Gate Park	3F	Bakewell, R.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Golden Gate Park	3G	Bakewell, R.	Trails	Content	GR-13 added to Sec. 5 to address safety. Use of the Natural Areas as camping sites should be addressed by the SFPD or SFRPD enforcement staff..
Golden Gate Park	3H	Bakewell, R.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Golden Gate Park	8A	Drosten, F.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Golden Gate Park	8B	Drosten, F.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Golden Gate Park	8C	Drosten, F.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Golden Gate Park	7A	Gemmil, A.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-4
Golden Gate Park	7B	Gemmil, A.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Golden Gate Park	7C	Gemmil, A.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Golden Gate Park	7D	Gemmil, A.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
Golden Gate Park	7E	Gemmil, A.	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Golden Gate Park	7F	Gemmil, A.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Golden Gate Park	7G	Gemmil, A.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Golden Gate Park	7H	Gemmil, A.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-6
Golden Gate Park	7I	Gemmil, A.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Golden Gate Park	7J	Gemmil, A.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Golden Gate Park	12A	Gibson, R.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Golden Gate Park	12B	Gibson, R.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Golden Gate Park	12C	Gibson, R.	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Golden Gate Park	12D	Gibson, R.	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Golden Gate Park	12E	Gibson, R.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
Golden Gate Park	6A	Lum, A.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.

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Golden Gate Park	13A	Munz, J	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-11
Golden Gate Park	1A	Murdock, E.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Golden Gate Park	1B	Murdock, E.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
Golden Gate Park	1C	Murdock, E.	Wildlife	Project Merits	See MR-11
Golden Gate Park	1D	Murdock, E.	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Golden Gate Park	1E	Murdock, E.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Golden Gate Park	1F	Murdock, E.	Trees	Content	Text in GR-4b has ben revised to include stick nests
Golden Gate Park	1G	Murdock, E.	Wildlife	Content	Wildlife buffers based on consultant experience and conversations with regulatoray agencies. Also see Issue LM-3 (Sec. 6.1) and GR-4
Golden Gate Park	1H	Murdock, E.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-8
Golden Gate Park	1I	Murdock, E.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Golden Gate Park	1J	Murdock, E.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Golden Gate Park	1K	Murdock, E.	Trails	Content	See MR-6
Golden Gate Park	1L	Murdock, E.	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Golden Gate Park	1M	Murdock, E.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
Golden Gate Park	1N	Murdock, E.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Golden Gate Park	1O	Murdock, E.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Golden Gate Park	11A	Nakagawa, M.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Golden Gate Park	11B	Nakagawa, M.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
Golden Gate Park	11C	Nakagawa, M.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Golden Gate Park	11D	Nakagawa, M.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
Golden Gate Park	11E	Nakagawa, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Golden Gate Park	11F	Nakagawa, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Golden Gate Park	11G	Nakagawa, M.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Golden Gate Park	11H	Nakagawa, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Golden Gate Park	2A	Schaenen, S.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Golden Gate Park	2B	Schaenen, S.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Golden Gate Park	2C	Schaenen, S.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Golden Gate Park	2D	Schaenen, S.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Golden Gate Park	2E	Schaenen, S.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6

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Golden Gate Park	4A	Stephens, S.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Golden Gate Park	4B	Stephens, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Golden Gate Park	4C	Stephens, S.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Golden Gate Park	5A	Stephens, S.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Golden Gate Park	5B	Stephens, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Golden Gate Park	5C	Stephens, S.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Golden Gate Park	9A	Young, M.	Wildlife	Content	GR-7 has been revised to include invasive amphibian predators like bullfrogs and African clawed frogs.
Golden Gate Park	9B	Young, M.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-11

Golden Gate Park
Letter 1

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cc:
Subject: Second Attempt - please use this version

07/28/2005 04:57 PM

Hi Lisa,

Please use this attached version for our comments, and thank you again.

Tara Zuardo
Golden gate Audubon

-----Original Message-----
From: Elizabeth Murdock [mailto:emurdock@goldengateaudubon.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2005 4:30 PM
To: 'Tara Zuardo'
Subject: FW: Reply requested ....if you wish and can....

Elizabeth Murdock

Executive Director

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-----Original Message-----
From: Dan Murphy [mailto:murphsf@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2005 2:35 PM
To: Elizabeth Murdock; Alan Hopkins; Bennett, Bob; Deirdre Elmansoumi; Garrett, Autumn; 'matthew zlatunich'; Noreen Weeden; Smith, Nancy
Cc: jacqui@bccranch.com
Subject: Re: Reply requested ....if you wish and can....

Sorry all, forgot the copy of Jake's e-mail on my other message. Dan

Special urgency has now been given to the July 28 deadline for comments to the Natural Areas Program management plan.
Because of the
creation of a new Web site giving negative, inaccurate, and misleading information--and because there is an icon to press on that Web site that will send your message to all parties:
NAP director
Lisa Wayne, the Mayor, all Supervisors on the Board of Supervisors, R-P Commission, and general manager Yomi Agunbiade--the anti-NAP folks have been flooding recipients with harsh, untrue, and negative comments about NAP.

http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/index.html

Please visit this site, click 'comment' section at the top, then clickthe icon at the bottom of the page that will send your message to all parties, and make comments supportive of the Natural Areas Program IN YOUR FIRST SENTENCE (bear in mind that Supervisors aides will be unable to read all of the message, so get the favorable comments in right up front. Avoid negativity, but point out incorrect statements. When you click the icon, a blank email from your own computer will pop up, so it is like a regular email.
You might
delete the bcc (blind copy) to naprapper@yahoo.com.

Possibly the site was purposely titled naprap so people could easily confuse it with NAP. BE VERY CLEAR THAT YOU REFER TO THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM or THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN (spell it out) when that's what you mean.

I am providing background information below for your understanding and guidance. If possible please use your own thoughts and language.
The web site focuses on a few parks in particular:
Bernal Hill.
Please send positive comments on Bernal--unless you think that the NAP is giving away too much on Bernal, as I do.

These comments will be considered as part of the public comment and review for the management plan and will be considered along with input received on comment forms and letters. It's critical that you get your comments in by 5pm Thursday July 28.

Even a short positive comment is better than none at all.

--- Elizabeth Murdock <emurdock@goldengateaudubon.org>
wrote:

> Hi, All -
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> Sorry - a quick turn around on this. If anyone is online and wishes to
> offer a few comments on the NAP COMMENTS, feel free. I will post them
> online at 4 pm today.
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> Thanks especially to Dan Murphy, Matt Zlatunich and
> Jacqui Smalley for their
> tremendous contributions to this process!!
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> Please keep these internal to the committee for now,
> in case we make
> changes. Let me know if anyone would like a final
> copy.
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> Best,
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July 27, 2005

San Francisco Recreation & Parks
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RE: Comments and Support for Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Significant Natural Areas Resource Areas Management Plan. Founded in 1917 and representing roughly 6,000 members and supporters, Golden Gate Audubon is dedicated to protecting Bay Area birds, other wildlife and their natural habitats. We conserve and restore wildlife habitat, connect people of all ages and backgrounds with the natural world, and educate and engage Bay Area residents in the protection of our shared, local environment.

Golden Gate Audubon applauds the efforts of the San Francisco Department of Recreation & Parks to restore and preserve the natural areas of San Francisco. We offer the following comments that we hope will help produce the best plan possible.

1. The NAP Plan encompasses only a small portion of San Francisco's total parks. It is important to remember that there are many other areas of natural value in the city. For example, the Chain-of-Lakes in Golden Gate Park provide vital bird habitat, but exist outside of the NAP Plan. In addition, there are other small parks, parts of large parks and golf courses that remain important avian habitats. These outside areas should not be allowed to suffer or be impacted by exotic plantings, overuse or development.

2. We also urge the Recreation and Parks Department to ensure that flexibility exists within the Natural Areas Management Plan to conserve, restore and protect additional key habitat areas in the city, if additional information becomes available and indicates a need to protect natural resources in areas not currently identified in the plan. (For example, western bluebirds were observed nesting in The Presidio this year—the first known nesting of these birds in the City in roughly 70 years. Should these birds begin to nest in other areas, the Natural Areas Program should have the flexibility to conserve this natural resource.)

3. We commend the plan for restricting dog access in the most sensitive habitat areas (e.g., MA-1 and MA-2 areas). We understand that ongoing work on dog access and dog play areas will be facilitated in large part through the Dog Advisory Committee. It is critical that the NAP staff work closely with other City committees and agencies on this process,

to ensure that natural areas are adequately protected as dog areas are developed to meet dog-play needs. 1d

4. The NAP does not contain a marsh management plan. Such a plan would be an important tool to create and manage new and continuing habitat for wildlife. 1e

5. It is important that the Plan incorporate an element to preserve large stick nests, such as those created by owls, hawks, ravens, herons and cormorants. Unused nests should be left undisturbed after they become uninhabited, because all of these birds reuse nests. If a tree with such a nest is scheduled for removal, there should be at least a two-season window before it is cut. Red shouldered hawks nest widely in San Francisco. Their stick nests are small and deep, making it very difficult to determine if they are in use. A specific protocol needs to be developed for application to that species. 1f

   Additionally, protocols to determine distances that human impacts should be kept away from these nests should be developed with scientific support. For example, the distance people should stay from the heron and cormorant nests at Lake Merced should be researched in ornithological literature. Distances should be based not solely on this literature, but should be gauged taking into account the specific site features at Lake Merced and other key sites. Moving boats within comfort zones of these nests should be taken into account and restricted and controlled accordingly. Raptors, owls and other creators of stick nests must be included in this study. 1g

6. In order to restore as much of the City's native ecosystem as possible, work should be staged so that easily restored elements of habitat and species are introduced first, and more difficult species or elements introduced thereafter. 1h

7. Treatment of mammals in the document is incomplete. The Plan should aim to restore native fauna where possible in the City, in order to recreate native ecosystems that have been lost. Many of these native ecosystems (and native species) have suffered serious declines within recent history, and efforts should be undertaken to restore species and habitats in key areas. Brush rabbits, long-tailed weasels, ground squirrels and opossums have disappeared from areas such as Lake Merced. 1i

8. Information regarding types of recreation and specific information on trails is not covered in the Plan. There should be an appendix directing the reader to other documents or references. This will result in a final document that is full and complete. 1j

9. Erosion at Lake Merced is so significant that it threatens the entire infrastructure on site. Erosion control throughout the NAP Plan area is a significant issue that should have an overall plan for control. Native plants can hold banks, even in unstable areas, and must be considered part of any erosion control plan. 1K

10. Dogs create havoc with wildlife. Especially in lakes such as Lake Merced, where dogs swim near the concrete bridge and at the fishing beach by the Boathouse daily. Dog owners encourage their dogs to swim in the lake and to chase waterfowl. Dogs add to 1L

erosion problems on slopes and dig up plantings. Fences need to be placed around new plantings until they are established. It is important that dogs are restricted and controlled. Control needs to be enforced through ticketing by parks personnel. If there continues to be an absence of enforcement by Recreation & Parks of regulations to restrict and control dogs in open water then a full Environmental Impact Report should be done to demonstrate there is no impact on protected wildlife or water quality. 1L

11. Cat colonies result in widespread mortality among wildlife such as birds, frogs and turtles. Cat colonies should be restricted to areas near parking lots, if they must be included at all. Cat colonies at Lake Merced near the wood bridge and the mesa west of Sunset Circle need to be removed. 1M

12. There is no mention of a snag policy in the NAP Plan. Standing snags are necessary in wooded areas. The standard is three per acre in forests. While this may or may not be appropriate for natural areas in the Plan, it should provide a guideline for snag density. Snags provide cavities for nesting birds, roosting birds and all the insects and fungi that make up the ecosystem of the branch of tree. Their retention should be in areas where they won't endanger people or property, such as paths or roads. 1N

One of Golden Gate Audubon's San Francisco bird experts has volunteered to be available to provide specific information about birds and other wildlife within the NAP Plan. His name is Dan Murphy, (415) 564-0074, murphsf@comcast.net. The members of the Natural Areas Program should feel free to contact him whenever they need specific information. In addition, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (510) 843-9912 for additional resources. 1O

Thank you again for this opportunity to comment on the formation of this valuable plan for San Francisco's natural areas.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Murdock
Executive Director

Golden Gate Park
Letter 2

Golden Gate Park-a
POST PRESENTATION, specifically about hawks.

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, 2005 Thursday

Natural Area Site Name: 5th Ave. Entrance Park: Golden Gate

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Restoration 1 (2) 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Only know from involved neighbors notification.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain. 2a

Don't see any signage informing about this area.

* **Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife** 1 2 3 4 5 2c
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain. 2b

We saw two Coopers' hawks in this area recently. What is being done to protect them? They are beautiful & unusual. Dogs should be leashed here.

Trees 1 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

See opposite 7/2e

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

More posted info. re: non-native vs. newly planted native plants, what animals to look for etc. 2e

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If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form

Natural Area Site Name: OAKWOOD LANDS Park: GOLDEN GATE PARK

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

YES WE HAVE MUCH MORE SUCCESS WITH 'NATIVE' PLANT INTRODUCTION AND REGULAR FOLLOW-UP — WEEDING WATERING ETC I.E. LARGER PLANTS 6" POTS + FLAG, CHIP MULCH. 3a

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

YES. CONTINUED ENHANCEMENT REQUIRED IMPORTANT TO GET PEOPLE INTO THIS AREA DO THAT. ADVOCACY / VOLUNTEER BASE IS INCREASED 3b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

YES.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

OAKWOOD LANDS IS OFTEN USED AS TOILET FOR OFF LEASH DOGS - SEE 'OTHER COMMENTS' BELOW I.E. IF PEOPLE KNOW THIS IS NAP AREA MAINTAINED AND FREQUENTED BY LEGITIMATE FOLKS THEY ~~DOG~~ LESS LIKELY TO USE IT AS TOILET / GARBAGE DUMP 3c

Trees

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

AS EXPECTED - SUGGEST REMOVING DISEASED/OLD NON-NATIVE TREES NOTABLY THOSE THAT SHADE OR OTHERWISE INTERFERE WITH EXISTING LIVE OAKS. 3d

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain. 3e

YES! INVASIVE 'EHRHARTA' GRASS IS EXPANDING - SERIOUS PROBLEM IN SELECT AREAS - CROWDS OUT FORBS.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain. 3f

IMPROVEMENT ONGOING - ARGUELLO 'ASE', 2ND AV and 3RD AV ENTRANCES (@ FULTON) ALSO NEAR 'CARD' TABLES. PLANTING MORE MATURE AND FAST GROWING SHRUB NATIVES AND INTENSIVE FOLLOW-UP

Other Comments SHOWS RESULTS

3g

VAGRANT CAMPING & VANDALISM AND RELUCTANT GARBAGE AND HUMAN FECES CONTINUING PROBLEM. MORE CO-OPERATION W/ PARK AUTHORITY AND SFPD REQUIRED. SIGNAGE AT ENTRANCES - SOMETHING TO INDICATE THESE AREAS ARE UNIQUE

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

NOT AT PRESENT TIME

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see? 3h

YES. TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND SIGNAGE IMPORTANT. MORE PEOPLE 'USING' THIS AREA (WALKING, FLORA & FAUNA STUDY, CONTEMPLATION, PICNICS, ETC) LEADS TO MORE VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION AND ADVOCACY AND MAYBE LESS MISUSE BY VANDALS AND VAGRANTS

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If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

(Recreational uses) Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

see above.

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

ALEGAL DPA IS IN THIS NATURAL AREA. CLOSURE OF THIS DPA TO ONLEASH ONLY MUST FOLLOW RPD'S DOG POLICY – COMMUNITY MEETING, DAC APPROVAL OR REJECTION, APPROVAL OR REJECTION BY REC + PARK COMMISSION 4a

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

DO NOT REMOVE ANY TREES. 4b

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

4c

CLOSURE OF DPA MUST GO THROUGH ~~EPP~~ PROCESS OUTLINED IN RPD'S DOG POLICY

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Natural Area Site Name: WHISKEY HILL (2nd - 7th AVE) Park: GOLDEN GATE PARK

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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain. 5a

DPA IN NATURAL AREA – ANY CLOSURE WILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH PROCESS SET OUT IN RPD'S DOG POLICY – COMMUNITY MEETING, DAC APPROVAL OR REJECTION, APPROVAL OR REJECTION BY REC & PARK COMMISSION

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain 5b

DO NOT REMOVE TREES. ANY TREES REMOVED DUE TO AGE/DISEASE SHOULD BE REPLACED BY TREES OF SAME SIZE & STATURE AS REPLACED TREE.

Grasslands/Wildflowers (1) 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

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ANY CLOSURE OF DPA HERE MUST GO THROUGH PROCESS OUTLINED IN RPD'S DOG POLICY - COMMUNITY MEETINGS, DAC, REC & PARK COMMISSION

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If your ranking was ~~anything but~~ excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

(Recreational uses) Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

I opposed to the Rec & Park's policy of removing homeless cats from the "natural areas" spaces. Don't mike these cats your scape goat! Remember we are a no-kill city. Please be compassionate.

Trees 1 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

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Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

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Other Comments

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Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

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Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

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If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 5

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Site: ~~45th Avenue Steps~~ Eastern Golden Gate Park 6-15

Restoration

○1 ○2 ○3 ●4 ○5 7a

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain be

I applaud removing oak understory and installing native Also, install artificial nesting structures, especially on Strawberry Hill.

Recreation and Trails

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ●5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain. 7b

Yes, trails are already a joy. Just contain traffic to trails and stop erosion

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

○1 ○2 ●3 ○4 ○5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below. 7c

Need to stop human encampments in area - it's dangerous and unpleasant for wildlife and humans. Plan badly neglects Strawberry Hill habitat values.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

○1 ○2 ●3 ○4 ○5 7d

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. nor expected? Please explain below

Much more needs done to reduce predation pressure on wildlife. Ban all dogs from Strawberry Hill and roost campus 7e

Trees

●1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal address or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

I want more restoration of native vegetation on Strawberry Hill. Oak forest is 1st priority. 7f

Grasslands/Wildflowers

○1 ●2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below. 7g

I'm disappointed that there is not more emphasis on Strawberry Hill as habitat for small birds

Landscaped Areas

○1 ○2 ●3 ○4 ○5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not

has sufficient landscaping. 7h

Other Comments

I wld. like to see Quail habitat enhancement on Strawberry Hill; They show up sometimes but no coveys 7i

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the this Natural Area?

Strawberry Hill is important bird habitat. Heavily 7j
used in fall migration (Black Throated and Hermit Warblers)
Several species nest There too (Red Tailed Hawks, CA Towhee)

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvem would you like to see?

→ I've seen swallows and wood peckers nesting in Strawberry Hill but RPD chopped down Tree trees!

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, p plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent)

○1 ○2 ○3 ●4 ○5 ○6 ○7 ○8 ○9 ○10

If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?

○ Recreational uses ● Natural resource protection ● Natives/Wildlife

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?
○ 1 ● 2 ○ 3 ○ 4 ○ 5

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Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Fritzi Drosten - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 09:26 AM -----

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cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Fritzi Drosten - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Golden Gate Park (Oak Woodlands)

Restoration Score -
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score - 3
Sensitive Species Comments - Plant threatened species 8a

Dogs & Cats Score - 3
Dogs & Cats Comments - pull invasive plants 8b

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 3
Grasslands Comments - Plant more natives 8c

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score -
Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

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Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

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Subject: Re: Web E-mail Inquiry On SNRA Plan

Miles

Thank you for your comments. I will include them in the Natural Areas Management Plan comments and they will be reviewed and incorporated where appropriate in the final draft of the plan. Lisa

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Subject: Web E-mail Inquiry On SNRA Plan
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Ms. Wayne:

I'm the consultant for the Lily Pond Coalition and we feel the Significant Natural Resources Plan is treading on dangerous ground with regard to its comment on the Red-legged frogs in Golden Gate Park. I refer to the Draft Plan page 6.15-6 - Reptiles & Amphibians.

" The water bodies at Lily Pond and around Strawberry Hill contain many invasive reptiles and amphibians, including the African Clawed Frog (Lilly Pond) and bullfrogs. The presence of these known predators likely precludes the use of these oak woodlands by red-legged frogs. Because of this, California red-legged frogs are not a species of management concern within Oak Woodlands."

I'm sure you are aware of the quote made by Dr. Green of Stanford the person working with the City in a part-time trapping program that only removes a few adults but allows the eggs and tadpole stages to reach maturity providing a continual supply of ACFs'.

" The feral XENOPUS (ACF) there remains unchecked, unmonitored, and very accessible to the public. Given the invasiveness of the species, it is likely that the population will thrive in this location and spread to other bodies of water in the park and, potentially, outside of the park"

Quote from the Directors office of the Department of Fish & Game.

" San Francisco Recreation and Park Department must ensure that they (The ACFs) do not spread any further or they risk the liability for damage caused to other property owners".

Perhaps a look at the listing of the Red-legged frog by the U.S.F.W.S.

" Activities the Service believes could potentially harm the California red-legged frog and result in (Take) include, but are not limited to,

(2) introduction of exotic species such as fish or other species of Frogs directly into or within DISPERSAL distance of known Red-legged frog habitat."

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Any plan from an organization that is MANDATED by public policy to manage lands for their NATURAL resource values, (wildlife, plants, soils and water) can't have statements saying a threatened native species now existing in the Park is not a management concern!
I doubt the tax paying San Francisco citizens will be very happy if they learn one of their native species in the Park have been eliminated or just as bad if ACFs start showing up in other parts of San Francisco, and their Parks Department has known about the problem for years. The facts have been presented as to the existence of the RLFs and the ACFs in Golden Gate Park. The law has been quoted and the placing of responsibility is on record and brought to everyone's attention. The Coalition has offered support in all forms but the City has decided to take its own course or claims it's someone else's responsibility.

Apparently politics will continue to dictate the Parks management policy at least until something happens and the people step forward.

Miles Young

Consultant

Lily Pond Coalition

Golden Gate Park
Letter 10

Subject: Fw: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/12/2005 08:12 AM -----

The SFGOV Web Applications Server <webmaster@sfgov.org>
To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.
07/11/2005 09:57 AM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Golden Gate Park (Oak Woodlands)

Restoration Score -
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 1
Dogs & Cats Comments - Need to evaluate DPA sites at North Willard and Fulton and at 7th and Lincoln 10a

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments - Signage at the DPAs and signs in woodland and Conservatory that direct dog walkers there rather than impacting woodlands. 10b

Plan Score -
Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

Name -
Phone -
Email -
Address -

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

Golden Gate Park
Letter 11

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

---- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:40 AM -----

Monique Nakagawa <mayanak@sfsu.edu> 07/28/2005 01:12 PM

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cc:

Subject: NAP Comments

To the Honorable Mayor Newsom and Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

11a

I am writing in support of the Recreation and Parks Department's Natural Areas Program. I believe it is important to preserve and to maintain flora native to the San Francisco peninsula, and that such preservation efforts carry wide benefits, from supporting native fauna to sensitising the general public to the native environment in which we live.

11b

Contrary to the opinions of certain opposition groups, I do not believe that recreational needs deserve priority over environmental needs.
Sometimes city parks are an urban dwellers' only opportunity to experience nature. To promote native flora is to encourage and to educate individuals to the natural environment in which they truly live.

11c

I also support use of the definitions of "sensitive species" by the Audobon Society, CNPS, and the Sierra Club. I do not believe that "sensitive species" should only be defined by federal and state statutes, which are often subject to politics and private interest lobbying.

11d

I support the removal of feral cats from the parks. As a San Francisco native, I recall the days when one could find California quail in Golden Gate Park. That the quail population has been decimated by feral cats demonstrates the damaging impact of feral cats on our native ecosystem.

11e

I support the removal of non-native plants and wildlife. The "existing ecosystem" of non-native plants and wildlife does not work fine. We have witnessed the elimination of quail from our parks. Blue gum eucalyptus create soil conditions unfavorable to native chapparal. Blue gum eucalyptus are also highly flammable, creating significant fire dangers in dense urban areas, as we have seen in the Oakland hills fire. Non-native grasses, which cover our hillsides and are responsible for California's "golden hills", also create annual wildfire hazards, particularly at McLaren Park.

11f

I do not believe in a need to conduct studies at park sites prior to implementation of native area practices. Native

area practices are based on sound science. Scientific method requires that findings be replicable across common conditions and contexts. To require that "scientific studies"
be carried out at each park is, in fact, not to trust science, and thus hypocritical. To require regular evaluations of practices is more reasonable.

I support limits on off-leash dog recreation. Dogs and sensitive wildlife areas do not coexist well. Dogs can significantly disrupt the breeding cycles of sensitive wildlife. The fact that the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, a federal agency, has found cause to limit off-leash dog recreation is testament to the negative impacts that dogs may have on the natural environment.

I support the limited use of herbicides in our parks. The precautionary principle advises that one select the safest option to the best of one's knowledge. The research to date on glyphosate (also known as Round-Up) indicates that with certain methods of application, the herbicide is environmentally safe. The use of glyphosate as a last resort is an accepted practice of integrated pest management (IPM) and is widely adopted as a best practice in weed management.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Regards,
Monique Nakagawa
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Golden Gate Park
Letter 12

Subject: Fw: NAP comments - please respond

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:27 AM -----

Ryan*PC Gibson <ryanpcgibson@gmail.com>
07/28/2005 11:29 AM
Please respond to Ryan*PC Gibson

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc: margaret.mcarthur@sfgov.org, info@sfdog.org
Subject: Re: NAP comments - please respond

Dear Lisa Wayne:

I would like to provide my feedback on the NAP proposal. As an environmentalist, and a dog owner I believe that the proposal is too extreme. I have read the documentation, and attended a meeting at Glen Park Recreational center in an effort to try and understand the proposal.
The information provided so far is not clear enough on the impact the changes would have on many users of the park. I find that the maps are unclear, and explanations inadequate. The form provided online does not work, so I am providing my comments here.

12a

When certain sections of Bernal Heights are proposed to be marked off limits, how will this impact the ability of citizens with their dogs from enjoying the park? Bernal Heights has a very dramatic topography, which means that the full area is not passable, because they are too steep. My concern is that the selection of areas in Bernal Heights will fragment the passable areas in such a way that it is not possible to walk along a path for any length of time. Right now, it is possible to walk 40 minutes to an hour at a normal pace without retracing your steps. This is the reason we visit Bernal Heights; for this type of walking, and panoramic vista viewing. I would like to see this type of "use case" taken into consideration for proposed changes.

12b

From reading the documentation, I do not believe that dog owners are being considered enough in some of these areas. Dog owners are not marginal users of Glen Park, GGP and Bernal Heights but essential members of the park community. People with dogs use the park year round and in all weather, providing citizen-stewardship and watchful eyes to the area.
While there may be a small minority of dog owners that do not act responsibly, the same could be said of many other groups including children. It would be unthinkable of banning children from our parks. By rendering large portions of the park inaccessible to people with dogs, NAP could in effect be banning us from these parks.

12c

The proposal does not provide scientific evidence that dogs negatively impact the environment. I would argue that this idea goes against common sense. Without the protection of shoes and clothes, a dog's natural instinct is to tread carefully. My observations are that dogs walking with their responsible owners have negligible environmental impact. Dogs seem like a natural part of the landscape, as opposed to introducing new species of plants (as NAP proposes).

12d

I would like to add as a final comment, that the mass destruction of feral cats seems barbaric. What research

12e

12e

provides evidence that feral cats are threats to endangered species? How are the judgments being made that the life of one type of creature is of greater than another?

Thank you for your time considering my comments.

Ryan Gibson
416 Arlington St.
San Francisco, CA 94131

Golden Gate Park
Letter 13

154 Ewing Terrace
San Francisco CA 94118-4407
July 20, 2005

John W. Murray
Recreation and Park Commission
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco, CA 94117-1898

Dear Mr. Murray:

I recently reviewed the draft *Significant Natural Resource Area Management Plan.* I could go on at great length about my concerns about the entire Natural Areas Program, but I will summarize my concerns in one sentence and then comment briefly about the proposals for two of our parks in the plan.

My basic complaint is that the plan devotes far too much of our park space to the Natural Areas Program; in particular it devotes far too much of the most heavily used and most scenic and beautiful parts of our park system to the Natural Areas Program.

Regarding Golden Gate Park

Golden Gate Park is one of the great examples of landscape architecture in the world. It was designed and built by giants. The Natural Areas Program people would return large parts of it to its original ugly state.

A

I know that the Natural Areas people are passionate in their love for native plants and their intense dislike for non-native plants, but single minded passions more often than not ignore other values - in this case then need for beautiful public spaces and over 100 years of San Francisco history.

Regarding Mount Davidson

Mount Davidson is far more beautiful from both the distance and on the ground than its neighbor Twin Peaks. The draft plan is deceptive in saying that that it will leave many trees on Mount Davidson. The removal of many large trees and most young trees will initially seriously diminish the beauty of the forest cover on Mount Davidson and ultimately result in the complete destruction of that forest.

Please rein the Natural Areas Program people in. We should be spending money improving our parks and playgrounds - not destroying the one while under-funding the other.

Sincerely,

John H. Munz

Table 3.19-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to 15th Avenue Steps.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
15th Avenue Steps	1A	Evans, A.	Trails	Content	Added to the section as an action that SFRPD may want to consider.

15th Avenue Steps
Letter 1

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Amber Evans, RPD Planner - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Amber Evans, RPD Planner - REQUESTS CONTACT!.
07/06/2005 08:37 AM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - 15th Avenue Steps

Restoration Score -
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score -
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

2a

Improvement/Features Comments - A tile project for the steps offering education re native habitat. A map and signage linking a self direct fitness program using these and other steps in area and the other natural areas with native habitat intrepretative signage throughout.

Plan Score -
Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

Name - Amber Evans, RPD Planner
Phone -
Email -
Address -

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

Subject: Fw: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.

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07/15/2005 05:20 PM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - 15th Avenue Steps

Restoration Score - 1
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score -
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score -

Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

Name -
Phone -
Email -
Address -

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Ronald J. Love - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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06/26/2005 12:23 PM

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cc:

Subject: NAP MAP - Ronald J. Love - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - 15th Avenue Steps

Restoration Score -
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score -
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score - 2

Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

Name - Ronald J. Love
Phone - 415-740-7586
Email - rlove
Address -

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

Subject: Fw: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.

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Subject: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.
07/18/2005 01:30 PM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - 15th Avenue Steps

Restoration Score -
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score -
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score -

Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

Name -
Phone -
Email -
Address -

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

Table 3.20-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Bayview Park.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bayview Park	2A	Condit, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bayview Park	1A	Schmidt, D.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
Bayview Park	1B	Schmidt, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bayview Park	1C	Schmidt, D.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Bayview Park	1D	Schmidt, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-6 and MR-7
Bayview Park	1E	Schmidt, D.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
Bayview Park	1F	Schmidt, D.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bayview Park	1G	Schmidt, D.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Bayview Park	1H	Schmidt, D.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Bayview Park	1I	Schmidt, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bayview Park	1J	Schmidt, D.	Sensitive Species	Editorial	See MR-6
Bayview Park	1K	Schmidt, D.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-7

Bayview Park
Letter 1

City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

Attn: NAP MAP
McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park
501 Stanyan Street, San Francisco, CA 94117
TEL: 415.831.2700 FAX: 415.831.2096 WEB: http://parks.sfgov.org

For On-line version See Significant Natural Area Tab in right Corner Blue Bar Center Page! Then select Comment Form on next screen.

NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, 2005 Thursday

Natural Area Site Name:_____ Parks: Mt. Davidson, Bayview Hill, McLare

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration 1 2 3 4 (5)

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Yes- plans for these parks will help restore locally-rare plants and wildlife habitat. 1a

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 (5)

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Yes- there are too many trails now, many are parallel and unnecessary. These trails should be removed and planted with native plants, to enhance wildlife and plant habitat. 1b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 (5)

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

I'm pleased that locations of sensitive species have been identified as areas for maintenance + enhancement of sensitive species and wildlife. I want management to protect and expand native species habitat to the greatest possible extent. 1c

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Although the recommendations include some dog and cat exclusion areas, I would like to see dogs excluded from all areas that have been recently planted, and I ~~would~~ want all cats removed from all natural areas. 1d 1e

Trees 1 2 3 4 (5)

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

I'm happy to see that removal of some non-native trees is recommended. I think the plan strikes a good balance between preserving large trees and expanding native species habitat. Also, removal of Eucalyptus is desirable to reduce the very real risk of wildfires that could burn down entire neighborhoods, as happened in Oakland in 1991 and 1f

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 (5)

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Yes - the plans recognize that some tree removal and other invasive plant control and removal is needed to preserve and restore native grasslands, wildflower, + wildlife habitat. 1g

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 (5)

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Yes - we should plant as many natives as possible to ensure their survival over the long-term. 1h

Other Comments

I have no problem with non-native plants - there are about 10,000 species currently in California. It's that 1% of these plants, about 100 species, are invasive and threatening our native species, which have been reduced to less than 1% of San Francisco. 1i

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Saw campion on Bayview Hill grassland June 25 but no campion was shown on map. Also, Islay Cherry should be mapped as a locally-rare species. There was Islay Cherry on Strawberry Hill in Golden Gate Park in the 1800s, but none today. 1j

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see? 1k

All capital improvements should be limited to improving trails, and decommissioning "social trails." One exception: permanent bathrooms are really needed on Mt. Davidson. Please locate them near the main entrance, in the Euc forest.

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 (10)

If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments? Yes

Name/Affiliation(s) (*if any*): David D. Schmidt

Phone: 415-431-4765 or 415-947-4247

Email: daviddschmidt1@msn.com

Address: schmidt.david@epa.gov

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? ____ Site(s) of interest: I already volunteer

Bayview Park
Letter 2

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Jeff Condit, Neighborhood Parks Council - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Jeff Condit, Neighborhood Parks Council - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Bay View Park

Restoration Score - 4
Restoration Comments - Yes

Recreation & Trails Score - 4
Recreation & Trails Comments - I am pleased with the proposed trail plans.
I wish to stress the importance of connecting these trails to a regional trail system (ie. the Bay Trail) as well as to surrounding communities.
The Neighborhood Parks Council (NPC) is currently spearheading an initiatve along the southern waterfront in an attemp to link all of the existing and planned parks and open spaces to each other as well as to communities.
This effort is part of a larger, city-wide Greenway Network. RPD planners are currently working with NPC on these initiatives.

2a

Sensitive Species Score - 4
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 4
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score - 4
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 4

Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score - 4
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvem
ent/Features Comments -

Plan Score - 8
Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

Name - Jeff Condit, Neighborhood Parks Council Phone - 415-621-3260 Email - jcondit@sfneighborhoodparks.org
Address - 451 Hayes St., San Francisco, CA 94102

Volunteering Comment - Yes. India Basin Open Space, Bayview Park

Staff Score - 4

Table 3.21-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to India Basin Shoreline Park.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
India Basin Shoreline Park	2A	Farrel, E.	Trails	Editorial	Comment has been noted; please see Figures 6.18-10 through 6.18-14.
India Basin Shoreline Park	1A	Sawransky, R.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-6
India Basin Shoreline Park	1B	Sawransky, R.	Trails	Content	See MR-6, and MR-7, also see Issue IB-4 in Sec. 6.18
India Basin Shoreline Park	1C	Sawransky, R.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
India Basin Shoreline Park	1D	Sawransky, R.	Trails	Content	See MR-6, and MR-7, also see Issue IB-4
India Basin Shoreline Park	1E	Sawransky, R.	Trails	Content	See MR-6, and MR-7, also see Issue IB-4
India Basin Shoreline Park	1F	Sawransky, R.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
India Basin Shoreline Park	1G	Sawransky, R.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-6, and MR-7, also see Issue IB-4

India Basin Shoreline
Letter 1

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Richard Sawransky - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Richard Sawransky - REQUESTS CONTACT!.
07/09/2005 02:10 PM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - India Basin Shorline Park

Restoration Score - 1
Restoration Comments - Attempting to make this a wetlands is absurd. Nature has made it a beach. Leave it as such. 1a

Recreation & Trails Score - 3
Recreation & Trails Comments - Guarantee that trail remains open to people, bicycles and dogs. This is the only dog walking area in the neighborhood. 1b

Sensitive Species Score - 1
Sensitive Species Comments - Do not attempt to artificially reintroduce native species by removing healthy plants which are protecting the shoreline from excessive drainage. 1c

Dogs & Cats Score - 1
Dogs & Cats Comments - Do NOT remove this as a dog walking/dog friendly area. Barring dogs from this area is a major hardship to neighbors and there are no sensitive plants which need protection. 1d

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 1
Grasslands Comments - The attempt to turn this stretch of what was underwater into a wetlands is not only a waste of time, but p robably impossible. Leave it accessible to bicycles, hikers, fishing, picnics, dogs and swimming. 1e

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - Often ideals become more important than reality. Trying to change this area to fit such an 1f

ideal is silly and a major waste of resources. 1f

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments - This is one of the only areas in the entire neighborhood which is at this time still open to hikers, bicycles, picnicers, fishing, swimming and dog walking. As this is part of what will eventually be a continuous trail connecting the entire Bay Shoreline it should be reserved for people and pet use. I moved into this neighborhood partly due to the open space and what it is scheduled to become. Closing this area for the artificial introduction of native plants, which never did reside here as part of the area was under water, is a major waste of resources and of a local recreational area. 1g

Plan Score - 1
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreat
ional uses

Name - Richard Sawransky
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Address - 800 Innes Avenue

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 3

India Basin Shoreline
Letter 2

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP comment period extended

Demian

For India Basin - please add to you edit list the street name correction below. thanks Lisa
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Erin Farrell <pepebigboy@yahoo.com> **To: Lisa Wayne <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org>**
cc:
Subject: Re: NAP MAP comment period extended
07/09/2005 04:12 PM

2a

Thanks for sharing this info Lisa. FYI - the street with the cul-de-sac is Fitch (aka Arelious Walker) not Earl. Earl is the unpaved street that ends down by the fence separating the park from the naval shipyard.

Lisa Wayne <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org> wrote:

San Francisco Natural Areas Stakeholders and Colleagues

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department has extended the comment period for the Significant Natural Areas Management Plan (see attached announcement). Please share this information with any and all interested parties and organizations. Your help distributing this information is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Lisa Wayne

(See attached file: NOTICE SNRAMP DEADLINE EXTENSION.pdf)

Erin Farrell
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415-867-5060

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Table 3.22-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to McLaren Park.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
McLaren Park	2A	Anonymous	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	2B	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7
McLaren Park	2C	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-1
McLaren Park	2D	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
McLaren Park	2E	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-1
McLaren Park	2F	Anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4
McLaren Park	2G	Anonymous	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
McLaren Park	2H	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-1, MR-6 and MR-7
McLaren Park	2I	Anonymous	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
McLaren Park	8A	Bose, R.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
McLaren Park	8B	Bose, R.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	8C	Bose, R.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-7
McLaren Park	8D	Bose, R.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	8E	Bose, R.	Trees	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	8F	Bose, R.	Trees	Content	See MR-3 and MR-6
McLaren Park	8G	Bose, R.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	8H	Bose, R.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
McLaren Park	8I	Bose, R.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	8J	Bose, R.	Plan Costs	Project Merits	See MR-7
McLaren Park	8K	Bose, R.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-1
McLaren Park	4A	Cameron, C.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
McLaren Park	4B	Cameron, C.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-7 and MR-1
McLaren Park	20A	Cordova, Y.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
McLaren Park	20B	Cordova, Y.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
McLaren Park	9A	Fallon, K.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	9B	Fallon, K.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-7
McLaren Park	9C	Fallon, K.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-3
McLaren Park	9D	Fallon, K.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
McLaren Park	9E	Fallon, K.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
McLaren Park	9F	Fallon, K.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	9G	Fallon, K.	Trails	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	9H	Fallon, K.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
McLaren Park	9I	Fallon, K.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-3

Table 3.22-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to McLaren Park.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
McLaren Park	9J	Fallon, K.	creeks	Content	See MR-7
McLaren Park	9K	Fallon, K.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-7 and MR-2
McLaren Park	10A	Felker, K.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	10B	Felker, K.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
McLaren Park	10C	Felker, K.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	10D	Felker, K.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
McLaren Park	10E	Felker, K.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
McLaren Park	10F	Felker, K.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
McLaren Park	10G	Felker, K.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	10H	Felker, K.	Trails	Content	This area is outside of the Natural Areas and therefore the scope of this Management Plan.
McLaren Park	10I	Felker, K.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
McLaren Park	11A	Felker, K.	Trails	Content	See MR-7 and MR-10
McLaren Park	11B	Felker, K.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
McLaren Park	11C	Felker, K.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	11D	Felker, K.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-11
McLaren Park	11E	Felker, K.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
McLaren Park	11F	Felker, K.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
McLaren Park	12A	Felker, K.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-11
McLaren Park	12B	Felker, K.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	12C	Felker, K.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
McLaren Park	12D	Felker, K.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
McLaren Park	12E	Felker, K.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
McLaren Park	12F	Felker, K.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	12G	Felker, K.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	12H	Felker, K.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
McLaren Park	12I	Felker, K.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
McLaren Park	12J	Felker, K.	Plants	Content	See MR6
McLaren Park	12K	Felker, K.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-7
McLaren Park	12L	Felker, K.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
McLaren Park	13A	Felker, K.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-7
McLaren Park	13B	Felker, K.	Trails	Content	See MR-1

Table 3.22-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to McLaren Park.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
McLaren Park	13C	Felker, K.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
McLaren Park	16A	Finlay, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6 and MR-7
McLaren Park	16B	Finlay, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-11, and MR-6
McLaren Park	16C	Finlay, J.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-6, MR-7, and Sec. 6.19 Soils, Erosion, and Public Use
McLaren Park	16D	Finlay, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-6 and MR-8
McLaren Park	16E	Finlay, J.	Plants	Content	GR-13 has been added (Sec. 5) to address this issue, see also GR-14
McLaren Park	16F	Finlay, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-11
McLaren Park	15A	Lawler, T.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-6
McLaren Park	15B	Lawler, T.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
McLaren Park	15C	Lawler, T.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
McLaren Park	15D	Lawler, T.	Trails	Content	See MR-1, MR-6, and MR-7
McLaren Park	15E	Lawler, T.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
McLaren Park	15F	Lawler, T.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
McLaren Park	15G	Lawler, T.	Trails	Content	See MR-6 and MR-7
McLaren Park	15H	Lawler, T.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
McLaren Park	15I	Lawler, T.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
McLaren Park	15J	Lawler, T.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
McLaren Park	15K	Lawler, T.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-6
McLaren Park	15L	Lawler, T.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	15M	Lawler, T.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
McLaren Park	15N	Lawler, T.	Trails	Content	See MR-6, MR-7, and MR-8
McLaren Park	15O	Lawler, T.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
McLaren Park	22A	Mancini, F	Plants	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	22B	Mancini, F	Trails	Content	See MR-7 and Figures 6.19-11, 6.19-12, and 6.19-13 for trails to remain
McLaren Park	22C	Mancini, F	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8 and Sec. 6.19 Wildlife
McLaren Park	22D	Mancini, F	Trees	Content	See MR-4 and Recommendation MP-1 in Sec. 6.19
McLaren Park	22E	Mancini, F	Plants	Content	See MR-6, Recommendation MP-1c and GR-1b
McLaren Park	5A	Maxwell, L.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
McLaren Park	6A	Nakagawa, M.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
McLaren Park	6B	Nakagawa, M.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
McLaren Park	6C	Nakagawa, M.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
McLaren Park	6D	Nakagawa, M.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
McLaren Park	6E	Nakagawa, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6 and MR-3
McLaren Park	6F	Nakagawa, M.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6 and MR-3
McLaren Park	6G	Nakagawa, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-1
McLaren Park	7A	Perreault	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-7
McLaren Park	7B	Perreault	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
McLaren Park	7C	Perreault	Cats	Content	See MR-5
McLaren Park	7D	Perreault	Wildlife	Content	See MR-6 and MR-3
McLaren Park	7E	Perreault	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2 and MR-7
McLaren Park	21A	Rosenthal, N.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-6
McLaren Park	21B	Rosenthal, N.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
McLaren Park	21C	Rosenthal, N.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
McLaren Park	21D	Rosenthal, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-1
McLaren Park	21E	Rosenthal, N.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
McLaren Park	21F	Rosenthal, N.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	21G	Rosenthal, N.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
McLaren Park	21H	Rosenthal, N.	Plan Costs	Content	See GR-14
McLaren Park	1A	Schmidt, D.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
McLaren Park	1B	Schmidt, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
McLaren Park	1C	Schmidt, D.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-8
McLaren Park	1D	Schmidt, D.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	1E	Schmidt, D.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
McLaren Park	1F	Schmidt, D.	Cats	Content	See MR-5
McLaren Park	1G	Schmidt, D.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
McLaren Park	1H	Schmidt, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	1I	Schmidt, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	1J	Schmidt, D.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	1K	Schmidt, D.	Plants	Editorial	See MR-6
McLaren Park	1L	Schmidt, D.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-7
McLaren Park	3A	Shopes, S.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
McLaren Park	3B	Shopes, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-1
McLaren Park	3C	Shopes, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Editorial	See MR-1
McLaren Park	18A	Sigg, J.	Trails	Content	These areas do not meet all the criteria to be recommended changed to off-leash areas. However, they should be monitored to assess level of use and potential impacts.The text has been edited to this effect.
McLaren Park	19A	Sigg, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	19B	Sigg, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
McLaren Park	19C	Sigg, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	19D	Sigg, J.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	14A	Stephens, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-2 and MR-6
McLaren Park	14B	Stephens, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
McLaren Park	14C	Stephens, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-2 and MR-6
McLaren Park	17A	Ukrainiec, N.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
McLaren Park	17B	Ukrainiec, N.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-11
McLaren Park	17C	Ukrainiec, N.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	17D	Ukrainiec, N.	Dogs-Off-leash	Project Merits	See MR-1
McLaren Park	17E	Ukrainiec, N.	Trees	Content	See MR-6 and MR-4
McLaren Park	17F	Ukrainiec, N.	Sensitive Species	Content	See GR-14
McLaren Park	17G	Ukrainiec, N.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
McLaren Park	17H	Ukrainiec, N.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-1
McLaren Park	17I	Ukrainiec, N.	Wildlife	Content	California quail has been added to Table 6.19-2
McLaren Park	17J	Ukrainiec, N.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-7

McLaren Park
Letter 1

City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

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For On-line version See Significant Natural Area Tab in right Corner Blue Bar Center Page! Then select Comment Form on next screen.

NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, 2005 Thursday

Natural Area Site Name:_____ Parks: Mt. Davidson, Bayview Hill, McLare

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration 1 2 3 4 (5)

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Yes- plans for these parks will help restore locally-rare plants and wildlife habitat.] 1A

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 (5)

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Yes- there are too many trails now, many are parallel and unnecessary. These trails should be removed and planted with native plants, to enhance wildlife and plant habitat.] 1b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 (5)

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

I'm pleased that locations of sensitive species have been identified as areas for maintenance + enhancement of sensitive species and wildlife.] 1c

I want management to protect and expand native species habitat to the greatest possible extent.] 1d

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Although the recommendations include some dog and cat exclusion areas, I would like to see dogs excluded from all areas that have been recently planted, and I ~~would~~ want all cats removed from all natural areas!] 1e, 1f

Trees 1 2 3 4 (5)

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

I'm happy to see that removal of some non-native trees is recommended. I think the plan strikes a good balance between preserving large trees and expanding native species habitat. Also, removal of Eucalyptus is desirable to reduce the very real risk of wildfires that could burn down entire neighborhoods, as happened in Oakland in 1991 and] 1g

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 (5)

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Yes - the plans recognize that some tree removal and other invasive plant control and removal is needed to preserve and restore native grasslands, wildflower, + wildlife habitat. 1h

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 (5)

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Yes - we should plant as many natives as possible to ensure their survival over the long-term. 1i

Other Comments

I have no problem with non-native plants - there are about 10,000 species currently in California. It's that 1% of these plants, about 100 species, are invasive and threatening our native species, which have been reduced to less than 1% of San Francisco. J

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Saw campion on Bay View Hill grassland June 25 but editorial no campion was shown on map. Also, Islay Cherry should be mapped as a locally-rare species. There was Islay Cherry on Strawberry Hill in Golden Gate Park in the 1800s, but none today. 1K

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

All capital improvements should be limited to improving trails, and decommissioning "social trails." One exception: permanent bathrooms are really needed on Mt. Davidson. Please locate them near the main entrance, in the Eucforest. 1L

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 (10)

If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments? Yes

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? _____ Site(s) of interest: I already volunteer

McLaren Park
Letter 2

831 2096 NAP MNP

SIGNIFICANT NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS MANAGEMENT PLAN –

COMMENTS

7-25-05

for: Bernal Hill

Restoration: 3 - Not enough areas are being designated for #1 & 2 NAP work.

Recreation and trails: 4 - Try to accommodate areas for the very large crowds that come here occasionally for July 4th fireworks displays and other events who go en masse to the top of the hill and on the hillside. This could destroy future plantings.

Sensitive species/wildlife: 2

Dogs etc.: 2 – Illegal off-leash dogs make using the park very difficult for me and others. I have had to stop going there That is unacceptable, especially as there is already an 8acre DPA to use. That is an adequate space for the usage and should not be increased. This park should have on-leash only on main paths only.

Trees: 2 - I would like to see a slow incremental removal of Eucalyptus and Monterey pines etc. in all management areas of the park in a way as to minimize wildlife disruption. and bring back native flora and fauna. Surely we can plan for some of this over the next 20 years plan. Remember, there is a lot of volunteer help straining at the bit to assist you.

Grasslands/wildflowers: 3

Landscaped areas: 2 – Unless illegal off-leash dog use is curtailed, why bother planting anything, it will only be dug up!

Other comments: None

Primary goals: 4 – natural resource protection

Meeting: 3

Comments on meetings: Good public presentation at the meetings but way too long for the average citizen. A shorter executive summary would work better. And as usual, public comment gets squeezed into a few minutes. Don't be scared of us! It does not show sufficient respect for neighborhood input.

831 2096 NAP MNP

SIGNIFICANT NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS MANAGEMENT PLAN –

COMMENTS

7-25-05

for: McLaren Park

Restoration: 2 - Not enough areas are being designated for #1 & 2 NAP work. 2a

Recreation and trails: 3 - Along Mansell, on the north side, there is not a permanent trail most of the way through to the start of Persia Street, this is needed for walking commuters to Mission Street and casual park users. As most of the area is along the DPA, a buffer fence would also be required to protect walkers from off-leash dogs. 2b 2c

Sensitive species/wildlife: 2

Dogs etc.: 2 - The present and proposed reduced DPA is still too large for the amount of dogs using the space. For such a large DPA I have seen very few (1) sign saying it is a DPA. That creates unacceptable confrontations between people and off-leash dogs. The DPA is also in the best location to enjoy the view of the City from the park, so it's not possible for non-dog owners to use this beautiful space for casual recreation safely. Reduce DPA and/or move it to another #3 area(s) of the park. Trails on edge of DPA's have to have fencing to stop off-leash dogs leaving the DPA and to protect walkers. 2d 2e

Trees: 2 - I would like to see a slow incremental removal of Eucalyptus and Monterey pines etc. in all management areas of the park in a way as to minimize wildlife disruption. and bring back native flora and fauna. Surely we can plan for some of this over the next 20 years plan. Remember, there is a lot of volunteer help straining at the bit to assist you. 2f

Grasslands/wildflowers: 4

Landscaped areas: 2 - What specifically will be done in this area is not clear, so I cannot tell at this stage of the process.

Other comments: I would like to see more enhancement of the area around McNab lake. I see Blue Heron' and other birds there regularly. The hillside behind needs to be adequately fenced off for appropriate protection of the watershed from people and dogs. 2g 2h

Primary goals: 5 – natural resource protection

Meeting: 2

Comments on meetings: Good public presentation at the meetings but way too long for the average citizen. A shorter executive summary would work better. And as usual for R&P, public comment gets squeezed into a few minutes. Don't be scared of us! It does not show sufficient respect for neighborhood input. I was also sorry that the Acting Manager of R&P did not appear at the SE meeting, yet went to the others. This most challenged area of SF needs a much higher profile from its officials, at least the same as other areas. 2i

831 2096 NAP MAP

SIGNIFICANT NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS MANAGEMENT PLAN –

COMMENTS

7-25-05

for: Glen Park

Restoration: 3 - Not enough areas are being designated for #1 & 2 NAP work.

Recreation and trails: 4 - Formal trails and steps up to the rock outcroppings up the canyon are important as the present informal paths are eroding and any existing steps are virtually useless. I would also like special consideration for the beautiful source of the creek, up the canyon, below the school. There are many informal trails through the low trees to it and other nearby areas. These need to be reduced or some formalized. Schoolkids regularly party in this remote area.

Sensitive species/wildlife: 2

Dogs etc.: 2 – Illegal off-leash dogs make using the park very difficult for me and others. Nearly every time I go for a walk, I end up fending off illegal off-leash dogs It definitely reduces my usage of the park. That is unacceptable.. Watching illegal off-leash dogs befouling the children's play area in front of the day school by the creek is disgusting. Watching illegal off-leash dogs running down to the creek and digging up new volunteer-planted native plants and disturbing wildlife is heartbreaking. Dog owners have shown they are not responsible enough to have free range anywhere in this beautiful park. This park should have no off-leash dogs and on-leash on main paths only.

Trees: 2 - I would like to see a slow incremental removal of Eucalyptus and Monterey pines etc. in all management areas of the park in a way as to minimize wildlife disruption. and bring back native flora and fauna. Surely we can plan for some of this over the next 20 years plan. Remember, there is a lot of volunteer help straining at the bit to assist you.

Grasslands/wildflowers: 3

Landscaped areas: 2 - What specifically will be done in this area is not clear, so I cannot tell at this stage of the process.

Other comments: None

Primary goals: 4 – natural resource protection

Meeting: 3

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McLaren Park
Letter 3

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July 27, 2005

Lisa Wayne
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Dear Ms. Wayne,

I have reviewed the Draft Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan, dated June 2005, and while I support efforts to improve habitat values and restore native and rare plants in the city's parks I have a number of concerns about the Plan's proposals for ~~Bernal Hill and~~ McLaren Park. I find no technical basis for the Plan's statements about the impacts of off-leash activity and I am not convinced that the Plan has had sufficient scientific review. I am also concerned about the Plan's costs and have serious doubts about its feasibility. Finally, I am concerned that the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) has curtailed public comment at recent meetings on the plan in violation of the Sunshine Ordinance.

A (Merit, Merit)

The Plan's statement that there will be "no substantial change in access or allowed uses" (pg. 6.21-5) is inaccurate. People walking their dogs constitute the overwhelming majority of the users of ~~Bernal Hill and~~ the off-leash portions of McLaren Park. Off-leash exercise is not an optional luxury for dog owners. It is necessary part of pet care, and for that reason the dog walkers are there day in and day out, rain or shine. The Plan states that off-leash areas will be reduced by ~~17% (and likely more) at Bernal Hill and by~~ 14% at McLaren Park. To state that the proposed reduction is not a substantial change indicates that RPD is disregarding the needs of these parks' main users.

B (Dogs-off Leash, Content)

In general, the Plan's presentation of the proposed reduction of the existing dog play areas (DPAs) is unclear. Furthermore, the Plan's characterization of the proposed changes to the DPA at Bernal Hill is misleading. The plan states that the off-leash area would be reduced by 17% *if* an optional area south of Bernal Heights Blvd. were added to the DPA. The plan should state what percentage of the DPA would be lost if the optional area is *not* added to the DPA. The Plan's figures should clearly show which areas are proposed for conversion to on-leash areas.

The plan states that off-leash dog activity "...causes erosion and loss of plant habitat at Bernal Hill" (pg 6.21-8). On what evidence is this assertion based? What analysis has been done to identify dog-related erosion as opposed to erosion from other causes? Based on my observations during daily walks on the hill, the main causes of erosion appear to

be: 1) trails that run directly up and down slope 2) extensive gopher mounding on steep slopes; and 3) areas of concentrated human and dog activity causing loss of vegetation. Other erosive influences such as mountain bikes skidding down the steep trails and cliff areas should also be considered. I agree that the trails running up and down slope should be closed off and that the steep cliff areas should be avoided. However, the plan's only proposal for addressing erosion of the hillsides is to curtail off-leash dog activity. I question the assertion that dog activity is causing significant erosion of the steep north slope of the hill, and am afraid that the Plan's incomplete analysis of the problem will result in unfairly penalizing dog-walkers without solving the erosion problem. Furthermore, the proposed reduction of the DPA is likely to increase erosion in the remaining DPA. Currently dog and human activity is dispersed over the whole park; concentrating most of that use into a considerably smaller area is likely to decrease vegetative cover in that area and may cause a significant increase in erosion.

Has the Plan undergone sufficient scientific review? Prior to the expenditure of significant amounts of money and effort in an attempt to restore native plants in heavily used city parks, the main factors limiting the plants' establishment should be identified and addressed. The Plan appears to make the assumption that dog activity is the primary limitation on rare plant reintroduction and no specific proposals are made to address othe limiting factors such as the prevalence of non-native grasses and other invasive plants. Successful restoration of native plants typically requires extensive maintenance at least in the first three to five years after planting. The Plan should indicate how native plantings will be maintained and should demonstrate that the plantings can be maintained and will survive to a degree that justifies the expense of planting them.

Who will enforce the new leash rules? The RPD's approach to implementing this plan (exemplified by actions such as refusing to take verbal comments at the June 30th meeting) has done little to engage the support of park users. Without public cooperation the new rules will be impossible to enforce unless significant resources are devoted to policing the parks. It is irresponsible to expand the SFPD's role in enforcement of leash policies to protect rare plants when there are many serious crimes that would be a better focus for their efforts. Given the sad state of the city's budget, I believe it is also misguided to create a new enforcement situation that will further tax the RPD's resources. Further, funding enforcement efforts through application of heavy fines on the traditional users of the parks seems patently unfair.

How much will the NAP cost? No cost information is provided in the Draft Management Plan or on the RPD's web site. Before any decisions are made, the estimated cost of the program, including preparation of the EIR/S, implementation of the Plan's recommendations, monitoring, maintenance, and enforcement should be presented to the public.

Finally, the RPD has made it difficult to review and comment on the Draft Management Plan. Noticing for public meetings to present the Plan was scanty and inconspicuous. The RPD web site's listing of upcoming public meetings did not carry an announcement of the meetings. I finally found a mention of the public meetings buried on the second page

of the NAP "FAQs", although the addresses of the meeting places were not given. RPD staff refused to accept verbal comments at the June 30th meeting, which I believe is in violation of the Sunshine Ordinance. I appreciate the fact that the RPD has extended the comment period twice, but I believe that the Plan is generating a large number of comments in spite of, rather than because of, the RPD's public outreach efforts.

In summary, I am concerned that the basis for the Plan's recommendations is more ideological than technical, and that the public process surrounding NAP implementation is flawed and unaccountable. I am concerned that the NAP is proposing undue restrictions on off-leash dog activity ~~at Bernal Hill and~~ McLaren Park that will unfairly penalize the park's main users without adding significant habitat value. These are city parks, and the city has a responsibility to respect the needs of park users. Without the support of park users the Plan is likely to fail. At a time of huge city budget shortfalls requiring closure of schools and fire station "brownouts" it is irresponsible for the city to expend an undisclosed amount of money to enact this ill-conceived and unpopular program.

C (Dogs - off Leash, Mgmt)

Sincerely,

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McLaren Park
Letter 4

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July 28, 2005

NAPMAP
San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco, CA 94117

VIA FAX: (415) 661-1979
Attn: NAPMAP

Dear Ms. Wayne and NAP:

I am a San Francisco resident, homeowner and taxpayer. Please accept the following comments to the Natural Areas Program Management Areas Plan (NAPMAP).

Address the public's concerns.

I frequent several parks that have designated Natural Areas, including Stern Grove/Pine Lake Park, Golden Gate Heights Park, McLaren Park, and I occasionally visit Bernal Hill and Glen Canyon. I attended NAP Community workshops. I am very concerned that NAP failed to incorporate the public's concerns regarding this unpopular program. The public has made its concerns known to NAP and Ms. Wayne at numerous meetings, including the few community meetings that were held in response to the public outcry, San Francisco Board of Supervisors hearings, Board of Supervisors' committee meetings, and PROSAC meetings. Ms. Wayne and NAP are fully aware of the public's concerns and wishes. My comments apply to all the Natural Areas in the San Francisco parks.

Tax dollars should be used first for park maintenance and recreation programs.

The cost of this unpopular program is unsupportable when compared to the unmet needs of San Francisco residents. I have found NAP to be evasive when questioned about the cost. Nevertheless, NAP has been unable to totally obscure the cost to the public. I understand that the budget for 2005-2006 is close to one million dollars. Ms. Wayne and the Volunteer Coordinator are each paid $93,000 plus benefits. Eight gardeners have been assigned to NAP. In addition to this enormous amount, acquisitions and habitat restoration work can use the Capital Projects program. I understand $3.4 million was spent on Parcel 4. I also understand that the part of NAP within the Capital Project has authorization to hire 16 gardeners.

San Francisco residents expect that their tax dollars will be used to maintain recreation areas in our parks and fund recreation programs for children and seniors. As any visit to any of our parks will clearly reveal, we need more gardeners to maintain our parks. The enormous funds that NAP is taking from our park maintenance and recreation programs needs to be severely reduced and curtailed.

Do not introduce new species into our parks.

I am particularly concerned that NAP can introduce "sensitive species" even if there is no record that they ever existed at the site. In addition, "sensitive species" should only be defined by Federal and State statues on endangered species, not by private groups such as the California Native Plant Society, the Audubon Society and the Sierra Club. These groups have their own agendas that are not necessarily the same as the interests of the residents of San Francisco who pay the taxes and use the parks. The introduction of such "sensitive species" will undoubtedly curtail recreational access. I had understood that NAP was designed to save native "remnants", not create new areas by planting new species and taking over areas that are merely "naturalistic". I strongly object to the introduction of either Lessingia or Gumplant in any Natural Area..

Do not remove non-native wildlife and plants.

The diversity of plant and wildlife is San Francisco is greater now than when Europeans arrived. The diversity of trees and plants have created a habitat for birds and butterflies that have migrated here. Migration of plants, birds, and animals is the history of the planet. Migrations and change doesn't stop at one isolated moment, the day Europeans arrived. San Franciscans love the diversity here and they love the trees. They do not want the tress taken out, even if they are non-native.

Do not cut off public access in the Natural Areas, including MA1 and MA2 areas.

I, and other members of the public, have repeatedly (at public hearings and in written comments) pointed out that San Francisco is an urban area of very high density. The few parks and open space areas that we have need to be available to the public for recreation. **The first priority of the San Francisco Department of Parks and Recreation is, and must remain, parks and recreation for the public.** I strongly object to the restriction of public access (and fencing) around Pine Lake and in parts of McLaren Park.] A

I also strongly object to the removal of the social trails in Golden Gate Heights Park. I, and many other residents, enjoy trail walking in this area. The portion of Golden Gate Heights Park designated a Natural Area is not a remnant, it is "naturalistic" and not appropriate for the a Natural Areas designation. The proposed trail does not compensate for the lack of open space access. True open space access means a place to walk and play and wander. Restricting the public to a few (NAP acceptable) trails takes needed open space away from the public's use.

Do not limit off-leash dog walking recreation in existing DPA and de facto areas.

Off-leash dog walking recreation and native remnants have co-existed for decades. San Franciscan families love their dogs and off-leash dog walking is a beloved San Franciscan tradition The NAP proposed changes to existing off-leash areas is highly controversial among residents. Adopting NAPMAP in its current form will not end this controversy.

I strongly, object to the to following provisions of NAPMAP with respect to off-leash dog walking:

- Bernal Hill DPA reduction from 21 acres to 13 acres
- McLaren Park DPA reduction from 60 acres to 51 acres
- Pine Lake no access zone
- restrictions on de facto off-leash dog walking areas in Glen Canyon
- restrictions on de facto off-leash dog walking trails area of Golden Gate Heights Park

Do not adopt General Recommendation GR-7 (removal of cats).

The SPCA Feral Fix Program has been successful in reducing the number of feral cats. If NAP traps cats it may well include roaming pets of San Francisco families. In addition, and cats that are trapped are unlikely to be adopted and thus will be killed.

The City of Ventura trapped and eliminated feral cats at Ventura Beach and discovered that it had created an enormous problem with respect to rats. The feral cats had kept the rat population in check and when the cats were trapped and killed the rat population exploded. NAP may be unaware that San Francisco already has a rat issues in many neighborhoods. Should the number of feral cats be significantly reduced it is likely that the rat population in San Francisco will greatly increase.

Thank you for considering my comments to NAPMAP.

Sincerely,

Christy Cameron

Christy Cameron

cc: Mr. Yomi Agunbiade, Acting General Manager
Ms. Margaret Mc Arthur, Park and Recreation Committee Liaison

McLaren Park
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3620 Market St., #5
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July 8, 2005

Recreation and Park Dept.
McLaren Lodge
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San Francisco, CA 94117

Re: Natural Areas Program Management Area Plan

I commend the Department's plan to restore native plants to our parks. Many city dwellers never get to see how beautiful and interesting are California's original vegetation and wildlife. Here is an opportunity to provide nearby samples of that original flora and fauna. I hope that dog owners will not override the plan. It's a proposal that can benefit everyone; there's room for everyone in the parks. I often walk in McLaren Park with a friend who lives near it. 5a

Sincerely,

Lawrence Maxwell

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McLaren Park
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Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:40 AM -----

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cc:

Subject: NAP Comments

To the Honorable Mayor Newsom and Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of the Recreation and Parks Department's Natural Areas Program. I believe it is important to preserve and to maintain flora native to the San Francisco peninsula, and that such preservation efforts carry wide benefits, from supporting native fauna to sensitising the general public to the native environment in which we live. 6a

Contrary to the opinions of certain opposition groups, I do not believe that recreational needs deserve priority over environmental needs.
Sometimes city parks are an urban dwellers' only opportunity to experience nature. To promote native flora is to encourage and to educate individuals to the natural environment in which they truly live. 6b

I also support use of the definitions of "sensitive species" by the Audobon Society, CNPS, and the Sierra Club. I do not believe that "sensitive species" should only be defined by federal and state statutes, which are often subject to politics and private interest lobbying. 6c

I support the removal of feral cats from the parks. As a San Francisco native, I recall the days when one could find California quail in Golden Gate Park. That the quail population has been decimated by feral cats demonstrates the damaging impact of feral cats on our native ecosystem. 6d

I support the removal of non-native plants and wildlife. The "existing ecosystem" of non-native plants and wildlife does not work fine. We have witnessed the elimination of quail from our parks. Blue gum eucalyptus create soil conditions unfavorable to native chapparal. Blue gum eucalyptus are also highly flammable, creating significant fire dangers in dense urban areas, as we have seen in the Oakland hills fire. Non-native grasses, which cover our hillsides and are responsible for California's "golden hills", also create annual wildfire hazards, particularly at McLaren Park. 6e

I do not believe in a need to conduct studies at park sites prior to implementation of native area practices. Native 6g

area practices are based on sound science. Scientific method requires that findings be replicable across common conditions and contexts. To require that "scientific studies" be carried out at each park is, in fact, not to trust science, and thus hypocritical. To require regular evaluations of practices is more reasonable. 6f

I support limits on off-leash dog recreation. Dogs and sensitive wildlife areas do not coexist well. Dogs can significantly disrupt the breeding cycles of sensitive wildlife. The fact that the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, a federal agency, has found cause to limit off-leash dog recreation is testament to the negative impacts that dogs may have on the natural environment. 6g

I support the limited use of herbicides in our parks. The precautionary principle advises that one select the safest option to the best of one's knowledge. The research to date on glyphosate (also known as Round-Up) indicates that with certain methods of application, the herbicide is environmentally safe. The use of glyphosate as a last resort is an accepted practice of integrated pest management (IPM) and is widely adopted as a best practice in weed management. 6h

Thank you for your time and attention.

Regards,
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Subject: Fw: NAP comments - please respond

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 08:55 AM -----

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cc: **info@sfdog.org**
07/27/2005 06:37 PM **Subject: Fwd: NAP comments - please respond**

Dear Ms Wayne,

I would like to submit my comments on the NAP proposal for your consideration. My husband, dog and I have recently returned to San Francisco after a few years of living abroad. The ability to enjoy beautiful parks while still living in an urban area is one of the main reasons we have chosen to make San Francisco our permanent home. In particular, we are frequent visitors to Golden Gate Park, Glen Park and Bernal Heights Park.

There are a few issues of concern with the proposal that I would like to bring to your attention.

1. Cost of NAP

*** NAP currently costs almost $1,000,000/year, and receives additional funding through the Capital Projects division of Rec and Park.**
*** The cost, in dollars, staff and volunteer time directly competes with other Park and Rec programs such as athletic fields, day camps, and maintenance of buildings, restrooms, trash cans and lawns.**
*** Many NAP sites have already been planted, but have not been cared for and are now overgrown, neglected and weedy plots.**
*** NAP must provide detailed long-term plans that state the funding, staff and volunteer hours, and other resources needed to create, maintain and monitor each site.**
*** NAP states that "future grants" will help with funding, but these are not a reliable source of income.**
*** Until these long-term plans are available, the sites should remain as open space and not as designated NAP areas.**

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2. "Sensitive" species

*** Do not introduce new species into the park. NAP was designed to protect remnants, not to recreate nature preserves.**
*** Sensitive species" should be defined only by Federal and State statues on Endangered Species, not by private clubs such as the**

7b

Audubon Society, CNPS and the Sierra Club. 7b

3. Removal of cats

* Delete General Recommendation GR-7 (removal of cats) from the Plan. The studies cited in the proposal have not been peer-reviewed and are not scientifically sound. Cats may well benefit the ecosystem by keeping rodents in check. 7c

4. Removal of non-native wildlife and plants

* Non-native wildlife and plants can co-exist with native species. Do not remove them. 7d

5. Reduction in off-leash recreation in legal and de facto Dog Park Areas dog play areas

* Do not reduce the off-leash recreation areas.
* Bernal Hill and McLaren parks will be particularly hard hit by the proposal.. Do not reduce off-leash recreations areas in these important parks.
* Off-leash dog recreation and the native remnants have co-existed for decades. Dogs tread lightly on the earth, and owners can play a part by picking up and removing dog waste, and keeping the dog under close voice control. Dog owners can be great stewards of parks - do not alienate them.
* Measures such as the creation of trail borders and erosion controls can be used to lessen impact. 7e

6. Herbicides

* Do not use herbicides in the Natural Areas. 7f

This proposal could significantly reduce my enjoyment of the parks that belong to me and all residents of San Francisco. Urban parks play an important role in the quality of life for people living in the city and the needs of people must come before the needs of plants. I urge you to heavily weigh public concerns to the revised NAP Management Plan and to be transparent in your decision-making process.

Please confirm that you have received my comments, and that the issues I raised will be addressed.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

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McLaren Park
Letter 8

Subject: Fw: NAPMAP comment

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 09:35 AM -----

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Subject: NAPMAP comment

Dear Lisa

Recent press coverage of NAPMAP gives the impression that only dog-owners criticize the Plan. Not so. I am a dogless member of the Nature Conservancy

and a concerned San Franciscan.

The Plan means to:
- close 10 miles of "social" trails (ones that are there because people use them, not because someone built them) and add 1 mile of trail;
- cut down 18,400 trees;
- and block dog access to areas at Pine Lake, Mc Laren Park, and 33 acres of Sharp Park (which is in Pacifica).

In some areas, eucalyptus trees, blackberry and ivy will be removed. Native

plants will be put in. These areas will be maintained as native habitat. 8a

What the plan has not emphasized is the resources required. Eucalyptus woods with an understory of blackberry and nasturtium require no management. They

can be left alone for decades. In this form, they are relatively inaccessible, esthetically pleasing, and form a habitat for many birds and small animals.

Once they become a "native area", they need intensive management to prevent 8b

invasive species from taking over. MA-1 areas are small islands in a space filled with exotics: People, plants, fauna. Left untended, they would quickly revert to weedy wastes, overgrown with non-native grasses, oxalis, wild mustard, dandelion, ivy and blackberry. They need inputs of manpower and weed-killer, and in some cases,

actual efforts to plant lupins and sticky monkey-flower and other preferred species. 8b

Recs and Parks is not known for its depth of financial resources. Even with

help from idealistic and enthusiastic volunteers – and it's to SF's credit that there are many of these – it would seem unlikely that 31 areas will be 8c

maintained.

There's the esthetic consideration. As soon as an area becomes an open area, trash tends to blow through. Plastic bags. Beer cans. Bottles. Rags. In eucalyptus woods, the undergrowth conceals them. Open areas – if they're trafficked – tend to become messy. Who will provide daily trash pick-up? 8d

For some areas, there are concerns about fire-risk. In SF's cool and foggy climate, Monterey pine and eucalyptus woods with blackberry understories aren't a fire-threat. Grasslands, which dry out much faster and therefore act as tinder, could be. There was a recent grass fire within city limits. 8e
Besides being easily flammbale from the usual causes - smokers, unauthorized campfires - it becomes an easy target for vandals. For people whose homes are contiguous with MA-1 and MA-2 areas, this can be a worry.

Many of these areas – MA-1,2, and 3 – are already animal and bird habitats. 8f

Though some Native Plant fanatics have said that eucalyptus and blackberry do not support native animals and bird, the evidence is they do. Great horned owls nest within SF city limits in eucalyptus trees. Hawks use them as hunting perches. Flickers build nesting holes in eucalyptus branches.
Blackberry bushes provide cover for a lot of small animals, and nesting areas for birds. Berries provide food. Native animals have adapted to this landscape. Removing trees and bushes destroys habitat for animals and birds

that live there.

Adding weed-killer probably doesn't do much for them, either. Though it's clear that the quantum of weedkiller to be used is much less than Recs and Parks commonly uses in its parks and other maintained areas, it still introduces these chemicals into a space where they were not in use before. 8g

While Recs and Parks have clearly acknowledged the value of urban forests, the plan still calls for cutting down 3,400 trees in SF. These are not necessarily diseased trees. (That's a separate issue – diseased and unsafe trees do need removal, but that has nothing to do with Natural Areas.) The 3,400 trees mentioned are those that are to be removed primarily from MA-2 areas. In addition, 15,000 trees are to be removed from Sharp Park in Pacifica. The plan therefore calls for the removal of 18,400 trees. That's a lot of trees. 8h

There is no evidence – except perhaps in habitats along bodies of water – that native habitats do anything to preserve native species. In fact, in the San Francisco setting, they appear to be impoverished habitats, with little 8i

or no cover or food. Birds and animals are quite common in gardens full of non-native species, and in roadside trees.

A Recommendation

Do the taxpayers really want to pay for this flawed vision? j

Instead of reaching beyond any realistic use of resources, Recs and Parks should rethink this idealistic but inadequate draft plan. 8k

Rather than focusing on 31 areas scattered through two cities, they should focus on perhaps 2-3 habitats, where they can do existing fauna the most good.

I commend your government for opening up this debate. Framing it as "Dog-owners vs. Nature-lovers," does us all a disservice.

Sincerely,

Rupa Bose

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City and County of San Francisco
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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, 2005 Thursday

Natural Area Site Name:_____ Park: McLaren

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration 1 2 (3) 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Yes – I noticed new native grasses this year – plenty of wild flowers. 9a

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 (5)

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Yes – good access to pond, picnic area etc.. 9b

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

there is really only ducks and birds, turtles that is fine – ~~no~~ as long as they are happy! 9c

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

The Dogs really stay to the paths and enjoy the space too.... in fact the ducks chase my dog! No need for monitoring. 9d

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

The trees look great – not sure if there needs removal – preservation seems ok – could plant more maybe? 9e

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 (5)
Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

yes - the native grasses and wildflowers were extremely visible this year 9f

Landscaped Areas 1 2 (3) 4 5
Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

- things are a bit rural/ragged but that is how I like it - it's nice to have a bit of country in the city. 9g

Other Comments

I love having this as a dog park - most of the dogs are respectful and so are the owners - give or take a few rogue pit bulls - but that happens everywhere in the city. 9h

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

no - but I can tell you I've seen turtles in the pond - oh and a GIANT cod fish!! 9i

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

I think the pond could increase water circulation (for health/mosquito reasons) but we need to keep this a dog park!! 9j 9k

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 (9) (10)
If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*
Recreational uses Natural resource protection - Natives /Wildlife

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? ____ Site(s) of interest: ____

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 (3) 4 5
not really as I do not know the "plan" for this park.

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Restoration 1 2 (3) 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Any augmentation of natural areas in this park is appreciated. Given the need for adequate staffing ~~of the~~ to care for this large area, any changes that improve are welcome. 10a

Recreation and Trails 1 (2) 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain. 10b

Walkers who want to go from Excelsior to Portola districts, parallel to Mansell, do not have an adequate paved trail. The primary trail needs to be black-topped ~~or~~ & widened. Since it appears to go through dog areas, pedestrians need a barrier to protect them from dogs & feces.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 (2) 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Given the history of widespread neglect in this park, I would prefer more removal of the dreaded ivy invaders 10c

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 (2) 3 4 5 10d

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain. 10e

feral cats ~~go~~ range beyond the park into residential neighborhoods. The area given over to dogs is extremely generous, to a fault. I fear McLaren will become a magnet for more professional dog walkers ~~with~~ and increased ~~dog~~ training by dogs

Trees 1 (2) 3 4 5 10f

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Many of the trees are aging eucalyptus, that will soon be ready to topple over. While I would prefer they all be removed, I recognize that is outside the ~~sc~~ economic scope of this project

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 (3) 4 5 10g
Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

The 'grasslands' are mostly non-natives that are mowed maybe once or twice each summer. This gives the park the appearance of wild neglect associated with a vacant lot.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5
Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments 10h
I neglected to notice how the blocked-off area of Brazil street will be addressed. I hope the need for barriers will go away as the old pavement is covered.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see? 10i

I would love to see the areas on either side of Mansell be maintained (as well as the median on Mansell) so that it doesn't look so neglected. This apparent state of neglect encourages vandalism in the form of trash dumping.

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May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? _____ Site(s) of interest: _____

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 (3) 4 5

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Restoration 1 2 (3) 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 (3) 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain. 11a

Currently they are blocked by locked gates & posts. Will that be remedied?

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Trees 1 (2) 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain 11b

More protection & less enhancement of stands of trees. There are thousands of birds that live there. I do not agree that this park needs to be all grassland.

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 (2) 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

The existing grasslands are doing Fine. | IIc

Landscaped Areas 1 (2) 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Missed First 20 minutes of meeting - Did not here about what was To be planned.

Other Comments IId

All of the work to be done MUST be maintained. Currently there are no where near enough gardners to do more than water a Few areas and bandaid work. There are piles of cuttings in Trails For months

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

IIe

There is a breeding pair of Horned Owls with offspring nesting & hunting in the area W. of Shelly Dr, Their MA-3c, MA-2a, MA-2b, MA-1a, MA-2b, MA-2c, MA-1B, To where Shelly Dr runs back into Mansel. We see the adults 2-3 days a week in that area.

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

IIf

Remove the posts blocking bridges to allow wheelchair access.
Open & Add Restrooms For daily use.
Remove Broken down, Filthy Porta-Sans & Replace with permanent Restrooms.

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(Recreational uses) Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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McLaren Park
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Recreation and Park Department

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, 2005 Thursday

Natural Area Site Name: McLAREN PARK Park: McLAREN

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Restoration 1 (2) 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

While I believe it is important to preserve NATIVE SPECIES, I think that by maintaining the park rather than changing the make ups of the park that goal may be possible to obtain. 12a

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 (4) 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 (2) 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Again, if the park were maintained, INVASIVE plants/SPECIES could be controlled and a balance could be had. 12b

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 (5)

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

I believe non-native animals should be removed only 12c
if efforts are made to prevent the natives from being destroyed by domesticated animals and their 12d
owners held responsible, including roving and feral cats.

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Some trees obviously need to be removed because they 12e
are damaged or diseased and subsequently a hazard to park visitors. However, the trees such as the pines, cypress and eucalyptus, like us, are not native however provide shelter to song birds, and other wildlife and wind breaks on this exposed hill. Clearing the damaged trees but keeping the healthy ones make sense to me

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 (2) 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain. 12f

Preserving is good, restoring at the cost of an established ecosystem maintaining a variety of living creatures doesn't make sense. We can't remove the city from the park. They are entwined.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain. 12g

I do like natives but no examples of what we could expect were not given.

Other Comments 12h

Loss of large numbers of trees will change the park in a way that will lessen it's beauty, sound, and feel.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area? 12i

~~Between~~ West of Shelley Drive to Mansell we have seen a mated pair of Great Horned Owls and thier owlet. We have watched the offspring's progress. Fascinating. Also, there is a huge Aloe growth fucked against the hillside in the triangle of Shelley Drive, Brazil and Mansell. It's about 20' x 20'. 12j

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see? 12k

Maintenance. Use of existing facilites. Working and accessible restrooms. The park is a joy to experience on a daily basis. The trails are great. In the wooded areas & grasslands it's hard to even feel like your in a city. 12L

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(Recreational uses) Natural resource protection – Natives (Wildlife)

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McLaren Park
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Restoration 1 2 3 (4) 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 (4) 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, ~~please~~ explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain. 13a
"3" only due to lack of manpower "budget "issues.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 (2) 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain. 13b
A few bad "apples" let ~~their~~ their animals run wild.

Trees 1 2 (3) 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain 13c
Only that AGED (old) trees need to remove; again due to budget/manpower concerns.

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

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Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

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Other Comments

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Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

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Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 5

McLaren Park
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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain. 14a

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Trees (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

DO NOT REMOVE TREES. 14b

Grasslands/Wildflowers (1) 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

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(Recreational uses) Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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Site:	McLaren Park

Restoration

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Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife an you expected? If not, please explain below.

Nice to see that there is a plan to continue to reintroduce natives. 15a They need more protection from the off-leash dogs 15b

Recreation and Trails

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Official trails are fine and adequate. Unofficial trails need to be closed off to protect fragile enviroments 15c

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, below.

I believe there needs to be some temporary fencing to protect the newly planted areas from off-leash dogs and casual walkers 15d

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

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Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explai

Again, the city's Leash Laws must be enforced. 15e

Trees

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Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your co
tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Ple
below.

I know this is a sensitive issue but the large areas of blue-gum eucalyptus are in ol
thinning. Those trees do not allow enought light to sustain many species of plants
should be replaced where possible with native trees 15f

Grasslands/Wildflowers

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected
below. 15g

Again, the newly planted -restored - areas need some additional protection with fencing
city's Leash Laws must be enforced. 15h The blue-gum eucalyptus should be removed where
possible. The unofficial trails should be closed 15i 15i

Landscaped Areas

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway fro
trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain below.

Seems fine 15K

Other Comments

15M 15N 15L

Please protect and encourage the small area of San Francisco that still has some native
plants and species. Enforce the citys Leash Laws. Put up temporary fencing to help protec
fragile, sensistive areas. Condider thinning more of the non-native eucalyptus. 15O

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other nativ
or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

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○ Recreational uses ○ Natural resource protection ◉ Natives/Wildlife

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McLaren Park User

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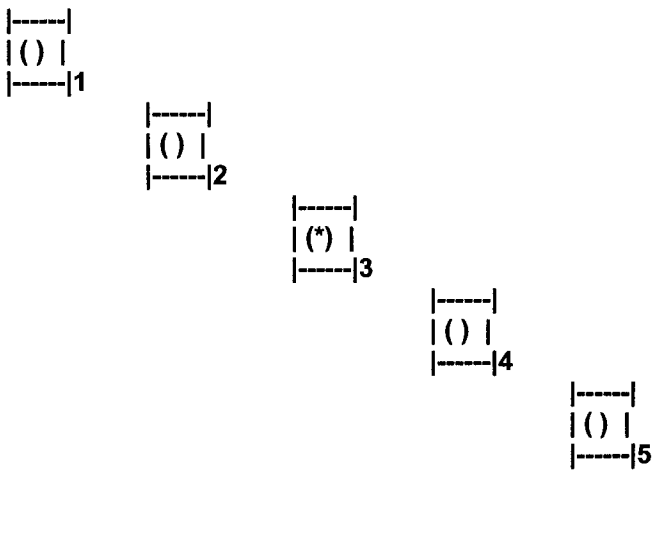
Restoration

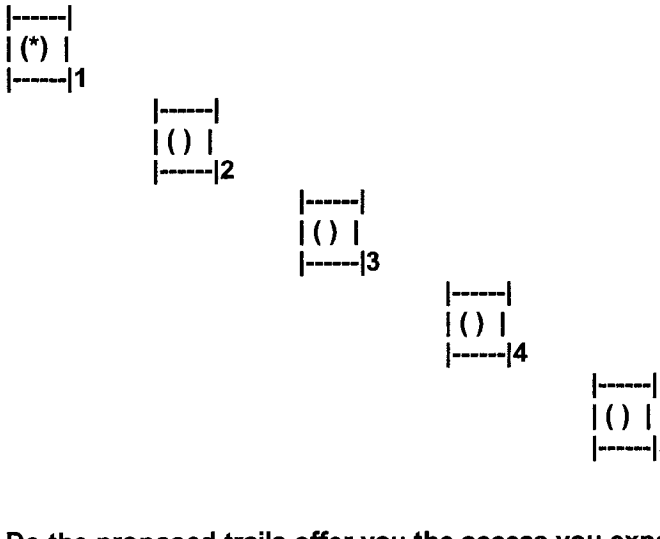


Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below.

16a

It is not important to re-introduce 'native' plants to the area because it limits public and childrens use of the areas

Recreation and Trails



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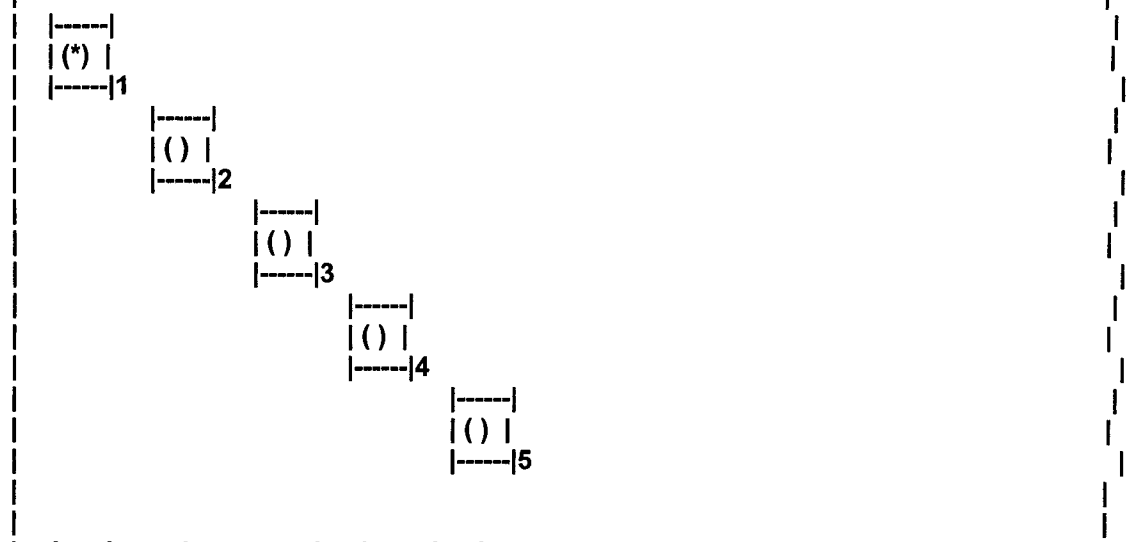
Sensitive Species/Wildlife

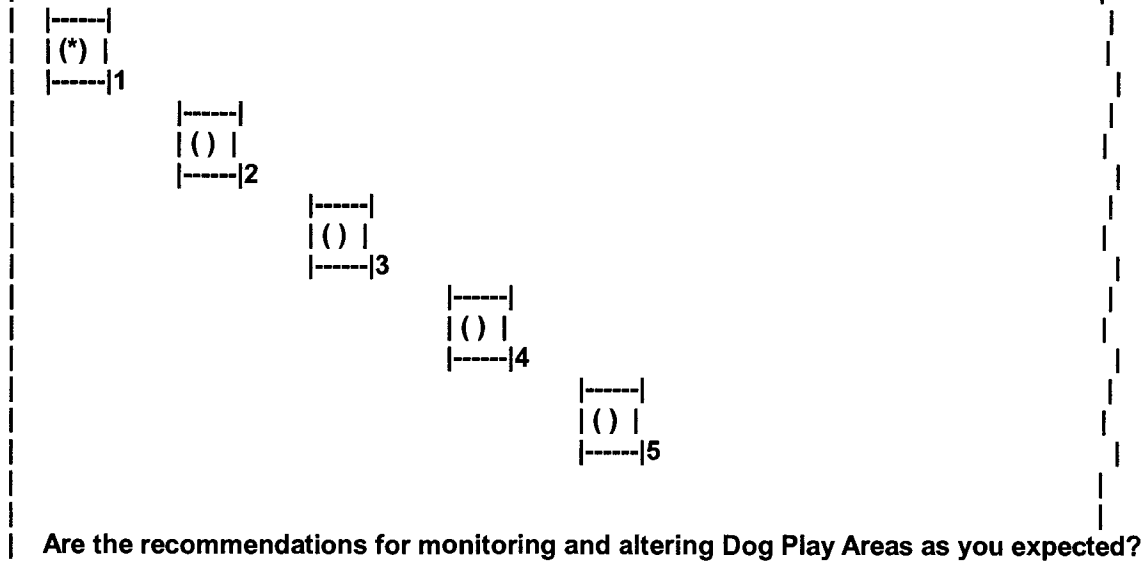


Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.

16b

We live in a city that has been profoundly impacted by human habitation for thousands of years. There is a major thoroughfare through McLaren Park and unless all traffic (car & MUNI) are precluded from using that road, what is the point of 'restoring native habitat' that is being poisoned daily by traffic.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife



Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain below

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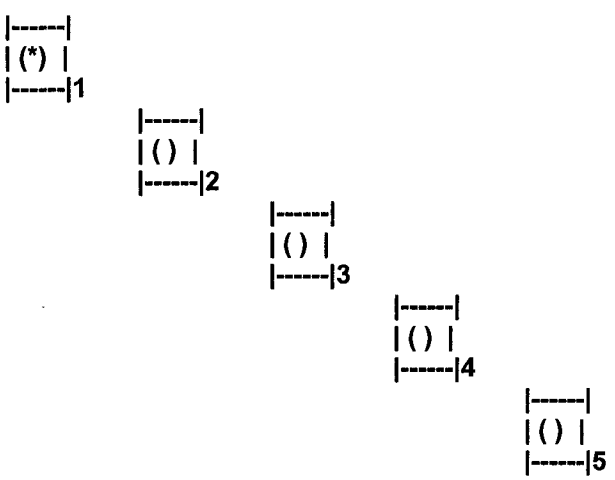
McLaren Park has already been created as a dog friendly area, it is ashame to see such an elitist program of systematically shutting people out of park being used in the name of 'nature'

Trees



Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

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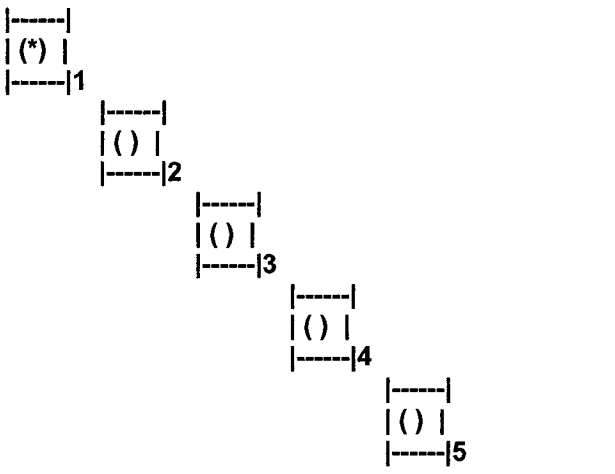
Even though some of the 'non-native' species may be offensive to a small minority of a special interest group, these plants provide homes for numerous native and non-native species including an endangered butterfly.

Grasslands/Wildflowers



Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.

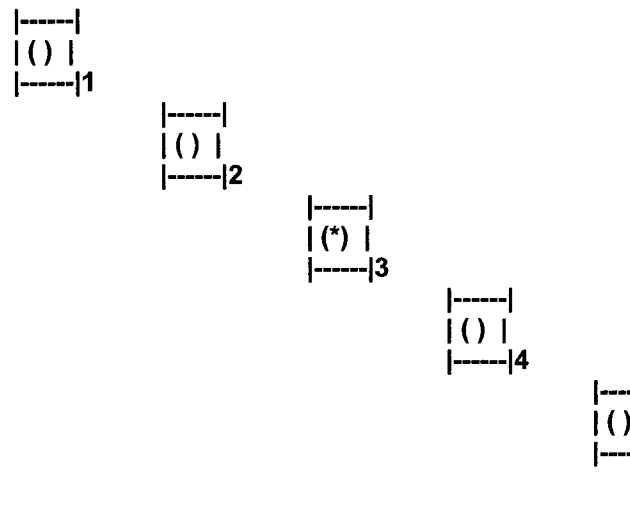
16e

If the plan wants to maintain the health of California grassland communities, it is going to have to do an

16e

annual burn of the said grasslands to|
| continue it's health and growth as the native California peoples did prior to the Mexican/Californio ranchero period of our history. How will |
| you explain to homeowners and the low income people in the government housing in the area the need for these annual burning if you really do |
| want to create a pre-Western contanct area?

| Landscaped Areas



| Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected?|
| If not, please explain below.

| No comment

| Other Comments

16f

| I would like to see the status quo remain. I would also like the NAP, if it were courageous enough, to take this plan an adapt it to the south |
| of Mansell Slope of the park where many people do not use the park.

| Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that |
| would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

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Access to restroom facilities.

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If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?

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No thank you

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McLaren Park
Letter 17

Subject: Fw: McLaren Park comment

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Nicholas Ukrainiec <nicholasu@mac.com> 07/25/2005 03:19 PM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: McLaren Park comment

(Embedded image moved to file: pic16237.gif) The Recreation and Park Department has extended for a second time the comment period for public input on the Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan. The new deadline for comments is July 28, 2005 at 5:00 pm.
This website has the comment form available for on-line response; however, some users have encountered difficulty submitting comments on line. The maximum length per comment box is approximately 3-4 pages. We encourage those having difficulty with the comment form to email comments to the Natural Areas Program. Should you have difficulty emailing responses, please print out this pdf and mail the completed form to:
Recreation & Parks Dept.
ATTN: NAP MAP
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco CA, 94117

Please provide comments in each relevant subject area BY PARK. Please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue. (5 = Exceeds Expectations and 1 = Does Not Meet Expectations). Please note this is not a survey. Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be as specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on any topic covered by the plan in any relevant manner.

Site: McLaren Park

Restoration
3

17a

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below. Yes. I find the plan balanced and ecologically sound. I walk my dogs regularly in the park and am impressed with the work of NAP in reconciling the many competing uses and needs of the community.

Recreation and Trails
3

17b

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain. Yes, the plan is clear in describing use. I'm pleased that the plan has a long term scope and addresses erosion and ecological consequences.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife
2

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below. I feel more could be done in this regard. There are areas of the park that are diverse that may need more protection. I'm concerned there isn't enough respect and knowledge of these areas. They are near the ampitheatre and below the lake.

17c

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife
5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain below Again as a dog owner and user of the park I'm very pleased with the balance this plan embodies.

17d

Trees
3

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain below. I feel there could be more tree removal regarding the eucalyptus. I'm concerned about the possible fire hazard of the eucalyptus as well as the broom monocultures. I'd like to see the next draft of the plan focus more on native tree planting.

17e

Grasslands/Wildflowers
4

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below. Yes. I'm glad that neglected plant communities are taken into account. However, as the plan mentions more education to foster the appreciation of our grasslands may be needed.

17f

Landscaped Areas
5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain below. No. I'd like to see more variety of all plant communities represented at park entrances. For example, I'd like to see oaks and ceanothus at grassland trail entrances indicating a transition into a natural area.

17g

Other Comments Hats off to the Natural Areas Program staff for the good work with volunteers, the hard work on the plan and for defending a much misrepresented and misunderstood good cause.

17h

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area? I've heard from neighbors that quail were abundent in the not so distant past.

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see? I like the pristine openess so typical of the natural CA landscape. I think the trails in the dog walking area could be improved, they're often muddy and difficult to navigate in the winter. I'd like to see the resevoir made into a "legal" dog swimming area with more appropriate natural fencing.

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent)

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If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?
Recreational uses
Natural resource protection
Natives/Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?
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Phone:
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Address:

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

5 - excellent!

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McLaren Park
Letter 18

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form

Natural Area Site Name: McLaren Park ADDED COMMENT_____ Park: McLaren Park

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration **1 2 3 4 5**
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails **1 2 3 4 5**
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife **1 2 3 4 5**
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain. Ba

THE CALIFORNIA OATGRASS (Danthonia) MEADOW ABOVE THE AMPHITHEATER SHOULD BE SPECIALLY PROTECTED, AND SHOULD NOT BE PART OF THE DPA. AND FROM THIS SITE, GOING WEST, TOWARD THE RESERVOIR, THE TRAIL PASSES A GRASSY KNOLL, WHICH IS ON THE LEFT , THAT IS ONE OF THE BEST WILDFLOWER SITES IN THE CITY. DOGS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED HERE.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife **1 2 3 4 5**
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Trees **1 2 3 4 5**
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

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Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

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Other Comments

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Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

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Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

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If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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McLaren Park
Letter 19

Subject: Fw: NAP management plan comments

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Jake's comments on McLaren and Bernal.

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Restoration **1 2 3 4 5**

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

19a

No. There are far too many weeds, and the native plants are disappearing. Without increased staffing and more volunteers, I expect McLaren Park (and most other natural areas in the city) to be overrun with weeds. This is an emergency

Recreation and Trails **1 2 3 4 5**

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife **1 2 3 4 5**

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife **1 2 3 4 5**

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Trees **1 2 3 4 5**

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

19b

Trees in McLaren Park have been planted helter-skelter over the years without a plan. They are regenerating and spreading, and they are destroying the grassland/wildflower areas. Many of them need to be removed

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

No. See previous comments. 7 19c

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

No, but this is due to severe understaffing. 7 19d

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 5

McLaren Park
Letter 20

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Y. Cordova - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Y. Cordova - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - McLaren Park

Restoration Score -
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments -

20a

Dogs & Cats Score - 4
Dogs & Cats Comments - I like to see dogs in the park. I am in favor of reducing the off-leash area by a small amount to proect wildlife.

20b

Trees Score - 3
Trees Comments - I love trees, but there are so many more trees in McLaren Park that there used to be and the views of the city have been blocked. I think that some tree removal would be good and trees should not be planted in places that will block views. The plan to remove some trees over 20 years to help native plants seems good. It seems that most of the trees in McLaren will remian, I hope this is true.

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score -

Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Natural resource protection

Name - Y. Cordova
Phone -
Email -
Address -

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

McLaren Park
Letter 21

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Nancy Rosenthal, Secretary, San Francisco for Democracy - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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Subject: NAP MAP - Nancy Rosenthal, Secretary, San Francisco for Democracy - REQUESTS CONTACT!.
07/08/2005 02:50 PM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - McLaren Park

Restoration Score - 4
Restoration Comments - Augmentation is going well, except dog owners are not only tearing down any fences gardeners put up to protect small areas of new plants, but are allowing dogs to destroy many native species and wildlife. This park is very large and both groups should be civilized and respect each others areas. 21a 21b

Recreation & Trails Score - 5
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score - 4
Sensitive Species Comments - Dog owners are allowing their animals to destroy hours of good work done by gardeners and volunteers. Educating these dog owners, possibly by making them work with the gardeners or attend native plant lectures, is the only way to force them to be civilzed. 21c

Dogs & Cats Score - 3
Dogs & Cats Comments - Restrict off leash dogs to areas that do not conflict with the small area designated for preservation of native wildlife and plants. 21d

Trees Score - 4
Trees Comments - Remove more eucalyptus. It prevents use of area of the park and damages the native species habitat. 21e

Grasslands Score - 4
Grasslands Comments - This park could use more area designated for wildlife habitat, grasslands and wildflowers. While I was a volunteer in this park I witnessed a dog owner allow their animal to eat native species that were just planted. 21f

Landscape Score - 5
Landscape Comments -

2 1g

General Comments - I was working with the gardener in this park and was horrified to see a dog owner immediately harrass the gardener about a small area that had been fenced off. The dog people are rude and destructive.
Education on the importance of natural areas is needed. 21h

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score - 9
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Natural resource protection

Name - Nancy Rosenthal, Secretary, San Francisco for Democracy Phone - 415 928-2690 Email - nancyrosenthal24@aol.com Address - 1616 Taylor St. #3

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 5

McLaren Park Letter 22



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To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Franco Mancini - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

07/20/2005 09:00 PM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - 15th Avenue Steps

Restoration Score - 1
Restoration Comments - Most of the plants do not survive.] A

Recreation & Trails Score - 1
Recreation & Trails Comments - There is not enough specificity to determine what trails will remain. Also, the indication the "social trails subject to closure" is extremely contentious.] B

Sensitive Species Score - 1
Sensitive Species Comments - Specificity is lacking, e.g., "Implement wildlife enhancements as appropriate."] C

Dogs & Cats Score -
Dogs & Cats Comments - no comment

Trees Score - 1
Trees Comments - Removal of 800+ trees without any specific plan for their replacement is a significant deficiency.] D

Grasslands Score - 1
Grasslands Comments - Lack of specificity. The presumptuously limited palate ignores the broader values of park users who might not subscribe to a native environment agenda.

Landscape Score - 1
Landscape Comments - Not enough specificity. The presumptuously limited palate ignores the broader values of park users who might not subscribe to a native environment agenda.

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments - Most people would subscribe to the notion that an urban park is (should be) defined by its variety of trees, perennial greenery and lots of color. Developers define grasslands, etc. as exploitable/buildable areas.] E

Plan Score - 1
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

Name -
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Table 3.23-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Palou/Phelps.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Palou/Phelps	1A	Anonymous	Project Merits	Editorial	See MR-11
Palou/Phelps	1B	Anonymous	Trails	Editorial	See MR-7
Palou/Phelps	1C	Anonymous	Project Merits	Editorial	See MR-11

Palou/Phelps
Letter 1

Subject: Fw: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.

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Subject: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Palou / Phelps

Restoration Score -
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score -
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - I believe the executive summary should be altered to:

1a

1. indicate scale differential in maps and perhaps consider placement of similarly scaled parks on same page so for example Mclaren and Palou phelps are not on the same page Currently they at radically different scales that make Palou phelps appear larger then McLaren!

2. We should add summary data at the site level, in a box next to the map:
- acreage in each MA ,
- trail miles existing and to remain
- Adjacent DPAs acreage now and recommended
- Invasive trees now and to be removed
- Native trees to be planted

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3. Mt Davidson has MA labels – other do not – lets standardize.
I believe the executive summary should be altered to:

1c

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- **acreage in each MA ,**
- **trail miles existing and to remain**
- **Adjacent DPAs acreage now and recommended**
- **Invasive trees now and to be removed**
- **Native trees to be planted**

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Table 3.24-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Bernal Hill.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	127A	Alan, D.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See Issue BH-2 (Sec. 6.21), Issue BH-3, and MR-7
Bernal Hill	126A	Alan, L.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See Issue BH-2, Issue BH-3, and MR-7
Bernal Hill	11A	Anonymous	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	37A	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	37B	Anonymous	Trails	Content	Crowds would have to adhere to trails and designated recreation areas.
Bernal Hill	37C	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	37D	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Bernal Hill	37E	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Bernal Hill	37F	Anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	37G	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	37H	Anonymous	Project Merit	Project Merit	Comment references the presentation done by SFRPD staff.
Bernal Hill	57A	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Bernal Hill	57B	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	58A	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-10
Bernal Hill	58B	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	58C	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	58D	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	58E	Anonymous	Trees	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	58F	Anonymous	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Bernal Hill	58G	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-10
Bernal Hill	62A	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	62B	Anonymous	Wildlife	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	62C	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	62D	Anonymous	Trees	Reference	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	62E	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	62F	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	62G	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	62H	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	62I	Anonymous	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	67A	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-7

Table 3.24-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Bernal Hill.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	67B	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	67C	Anonymous	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	67D	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	67E	Anonymous	Wildlife	Content	See MR-8
Bernal Hill	67F	Anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	67G	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	67H	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	72A	Anonymous	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	72B	Anonymous	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	72C	Anonymous	Wildlife	Project Merit	See MR-8
Bernal Hill	72D	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	72E	Anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	72F	Anonymous	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	72G	Anonymous	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	72H	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	72I	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	72J	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	72K	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	72L	Anonymous	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	72M	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	72N	Anonymous	Dogs-Off Leash	Project Merit	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	72O	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	128A	Anonymous	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	128B	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Bernal Hill	128C	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	155A	Anonymous	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Bernal Hill	155B	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	155C	Anonymous	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Bernal Hill	155D	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	155E	Anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	155F	Anonymous	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Bernal Hill	155G	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	161A	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	Adding dog-friendly amenities is not part of the NAP's scope
Bernal Hill	56A	Aris, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	56B	Aris, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	56C	Aris, S.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	56D	Aris, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	56E	Aris, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	The Natural Areas Program already acknowledges that dog-owners form a large portion of Bernal Hill's visitors.
Bernal Hill	56F	Aris, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	56G	Aris, S.	Plan Costs	Content	The carpark is not within the Natural Area and therefore the scope of this Management Plan.
Bernal Hill	56H	Aris, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	56I	Aris, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	56J	Aris, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	56K	Aris, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	131A	Bagdorf, B.	Dogs-Off-leash	Reference	See Issue BH-2, Issue BH-3, and MR-7
Bernal Hill	87A	Bain, C.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	109A	Barnea, L.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	109B	Barnea, L.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	109C	Barnea, L.	Dogs-Off-leash	Project Merits	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	109D	Barnea, L.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	18A	Becerra, R.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	18B	Becerra, R.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	18C	Becerra, R.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	18D	Becerra, R.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	27A	Beredetto, D.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	27B	Beredetto, D.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	27C	Beredetto, D.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	27D	Beredetto, D.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	41A	Blumen, R.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-1
Bernal Hill	73A	Bowen, V.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-11

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	73B	Bowen, V.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	73C	Bowen, V.	Plants	Content	In Section 5, GR-4e has been edited to include replacement of fruit-bearing shrubs that are removed, with native fruit-bearing shrubs.
Bernal Hill	73D	Bowen, V.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	73E	Bowen, V.	Dogs-Off Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	73F	Bowen, V.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	73G	Bowen, V.	Plants	Content	The comments were incomplete as submitted. The apparent topic is invasive plant control in some areas, but not others. Please see MR-6.
Bernal Hill	73H	Bowen, V.	Dogs-Off Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	73I	Bowen, V.	Trees	Project Merit	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	73J	Bowen, V.	Trees	Content	No tree removal is proposed for Bernal Hill.
Bernal Hill	73K	Bowen, V.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-10
Bernal Hill	73L	Bowen, V.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	73M	Bowen, V.	Plants	Reference	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	73N	Bowen, V.	Dogs-Off Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	73O	Bowen, V.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	73P	Bowen, V.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	81A	Breakey, A.	Trails	Reference	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	81B	Breakey, A.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	81C	Breakey, A.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Bernal Hill	6A	Breaky, A.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	77A	Bullard, R.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	77B	Bullard, R.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	77C	Bullard, R.	Trees	Project Merits	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	77D	Bullard, R.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	77E	Bullard, R.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	145A	Bumbo, N.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	145B	Bumbo, N.	Trails	Reference	See Issue BH-2, Issue BH-3, and MR-7

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	145C	Bumbo, N.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	145D	Bumbo, N.	Trees	Content	See Issue BH-1
Bernal Hill	145E	Bumbo, N.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	145F	Bumbo, N.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6 and MR-8
Bernal Hill	145G	Bumbo, N.	Project Merits	Reference	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	65A	Cabade, I.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	65B	Cabade, I.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	65C	Cabade, I.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	65D	Cabade, I.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	65E	Cabade, I.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	65F	Cabade, I.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	65G	Cabade, I.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	39A	Cameron, C.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	54A	Campbell, C.	Project Merit	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	132A	Campbell, C.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	132B	Campbell, C.	Trails	Content	See MR-1
Bernal Hill	132C	Campbell, C.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	101A	Capraro, K.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	79A	Carroll, B.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	79B	Carroll, B.	Trails	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	79C	Carroll, B.	Plan Costs	Project Merits	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	107A	Chantaduly, W.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	107B	Chantaduly, W.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	152A	Cheung, E.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1 and MR-2; Although a good idea in concept, it would be unfeasible to enforce such a policy.
Bernal Hill	33A	Chrisanthes, T.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	33B	Chrisanthes, T.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	33C	Chrisanthes, T.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	33D	Chrisanthes, T.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	19A	Conner, A.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	19B	Conner, A.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	19C	Conner, A.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	19D	Conner, A.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	66A	Cooper, D.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	66B	Cooper, D.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	66C	Cooper, D.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	66D	Cooper, D.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	66E	Cooper, D.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	66F	Cooper, D.	Wildlife	Project Merit	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	66G	Cooper, D.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	66H	Cooper, D.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	66I	Cooper, D.	Plants	Reference	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	66J	Cooper, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	66K	Cooper, D.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	92A	Cremer, J.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	92B	Cremer, J.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	5A	Dalby, T.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	146A	Daniel, J.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	8A	Danziger, R.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	100A	DiGirolamo, L.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	100B	DiGirolamo, L.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	143A	Drosten, F.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	143B	Drosten, F.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	143C	Drosten, F.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Bernal Hill	108A	Duc, D.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	108B	Duc, D.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	108C	Duc, D.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	46A	Dwyer, D.	Project Merit	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	117A	Elliott, D. & R.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Bernal Hill	117B	Elliott, D. & R.	Trees	Content	See Issue BH-1
Bernal Hill	117C	Elliott, D. & R.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	117D	Elliott, D. & R.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	112A	Epstein, N.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11

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Bernal Hill	112B	Epstein, N.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-6, see also Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3
Bernal Hill	112C	Epstein, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-6, see also Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3
Bernal Hill	112D	Epstein, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	112E	Epstein, N.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-6 and MR-10. This location should have horticultural success with the recommendations set forth in Section 6.21
Bernal Hill	112F	Epstein, N.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	113A	Epstein, N.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	113B	Epstein, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-6, see also Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3
Bernal Hill	113C	Epstein, N.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-6, see also Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3
Bernal Hill	113D	Epstein, N.	Trails	Reference	See MR-6, see also Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3
Bernal Hill	113E	Epstein, N.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	113F	Epstein, N.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-6, see also Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3
Bernal Hill	89A	Fenton, C.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	133A	Finlay, J.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	133B	Finlay, J.	Trails	Reference	See Issue BH-2, Issue BH-3, and MR-7
Bernal Hill	133C	Finlay, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	133D	Finlay, J.	Trails	Reference	See Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3, see MR-7
Bernal Hill	133E	Finlay, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	133F	Finlay, J.	Trails	Reference	See Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3, see MR-7
Bernal Hill	40A	Friedman, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-1
Bernal Hill	1A	Friesce, C.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	21A	Garner, P.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	21B	Garner, P.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	21C	Garner, P.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	21D	Garner, P.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	118A	Gendelman, J.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	118B	Gendelman, J.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	118C	Gendelman, J.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	115A	Gerber, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	115B	Gerber, J.	Trails	Content	See Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3, see MR-7
Bernal Hill	115C	Gerber, J.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	115D	Gerber, J.	Trails	Content	See Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3, see MR-7
Bernal Hill	115E	Gerber, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	115F	Gerber, J.	Trees	Content	See Issue BH-1
Bernal Hill	115G	Gerber, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	115H	Gerber, J.	Plants	Content	See Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3, see MR-7
Bernal Hill	115I	Gerber, J.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	115J	Gerber, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	115K	Gerber, J.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	115L	Gerber, J.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	115M	Gerber, J.	Trails	Content	See Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3, see MR-7
Bernal Hill	115N	Gerber, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7, see MR-2
Bernal Hill	49A	Gibson, R.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-1
Bernal Hill	49B	Gibson, R.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-1
Bernal Hill	30A	Goodman, L.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	30B	Goodman, L.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	30C	Goodman, L.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	30D	Goodman, L.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	2A	Gorrez, L.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	88A	Green, V.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	88B	Green, V.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	9A	Guntli, C.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	156A	Gurney, A.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	156B	Gurney, A.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	156C	Gurney, A.	Sensitive Species	Content	See GR-14.
Bernal Hill	156D	Gurney, A.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	156E	Gurney, A.	Trees	Content	See GR-15.
Bernal Hill	156F	Gurney, A.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	156G	Gurney, A.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	156H	Gurney, A.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	156I	Gurney, A.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	156J	Gurney, A.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	156K	Gurney, A.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	142A	Halperin, S.	Trails	Reference	See Issue BH-2, Issue BH-3, and MR-7
Bernal Hill	121A	Hawk, K.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	42A	Heisler, K.	Plants	Editorial	Vegetation sampling methodology is described in Section 3. Vegetation series are based on classification of dominant species not percent cover. No change required.
Bernal Hill	42B	Heisler, K.	Trails	Editorial	Most of the trails are worn through to bedrock and the sentence has been edited to reflect this. The specific geology relating to the degrading bedrock (which releases clay) is not really pertinent to the section. The point is that the trail receive a huge amount of use.
Bernal Hill	42C	Heisler, K.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	150A	Hill, C.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	150B	Hill, C.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	150C	Hill, C.	Trails	Content	See GR-14.
Bernal Hill	150D	Hill, C.	Wildlife	Content	See Sec. 6.21 Mammals, Reptiles, and Amphibians; not enough information given to update species list.

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	153A	Ho, C.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	74A	Hoffman, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	74B	Hoffman, J.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	74C	Hoffman, J.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	74D	Hoffman, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	74E	Hoffman, J.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	74F	Hoffman, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	74G	Hoffman, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	74H	Hoffman, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-8
Bernal Hill	74I	Hoffman, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	74J	Hoffman, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	74K	Hoffman, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	74L	Hoffman, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	74M	Hoffman, J.	Trees	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	74N	Hoffman, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	74O	Hoffman, J.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-8
Bernal Hill	74P	Hoffman, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	74Q	Hoffman, J.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	74R	Hoffman, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	74S	Hoffman, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	74T	Hoffman, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	74U	Hoffman, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	74V	Hoffman, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	74W	Hoffman, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	74X	Hoffman, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	74Y	Hoffman, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	74Z	Hoffman, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	74AA	Hoffman, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	74AB	Hoffman, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	16A	Hunt, J.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	16B	Hunt, J.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	16C	Hunt, J.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	16D	Hunt, J.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	157A	Jenkins, K. and Nicholso	Dogs-Off Leash	Project Merits	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	157B	Jenkins, K. and Nicholso	Dogs-Off Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	157C	Jenkins, K. and Nicholso	Dogs-Off Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	157D	Jenkins, K. and Nicholso	Dogs-Off Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	122A	Jenks, L.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11, Issue BH-1, and GR-15
Bernal Hill	31A	Jeziorski, M.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	31B	Jeziorski, M.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	31C	Jeziorski, M.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	31D	Jeziorski, M.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	135A	K., A.	Project Merits	Reference	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	135B	K., A.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	135C	K., A.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-8
Bernal Hill	135D	K., A.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	135E	K., A.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	135F	K., A.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	125A	Kahn-Kirby, A.	Trails	Reference	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	124B	Kahn-Kirby, A.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	125C	Kahn-Kirby, A.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	125D	Kahn-Kirby, A.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	125E	Kahn-Kirby, A.	Trails	Content	See Issue BH-2, Issue BH-3, and MR-7
Bernal Hill	125F	Kahn-Kirby, A.	Trails	Content	See Issue BH-2, Issue BH-3, and MR-7
Bernal Hill	4A	Kearny, J.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	45A	Kefauver, L.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	96A	Kelly, K.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	96B	Kelly, K.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	96C	Kelly, K.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	96D	Kelly, K.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Bernal Hill	96E	Kelly, K.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	76A	Kendall, J. and M.	Dogs-Off Leash	Editorial	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	116A	Kennedy, S.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	116B	Kennedy, S.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See Issue BH-2, Issue BH-3, and MR-7
Bernal Hill	116C	Kennedy, S.	Trees	Content	See Issue BH-1
Bernal Hill	86A	Kravitz, S.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	43A	Krefting, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	43B	Krefting, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	43C	Krefting, S.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	43D	Krefting, S.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Bernal Hill	80A	Krefting, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	80B	Krefting, S.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	80C	Krefting, S.	Sensitive Species	Editorial	See MR-8
Bernal Hill	80D	Krefting, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	80E	Krefting, S.	Trails	Content	See GR-14.
Bernal Hill	28A	Kuperberg, A.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	28B	Kuperberg, A.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	28C	Kuperberg, A.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	28D	Kuperberg, A.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	136A	Kushin, A.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	136B	Kushin, A.	Dogs-Off-leash	Reference	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	136C	Kushin, A.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	136D	Kushin, A.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	82A	Labovitz, L.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	82B	Labovitz, L.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	82C	Labovitz, L.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-10
Bernal Hill	82D	Labovitz, L.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	82E	Labovitz, L.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	82F	Labovitz, L.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Bernal Hill	82G	Labovitz, L.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Bernal Hill	84A	Langan, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	84B	Langan, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	84C	Langan, M.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	141A	Lange, S.	Trails	Reference	See Issue BH-2, Issue BH-3, and MR-7
Bernal Hill	134A	Mackey, R.	Dogs-Off-leash	Reference	See Issue BH-2, Issue BH-3, and MR-7
Bernal Hill	134B	Mackey, R.	Dogs-Off-leash	Reference	See MR-6 and MR-7
Bernal Hill	134C	Mackey, R.	Dogs-Off-leash	Reference	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	12A	MacMillan, M.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	110A	Mahoney, S.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-6

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	110B	Mahoney, S.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	110C	Mahoney, S.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	110D	Mahoney, S.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	110E	Mahoney, S.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	110F	Mahoney, S.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	110G	Mahoney, S.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Bernal Hill	110H	Mahoney, S.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	110I	Mahoney, S.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	36A	Mahony, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	36B	Mahony, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	36C	Mahony, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	36D	Mahony, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	158A	Mar, G	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	158B	Mar, G	Trails	Content	See MR-2 and MR-7
Bernal Hill	63A	Marek, E.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	63B	Marek, E.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	63C	Marek, E.	Wildlife	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	63D	Marek, E.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	63E	Marek, E.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	63F	Marek, E.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	63G	Marek, E.	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	75A	Marple, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	75B	Marple, J.	Trails	Content	These matters must be addressed by the SFPD or SFRPD enforcement staff.
Bernal Hill	75C	Marple, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	75D	Marple, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	75E	Marple, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	75F	Marple, J.	Dogs-Off Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	75G	Marple, J.	Dogs-Off Leash	Project Merit	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	91A	Marshall, P.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	91B	Marshall, P.	Plants	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	123A	Mathis, T.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	123B	Mathis, T.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-11

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	123C	Mathis, T.	Trails	Reference	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	123D	Mathis, T.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	14A	McGowan, L.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	14B	McGowan, L.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	14C	McGowan, L.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	14D	McGowan, L.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	147A	McKinney, J.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	147B	McKinney, J.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	147C	McKinney, J.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	147D	McKinney, J.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	147E	McKinney, J.	Trees	Reference	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	147F	McKinney, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	147G	McKinney, J.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	147H	McKinney, J.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	140A	McMurchy, S.	Trails	Reference	See Issue BH-2, Issue BH-3, and MR-7
Bernal Hill	140B	McMurchy, S.	Project Merits	Reference	As described in Section 1.7 an environmental impact report (EIR) is the next step in review of this project. Public outreach and opportunity for public involvement has occurred and will occur again through the EIR process.
Bernal Hill	140C	McMurchy, S.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	140D	McMurchy, S.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	140E	McMurchy, S.	Wildlife	Reference	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	140F	McMurchy, S.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	140G	McMurchy, S.	Trails	Reference	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	24A	McNeely, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	24B	McNeely, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	24C	McNeely, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	24D	McNeely, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	48A	McQuinston, C.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	139A	McQuiston, C.	Trails	Reference	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	139B	McQuiston, C.	Trails	Reference	See MR-2

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	139C	McQuiston, C.	Trails	Reference	See Issue BH-2, Issue BH-3, and MR-7
Bernal Hill	139D	McQuiston, C.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Bernal Hill	139E	McQuiston, C.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	139F	McQuiston, C.	Project Merits	Reference	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	139G	McQuiston, C.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	154A	Mintz, E.	Trails	Reference	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	154B	Mintz, E.	Trails	Reference	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	120A	Morrison, N.	Trails	Content	See Issue BH-2, Issue BH-3, and MR-7
Bernal Hill	120B	Morrison, N.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Bernal Hill	120C	Morrison, N.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	120D	Morrison, N.	Project Merits	Reference	See Issue BH-2, Issue BH-3, and MR-7
Bernal Hill	106A	Munns, F.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	29A	Munns, J.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	29B	Munns, J.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	29C	Munns, J.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	29D	Munns, J.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	25A	Murray, M.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	25B	Murray, M.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	25C	Murray, M.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	25D	Murray, M.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	13A	Needell, R.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	17A	Nguyen, M.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	17B	Nguyen, M.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	17C	Nguyen, M.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	17D	Nguyen, M.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	104A	Norman, T.	Dogs-Off-leash	Reference	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	104B	Norman, T.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	159A	O'Donnell, A	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	159B	O'Donnell, A	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	159C	O'Donnell, A	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See discussion of scientific review in Sec. 1.7
Bernal Hill	97A	Oglesby, H.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Bernal Hill	97B	Oglesby, H.	Trails	Content	See MR-7

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	97C	Oglesby, H.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	97D	Oglesby, H.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-8
Bernal Hill	97E	Oglesby, H.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	97F	Oglesby, H.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	97G	Oglesby, H.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Bernal Hill	97H	Oglesby, H.	Trails	Content	See GR-14.
Bernal Hill	97I	Oglesby, H.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	97J	Oglesby, H.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	97K	Oglesby, H.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	93A	Omerberg, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	93B	Omerberg, M.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	93C	Omerberg, M.	Dogs-Off-leash	Reference	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	93D	Omerberg, M.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	94A	Pajo, M.	Dogs-Off-leash	Reference	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	95A	Pajo, M.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	95B	Pajo, M.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	95C	Pajo, M.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	52A	Parreault, L.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	55A	Patterson, A.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	55B	Patterson, A.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	111A	Pechinski, M.	Trails	Reference	See Issue BH-2, Issue BH-3, and MR-7
Bernal Hill		Pechinski, M.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	111C	Pechinski, M.	Trails	Content	See MR-6, Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3
Bernal Hill	111D	Pechinski, M.	Project Merits	Content	Issue GR-13, in Section 5, has been added to address this issue
Bernal Hill	60A	Pechnski, M.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	35A	Pelley, T.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	35B	Pelley, T.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	35C	Pelley, T.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	35D	Pelley, T.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	44A	Pfister, C.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-1
Bernal Hill	44B	Pfister, C.	Project Merit	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	44C	Pfister, C.	Project Merit	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	44D	Pfister, C.	Project Merit	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	44E	Pfister, C.	Project Merit	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	138A	Phillips, N.	Trails	Content	See Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3, see MR-7
Bernal Hill	138B	Phillips, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	138C	Phillips, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	69A	Pitschel, B.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	69B	Pitschel, B.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	69C	Pitschel, B.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	69D	Pitschel, B.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	69E	Pitschel, B.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	69F	Pitschel, B.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	69G	Pitschel, B.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	69H	Pitschel, B.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	69I	Pitschel, B.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	69J	Pitschel, B.	Plants	Editorial	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	69K	Pitschel, B.	Plants	Editorial	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	69L	Pitschel, B.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	69M	Pitschel, B.	Plants	Editorial	Corrected
Bernal Hill	69N	Pitschel, B.	Plants	Editorial	Corrected
Bernal Hill	69O	Pitschel, B.	Trails	Editorial	Corrected
Bernal Hill	69P	Pitschel, B.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	69Q	Pitschel, B.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	69R	Pitschel, B.	Plants	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	69S	Pitschel, B.	Trails	Content	See GR-14.
Bernal Hill	98A	Pitschel, B. & R.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	98B	Pitschel, B. & R.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Bernal Hill	98C	Pitschel, B. & R.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	68A	Pitschel, R.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	68B	Pitschel, R.	Trails	Content	See MR-7

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	68C	Pitschel, R.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Editorial	The proposed on-leash areas conform to MA-1A boundaries (Figure 6.21-5). Additionally SFRPD will be posting DPA maps on their website. No text change.
Bernal Hill	68D	Pitschel, R.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Reference	The proposed on-leash areas conform to MA-1A boundaries (Figure 6.21-5). Additionally SFRPD will be posting DPA maps on their website. No text change.
Bernal Hill	68E	Pitschel, R.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	68F	Pitschel, R.	Plants	Editorial	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	68G	Pitschel, R.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	68H	Pitschel, R.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	68I	Pitschel, R.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Bernal Hill	114A	Puckett, Z.	Trees	Reference	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	114B	Puckett, Z.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	114C	Puckett, Z.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3
Bernal Hill	114D	Puckett, Z.	Trails	Reference	See MR-2, Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3
Bernal Hill	114E	Puckett, Z.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3
Bernal Hill	61A	Ramey, L.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	61B	Ramey, L.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	61C	Ramey, L.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	61D	Ramey, L.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	61E	Ramey, L.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	59A	Rogers, R.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	103A	Rogers, R.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	119A	Roy, B.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	119B	Roy, B.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	119C	Roy, B.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Bernal Hill	119D	Roy, B.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	15A	Russel, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	15B	Russel, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	15C	Russel, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	15D	Russel, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	124A	Salmeri, F.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-8 and MR-11
Bernal Hill	124B	Salmeri, F.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See Issue BH-2, Issue BH-3, MR-7, and Issue BH-1
Bernal Hill	124C	Salmeri, F.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Bernal Hill	124D	Salmeri, F.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-8 and MR-11
Bernal Hill	124E	Salmeri, F.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	124F	Salmeri, F.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	124G	Salmeri, F.	Trees	Content	See Issue BH-1
Bernal Hill	124H	Salmeri, F.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	129A	Sasso, J.	Project Merits	Content	See Issue BH-2, Issue BH-3, MR-7, MR-6, and MR-8
Bernal Hill	129B	Sasso, J.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-6 and MR-3
Bernal Hill	129C	Sasso, J.	Project Merits	Content	Bernal Hill is a public park designated for use by all residents of San Francisco
Bernal Hill	129D	Sasso, J.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6 and MR-8
Bernal Hill	129E	Sasso, J.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	148A	Schaefer, S.	Trails	Reference	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	148B	Schaefer, S.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	50A	Schlund, C.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-1
Bernal Hill	22A	Schmall, D.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	22B	Schmall, D.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	22C	Schmall, D.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	22D	Schmall, D.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	105A	Schrader, E.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	105B	Schrader, E.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	105C	Schrader, E.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	78A	Scott, C.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	78B	Scott, C.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	78C	Scott, C.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	78D	Scott, C.	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	78E	Scott, C.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	78F	Scott, C.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	78G	Scott, C.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	7A	Seaman, L.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	38A	Shopes, S.	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	38B	Shopes, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	38C	Shopes, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Editorial	Change made to section.
Bernal Hill	38D	Shopes, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	38E	Shopes, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	137A	Siff, J.	Dogs-Off-leash	Project Merits	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	137B	Siff, J.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	137C	Siff, J.	Trails	Reference	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	137D	Siff, J.	Sensitive Species	Reference	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	137E	Siff, J.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	137F	Siff, J.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	137G	Siff, J.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	53A	Sigg, J.	Dogs-On Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	85A	Sigg, J.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	85B	Sigg, J.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	85C	Sigg, J.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	85D	Sigg, J.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	130A	Smith, L.	Project Merits	Content	See Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3, see MR-7
Bernal Hill	130B	Smith, L.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	10A	Smith, W.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Bernal Hill	47A	Soto, C.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	83A	Spadarella, T.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	83B	Spadarella, T.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	83C	Spadarella, T.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	83D	Spadarella, T.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	83E	Spadarella, T.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	83F	Spadarella, T.	Trails	Reference	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	23A	Spitler, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	23B	Spitler, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	23C	Spitler, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	23D	Spitler, S.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Bernal Hill	71A	Stafford, N.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Bernal Hill	71B	Stafford, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Bernal Hill	71C	Stafford, N.	Trails	Project Merit	See MR-7
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Bernal Hill	71E	Stafford, N.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	71F	Stafford, N.	Cats	Project Merit	See MR-5
Bernal Hill	71G	Stafford, N.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
Bernal Hill	71H	Stafford, N.	Trees	Content	See MR-4
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Bernal Hill	71L	Stafford, N.	Trails	Content	See MR-10
Bernal Hill	64A	Stansfield, L.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	64B	Stansfield, L.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	3A	Steele, L. and Twigfire, L	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
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Bernal Hill	102A	Van Kooy, R.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	32A	Vinsant, E.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Bernal Hill	32B	Vinsant, E.	Dogs-Off-Leash	Content	See MR-11
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Bernal Hill	51C	Vulpe, C.	Project Merit	Content	See MR-11
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Bernal Hill	90A	Ward, K.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-2
Bernal Hill	90B	Ward, K.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-6
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Bernal Hill	144A	Wolff, A. & Russel, S.	Dogs-Off-leash	Reference	See Issue BH-2 and Issue BH-3, see MR-7
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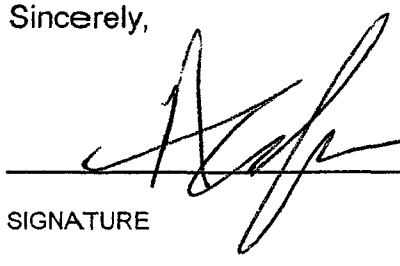

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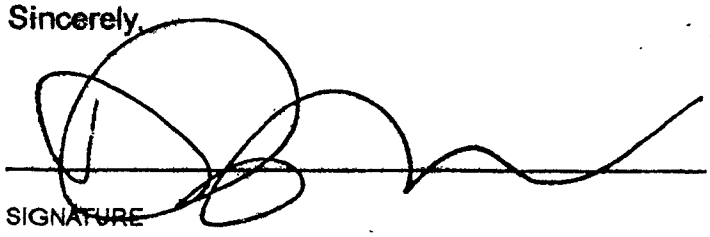

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Bernal Hill
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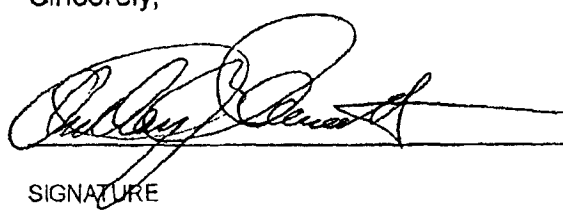

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SIGNIFICANT NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS MANAGEMENT PLAN –

COMMENTS

Bernal Hill
Letter 37

7-25-05

for: Bernal Hill

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Recreation and trails: 4 - Try to accommodate areas for the very large crowds that come here occasionally for July 4th fireworks displays and other events who go en masse to the top of the hill and on the hillside. This could destroy future plantings.] B] C

Sensitive species/wildlife: 2

Dogs etc.: 2 – Illegal off-leash dogs make using the park very difficult for me and others. I have had to stop going there That is unacceptable, especially as there is already an 8acre DPA to use. That is an adequate space for the usage and should not be increased. This park should have on-leash only on main paths only.] D] E

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Grasslands/wildflowers: 3

Landscaped areas: 2 – Unless illegal off-leash dog use is curtailed, why bother planting anything, it will only be dug up!] G

Other comments: None

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Restoration: 3 - Not enough areas are being designated for #1 & 2 NAP work.

Recreation and trails: 4 - Formal trails and steps up to the rock outcroppings up the canyon are important as the present informal paths are eroding and any existing steps are virtually useless. I would also like special consideration for the beautiful source of the creek, up the canyon, below the school. There are many informal trails through the low trees to it and other nearby areas. These need to be reduced or some formalized. Schoolkids regularly party in this remote area.

Sensitive species/wildlife: 2

Dogs etc.: 2 – Illegal off-leash dogs make using the park very difficult for me and others. Nearly every time I go for a walk, I end up fending off illegal off-leash dogs It definitely reduces my usage of the park. That is unacceptable.. Watching illegal off-leash dogs befouling the children's play area in front of the day school by the creek is disgusting. Watching illegal off-leash dogs running down to the creek and digging up new volunteer-planted native plants and disturbing wildlife is heartbreaking. Dog owners have shown they are not responsible enough to have free range anywhere in this beautiful park. This park should have no off-leash dogs and on-leash on main paths only.

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Bernal Hill
Letter 38

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July 27, 2005

Lisa Wayne
Natural Areas Director
Recreation and Parks Department
McLaren Lodge
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Dear Ms. Wayne,

I have reviewed the Draft Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan, dated June 2005, and while I support efforts to improve habitat values and restore native and rare plants in the city's parks I have a number of concerns about the Plan's proposals for Bernal Hill ~~and McLaren Park~~. I find no technical basis for the Plan's statements about the impacts of off-leash activity and I am not convinced that the Plan has had sufficient scientific review. I am also concerned about the Plan's costs and have serious doubts about its feasibility. Finally, I am concerned that the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) has curtailed public comment at recent meetings on the plan in violation of the Sunshine Ordinance.

A (Merit, Merit)

The Plan's statement that there will be "no substantial change in access or allowed uses" (pg. 6.21-5) is inaccurate. People walking their dogs constitute the overwhelming majority of the users of Bernal Hill ~~and the off-leash portions of McLaren Park~~. Off-leash exercise is not an optional luxury for dog owners. It is necessary part of pet care, and for that reason the dog walkers are there day in and day out, rain or shine. The Plan states that off-leash areas will be reduced by 17% (and likely more) at Bernal Hill ~~and by 14% at McLaren Park~~. To state that the proposed reduction is not a substantial change indicates that RPD is disregarding the needs of these parks' main users.

B (Dogs-off leash, Content)

In general, the Plan's presentation of the proposed reduction of the existing dog play areas (DPAs) is unclear. Furthermore, the Plan's characterization of the proposed changes to the DPA at Bernal Hill is misleading. The plan states that the off-leash area would be reduced by 17% *if* an optional area south of Bernal Heights Blvd. were added to the DPA. The plan should state what percentage of the DPA would be lost if the optional area is *not* added to the DPA. The Plan's figures should clearly show which areas are proposed for conversion to on-leash areas.

C (Dogs-off leash, Editorial)

The plan states that off-leash dog activity "...causes erosion and loss of plant habitat at Bernal Hill" (pg 6.21-8). On what evidence is this assertion based? What analysis has been done to identify dog-related erosion as opposed to erosion from other causes? Based on my observations during daily walks on the hill, the main causes of erosion appear to

be: 1) trails that run directly up and down slope 2) extensive gopher mounding on steep slopes; and 3) areas of concentrated human and dog activity causing loss of vegetation. Other erosive influences such as mountain bikes skidding down the steep trails and cliff areas should also be considered. I agree that the trails running up and down slope should be closed off and that the steep cliff areas should be avoided. However, the plan's only proposal for addressing erosion of the hillsides is to curtail off-leash dog activity. I question the assertion that dog activity is causing significant erosion of the steep north slope of the hill, and am afraid that the Plan's incomplete analysis of the problem will result in unfairly penalizing dog-walkers without solving the erosion problem. Furthermore, the proposed reduction of the DPA is likely to increase erosion in the remaining DPA. Currently dog and human activity is dispersed over the whole park; concentrating most of that use into a considerably smaller area is likely to decrease vegetative cover in that area and may cause a significant increase in erosion.

D
(Dogs-off Leash, Content)

Has the Plan undergone sufficient scientific review? Prior to the expenditure of significant amounts of money and effort in an attempt to restore native plants in heavily used city parks, the main factors limiting the plants' establishment should be identified and addressed. The Plan appears to make the assumption that dog activity is the primary limitation on rare plant reintroduction and no specific proposals are made to address othe limiting factors such as the prevalence of non-native grasses and other invasive plants. Successful restoration of native plants typically requires extensive maintenance at least in the first three to five years after planting. The Plan should indicate how native plantings will be maintained and should demonstrate that the plantings can be maintained and will survive to a degree that justifies the expense of planting them.

Who will enforce the new leash rules? The RPD's approach to implementing this plan (exemplified by actions such as refusing to take verbal comments at the June 30th meeting) has done little to engage the support of park users. Without public cooperation the new rules will be impossible to enforce unless significant resources are devoted to policing the parks. It is irresponsible to expand the SFPD's role in enforcement of leash policies to protect rare plants when there are many serious crimes that would be a better focus for their efforts. Given the sad state of the city's budget, I believe it is also misguided to create a new enforcement situation that will further tax the RPD's resources. Further, funding enforcement efforts through application of heavy fines on the traditional users of the parks seems patently unfair.

How much will the NAP cost? No cost information is provided in the Draft Management Plan or on the RPD's web site. Before any decisions are made, the estimated cost of the program, including preparation of the EIR/S, implementation of the Plan's recommendations, monitoring, maintenance, and enforcement should be presented to the public.

Finally, the RPD has made it difficult to review and comment on the Draft Management Plan. Noticing for public meetings to present the Plan was scanty and inconspicuous. The RPD web site's listing of upcoming public meetings did not carry an announcement of the meetings. I finally found a mention of the public meetings buried on the second page

of the NAP "FAQs", although the addresses of the meeting places were not given. RPD staff refused to accept verbal comments at the June 30th meeting, which I believe is in violation of the Sunshine Ordinance. I appreciate the fact that the RPD has extended the comment period twice, but I believe that the Plan is generating a large number of comments in spite of, rather than because of, the RPD's public outreach efforts.

In summary, I am concerned that the basis for the Plan's recommendations is more ideological than technical, and that the public process surrounding NAP implementation is flawed and unaccountable. I am concerned that the NAP is proposing undue restrictions on off-leash dog activity at Bernal Hill ~~and McLaren Park~~ that will unfairly penalize the park's main users without adding significant habitat value. These are city parks, and the city has a responsibility to respect the needs of park users. Without the support of park users the Plan is likely to fail. At a time of huge city budget shortfalls requiring closure of schools and fire station "brownouts" it is irresponsible for the city to expend an undisclosed amount of money to enact this ill-conceived and unpopular program.

E (Dogs-off leash Merit)

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Bernal Hill
Letter 39

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July 28, 2005

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Attn: NAPMAP

Dear Ms. Wayne and NAP:

I am a San Francisco resident, homeowner and taxpayer. Please accept the following comments to the Natural Areas Program Management Areas Plan (NAPMAP).

Address the public's concerns.

I frequent several parks that have designated Natural Areas, including Stern Grove/Pine Lake Park, Golden Gate Heights Park, McLaren Park, and I occasionally visit Bernal Hill and Glen Canyon. I attended NAP Community workshops. I am very concerned that NAP failed to incorporate the public's concerns regarding this unpopular program. The public has made its concerns known to NAP and Ms. Wayne at numerous meetings, including the few community meetings that were held in response to the public outcry, San Francisco Board of Supervisors hearings, Board of Supervisors' committee meetings, and PROSAC meetings. Ms. Wayne and NAP are fully aware of the public's concerns and wishes. My comments apply to all the Natural Areas in the San Francisco parks.

Tax dollars should be used first for park maintenance and recreation programs.

The cost of this unpopular program is unsupportable when compared to the unmet needs of San Francisco residents. I have found NAP to be evasive when questioned about the cost. Nevertheless, NAP has been unable to totally obscure the cost to the public. I understand that the budget for 2005-2006 is close to one million dollars. Ms. Wayne and the Volunteer Coordinator are each paid $93,000 plus benefits. Eight gardeners have been assigned to NAP. In addition to this enormous amount, acquisitions and habitat restoration work can use the Capital Projects program. I understand $3.4 million was spent on Parcel 4. I also understand that the part of NAP within the Capital Project has authorization to hire 16 gardeners.

San Francisco residents expect that their tax dollars will be used to maintain recreation areas in our parks and fund recreation programs for children and seniors. As any visit to any of our parks will clearly reveal, we need more gardeners to maintain our parks. The enormous funds that NAP is taking from our park maintenance and recreation programs needs to be severely reduced and curtailed.

Do not introduce new species into our parks.

I am particularly concerned that NAP can introduce "sensitive species" even if there is no record that they ever existed at the site. In addition, "sensitive species" should only be defined by Federal and State statues on endangered species, not by private groups such as the California Native Plant Society, the Audubon Society and the Sierra Club. These groups have their own agendas that are not necessarily the same as the interests of the residents of San Francisco who pay the taxes and use the parks. The introduction of such "sensitive species" will undoubtedly curtail recreational access. I had understood that NAP was designed to save native "remnants", not create new areas by planting new species and taking over areas that are merely "naturalistic". I strongly object to the introduction of either Lessingia or Gumplant in any Natural Area..

Do not remove non-native wildlife and plants.

The diversity of plant and wildlife is San Francisco is greater now than when Europeans arrived. The diversity of trees and plants have created a habitat for birds and butterflies that have migrated here. Migration of plants, birds, and animals is the history of the planet. Migrations and change doesn't stop at one isolated moment, the day Europeans arrived. San Franciscans love the diversity here and they love the trees. They do not want the tress taken out, even if they are non-native.

Do not cut off public access in the Natural Areas, including MA1 and MA2 areas.

I, and other members of the public, have repeatedly (at public hearings and in written comments) pointed out that San Francisco is an urban area of very high density. The few parks and open space areas that we have need to be available to the public for recreation. **The first priority of the San Francisco Department of Parks and Recreation is, and must remain, parks and recreation for the public.** I strongly object to the restriction of public access (and fencing) around Pine Lake and in parts of McLaren Park.

I also strongly object to the removal of the social trails in Golden Gate Heights Park. I, and many other residents, enjoy trail walking in this area. The portion of Golden Gate Heights Park designated a Natural Area is not a remnant, it is "naturalistic" and not appropriate for the a Natural Areas designation. The proposed trail does not compensate for the lack of open space access. True open space access means a place to walk and play and wander. Restricting the public to a few (NAP acceptable) trails takes needed open space away from the public's use.

Do not limit off-leash dog walking recreation in existing DPA and de facto areas.

Off-leash dog walking recreation and native remnants have co-existed for decades. San Franciscan families love their dogs and off-leash dog walking is a beloved San Franciscan tradition The NAP proposed changes to existing off-leash areas is highly controversial among residents. Adopting NAPMAP in its current form will not end this controversy.

I strongly, object to the to following provisions of NAPMAP with respect to off-leash dog walking:

- Bernal Hill DPA reduction from 21 acres to 13 acres A
- McLaren Park DPA reduction from 60 acres to 51 acres
- Pine Lake no access zone
- restrictions on de facto off-leash dog walking areas in Glen Canyon
- restrictions on de facto off-leash dog walking trails area of Golden Gate Heights Park

Do not adopt General Recommendation GR-7 (removal of cats).

The SPCA Feral Fix Program has been successful in reducing the number of feral cats. If NAP traps cats it may well include roaming pets of San Francisco families. In addition, and cats that are trapped are unlikely to be adopted and thus will be killed.

The City of Ventura trapped and eliminated feral cats at Ventura Beach and discovered that it had created an enormous problem with respect to rats. The feral cats had kept the rat population in check and when the cats were trapped and killed the rat population exploded. NAP may be unaware that San Francisco already has a rat issues in many neighborhoods. Should the number of feral cats be significantly reduced it is likely that the rat population in San Francisco will greatly increase.

Thank you for considering my comments to NAPMAP.

Sincerely,

Christy Cameron

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Ms. Margaret Mc Arthur, Park and Recreation Committee Liaison

Bernal Hill
Letter 40

July 27, 2005

San Francisco Recreation & Park Department
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Re: July 28th GGNRA Rule Making Committee Meeting – OFF-LEASH PARKS

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This is a letter in response to shrinking the off-leash areas of the Bernal Heights Hill. I reside at 119 Nevada Street in Bernal Heights and I love and value our neighborhood; especially the off-leash Bernal Hill Park and Holly Park for my dogs. Furthermore, I protest the upcoming July 28th meeting agenda which proposes to reduce off-leash rights for people and their dogs in regard to the Bernal Heights Hill Park and all other off-leash parks in the city of San Francisco. **Keep the Bernal Heights Hill a COMPLETELY off-leash area to dogs.** Dog owners in Bernal Heights and the city of San Francisco are responsible pet owners. A

While you are in the process of finalizing your significant natural resource area management plan, please take these comments into consideration regarding off-leash areas in San Francisco Parks, including Alamo Square, Alta Plaza Park, **BERNAL HEIGHTS**, **HOLLY PARK**, Brotherhood Way, Buena Vista Park, Corona Heights, Crocker Amazon, Dolores Park, Douglass Park, Eureka Valley Park, Golden Gate Park dog training area, GG Park Northeast, Southeast, and South Central, Jefferson Square, Lafayette Park, Lake Merced, McLaren Park, McKinley Square Park, Mountain Lake Park, Potrero Hill Mini-Park, St. Mary's Park, Stern Grove Park (2 sites), Upper Noe Park, and many others.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

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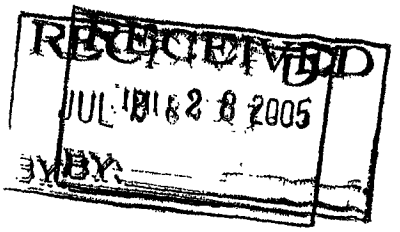

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While you are in the process of finalizing your significant natural resource area management plan, please take these comments into consideration regarding off-leash areas in San Francisco Parks, including Alamo Square, Alta Plaza Park, **BERNAL HEIGHTS**, **HOLLY PARK**, Brotherhood Way, Buena Vista Park, Corona Heights, Crocker Amazon, Dolores Park, Douglass Park, Eureka Valley Park, Golden Gate Park dog training area, GG Park Northeast, Southeast, and South Central, Jefferson Square, Lafayette Park, Lake Merced, McLaren Park, McKinley Square Park, Mountain Lake Park, Potrero Hill Mini-Park, St. Mary's Park, Stern Grove Park (2 sites), Upper Noe Park, and many others.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

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Bernal Hill
Letter 42

Karl F. Heisler
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July 19, 2005

Recreation and Park Department
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SUBJECT: Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan – Draft, June 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

I have the following comments on the June 2005 draft of the Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan. Most of my comments relate to Bernal Hill.

Please clarify the seeming inconsistency between the statement under Grassland on p. 6.21-2 that "native plants represent 51 percent of the grassland cover," and the statement under Invasive Plant Species on p. 6.21-3 that indicates that wild oat grassland – one of six "vegetation series dominated by invasive species" – covers more than 19 acres of the 24-acre Natural Area (80 percent of the total). It would seem that if wild oat grassland covers the vast majority of the hill, as shown in Figure 6.21-3, it would be impossible for more than half of the grassland cover to be composed of native plants. A

I don't think it is accurate to state (pp. 6.21-2) that the trails are worn "through the thin soil and into the underlying bedrock" on Bernal Hill. The entire hillside is covered with highly folded and fractured rock (mostly chert), and there are small fragments of rock and stone everywhere, both on the trails and on the remainder of the hillside. I know that the trails remain primarily soil-covered, particularly around the north side of the hill, because during the rainy season, the trails are slippery due to the clay soil cover. B

I am afraid that the notion that the Dog Play Area could be expanded to the area below Bernal Heights Boulevard is somewhat disingenuous. First, the entire hill, including the area below the road on the north side of the hill, is effectively an off-leash area now, meaning that the proposed addition would provide no real benefit to dog owners. Secondly, this area is the least desirable off-leash area precisely because it is below Bernal Heights Boulevard, and therefore is exposed to existing streets. It is the area above the road that provides the safety of being away from traffic, separated by the flat expanse of Bernal Heights Boulevard – and provides the benefit of being isolated from those who don't want to be bothered by off-leash dogs. C

Finally, and more generally, I strongly object to the concept of the Significant Natural Areas Program to the extent that it proposes that existing well-used areas of our city parks be restricted as to that use. Furthermore, I find the fact that the draft Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan uses such a broad definition of "sensitive species," including mostly plants that are not listed by state or federal agencies, but only deemed "locally significant" by the California Native Plant Society, to be overreaching on the part of the Department.

I have real concerns, in a highly developed urban area such as San Francisco, as to whether it is appropriate to attempt preservation and/or re-creation of fragments of the ecosystem where that effort would require restricting access to areas of our parks. I find this entire move insulting in light of the recent increase in enforcement of leash laws the prohibit off-leash dogs in the large majority of city parks, and I am reminded of the irony of the Recreation and Park Department trying to further restrict off-leash dog activity every time I go to Precita Park with my dog on leash and read the signs stating, "Off Leash Dog Park Two Blocks Away on Bernal."

Sincerely,

Karl F. Heisler

c: Supervisor Tom Ammiano, District 9

Bernal Hill
Letter 43

Subject: Fw: Strong support for NAP

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 08:20 AM -----

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cc:

Subject: Strong support for NAP

Dear Mr. Mayor, Honorable Supervisors and Recreation and Park officials:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Recreation and Parks Departments Natural Areas Program. As a long time resident of San Francisco, it has been most disheartening to see the recent attacks on one of the best programs the City has going. Preservation and enhancement of our remnant areas of natural habitat is not only beneficial for current residents as well as native wildlife, it is also our duty to future generations of San Franciscans.

I have lived in Bernal Heights for over ten years and in that time I have seen major deterioration of my favorite portion of Bernal Hill park - namely the Northwest section with its abundant populations of native wildflowers. This area is in desperate need of protection. A couple of trails ten years ago have grown to an erosive network of paths that run vertically up the hill face as well as horizontally across the hill. I have witnessed dogs off leash busily digging up the soil in native habitat areas while their guardians stand by. People regularly throw balls up the hill from the road so their dogs can race up and down this steep, sensitive hillside. Naturally, this causes severe erosion. A B C

I treasure the natural areas in this and other parks in the City. It is unfortunate that a few individuals have been able to successfully spread so much misinformation about this vital program. The plan that has been proposed is reasonable, well researched and documented and necessary. I wish it went farther. I would rather see no dogs at all in the sensitive area of Bernal Hill, rather than just making it an on-leash area. There are many similar compromises in the plan that I wish weren't there. Yet to off-leash advocates, no compromise seems to be good enough. D

Thank you for your attention to this.

Best Regards,

Steven Krefting

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Bernal Hill
Letter 44

Subject: Fw: The Natural Areas Program Draft Management Plan

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cc:

Subject: The Natural Areas Program Draft Management Plan

Dear Sir/Madame:

I am very much in favor of the NAP Draft Management Plan.

I am very concerned that the Natural Areas Program (NAP) is being falsely disparaged through misleading information at the NAPRAP web site (<http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/index.html >http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/index.html).
I am supportive of the plan and the goals of the NAP. My main concern is that not enough area is being protected from off-leash dogs. Please implement the plan and expand the restrictions on off –leash dogs wherever possible, especially at Bernal Hill and Pine Lake Park. A

See below for a summary of the misleading information provided by NAPRAP. You should discount much or all of what they say. Their tactic of

flooding you with emails does not represent the feelings of the majority of

the community,

Sincerely,

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San Francisco, CA 94116

SUMMARY OF MISLEADING STATEMENTS MADE BY NAPRAP

There are many inflammatory and misleading statements throughout the NAPRAP. A few are summarized here.

Fencing:

What NAPRAP says:
1. The text refers to a "cyclone fences" (Parcel 4 article).
2. It implies that fencing is widespread instead of isolated: "Natural areas also require protection from public access (fencing off), as native plants are not hardy, and traffic by people or animals can bring seeds from

non-native plants into the Natural Areas which will grow and choke out the native plants." (FAQ section).
3. It misrepresents the fencing plans: "Yet, the NAP proposes to exclude access to the Natural Areas by perimeter fencing and the elimination of many trails utilized by the public. Lakes such as Pine Lake, and Lake Merced will have fencing surrounding the water so that the shore is not accessible. Children will wait 3-5 years or more to feed the ducks again."

(FAQ section).
4. States that there will be many fenced trails at Bernal: "Visitors to the

park will be restricted to the fenced trails NAP has designated." (Your Park"Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. No cyclone fences will be used
2. Fencing will be used only as a last resort and when other mechanisms have been tried and failed.
3. Pine lake access to the water will be allowed. The perimeter trail will

remain open to people and dogs
4. Fences will only be used at Bernal as a last resort and to reduce erosion caused by access up steep slopes.

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Vegetation:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Ignores the plan"s incorporation of non-native trees to remain for wildlife and aesthetics: "NAP advocates envision natural areas as areas where all non-native plants have been removed, and only native plants are replanted." (FAQ section)

What the plan says:
1. Non-native trees and other vegetation are protected in the plan including most of the urban forest and other non-native plants important to

native wildlife

Original Habitat:

What NAPRAP says:
1. States that there are not sensitive species at Bernal, fencing will be installed, and wildlife will be destroyed: "A detailed evaluation of the specific plan for Bernal Heights reveals that there is little or no original habitat there, and there are no threatened, endangered, or sensitive species (by definition of State or Federal agencies) there. On the contrary, NAP intends to destroy the current ecosystem and introduce species some members of the local native plant society and the local Audubon society personally consider "sensitive". In doing so, they will limit public access and fencing will be installed to confine park visitors to the walkways they have chosen for you. The changes in the ecosystem will have an unknown effect on the wildlife currently in this area. And in

fact, NAP plans to destroy wildlife that interferes with their plan here and at all "Natural Areas"." (FAQ section) 2. Refer to species as random: "To allow a few individuals from local special interest groups to define a random species as "sensitive" and destroy parkland to find a place for that "sensitive" species is a violation of the public trust." (FAQ section) 3. Untruthful statements: "There is little or no "original habitat" on Bernal Hill." (Your Park"Bernal Section)

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What the plan says:

1. There are sensitive species at Bernal. Bernal has significant and important plant habitat and populations.
2. The delineation of sensitive species is not random. It was based on an evaluation of the distribution of plants

around the city, the identification of plant species with three or fewer populations and identification of species that may soon go extinct from San Francisco.
3. There is abundant native habitat on Bernal Hill

Erosion:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Ignores the erosion control measures and trail safety in the plan: "The NAP proposal acknowledges that erosion in the park properties endangers the

public safety. Yet, repeatedly, the NAP plans to remove non-native plants and trees that are proven superior to resist erosion and replace them with native plants. Native plants are inferior in resisting erosion. NAP planners are not deterred." (FAQ Section) 2. Claims to know which plants are superior for erosion control: "Native plants are inferior to non-native plants in controlling erosion " as was evidenced by the failure of Natural Areas at Fort Ord, along Great Highway,

and at Fort Funston. Ice plant is the proven solution to sandy slopes which

must resist erosion. Nasturtium grow readily as well as ivy in the Pine Lake area. All of these plants would be superior in erosion control to preserve the health of the lake." (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. Erosion control measures are presented in Chapter 5. After land is exposed as part of restoration efforts, erosion control measures are implented 2. The assertion that native plants are less adept at controlling erosion is unfounded. In fact, non-native trees that tear down hillsides and iceplant are probably some of worst species for controlling erosion.

Recreational Use:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Claims that certain areas are not habitats: "Other parks where NAP intends to make aggressive changes are Stern Grove/Pine Lake and Lake Merced. Neither of these areas are currently habitats, and the creation of

such in heavily utilized urban parks such as these reflects a basic lack of

concern for the recreational park user by SFRPD) planners." (FAQ Section) 2. Ignores recreational uses such as bird watching, walking, and everything

other than dogs swimming in the lake: "The Natural Areas Program does NOT foster recreational access. There is no pressing reason to create a Natural Area at Pine Lake. Restoration of water quality and the lake"s health can easily be accomplished without creating a Natural Area." (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. There are natural areas at Pine Lake. There are not plans to restrict public access on the trail around the lake 2. The plan attempts to improve recreational access in all natural areas

Trees:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Implies that all eucs will be removed at Pine Lake and that there will be no windbreak (Your Park " Pine Lake Section) 2. Implies all the trees will be removed: "Removing eucalyptus trees as NAP

proposes will hasten erosion. Additionally, the destruction of eucalyptus trees at Stern Grove (merely because they are non-native) is another violation as the Operational Plan requires arboreal maintenance and reforestation of all SF parks. Because the eucalyptus dominates the landscape at Stern Grove, reforestation would not be possible without removing ALL the eucalyptus. Certainly destroying healthy eucalyptus trees

does not qualify as arboreal maintenance!" (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:

1. and 2. The plan proposes no eucalyptus removed at Pine Lake

Cats:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Plan recommends killing feral cats and other wildlife: "This would refer

to the killing of feral cats and any other wildlife NAP deems unacceptable." (Your Park " Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. The plan does not include killing of cats. The recommendation for feral

cats says that removal and relocation of predators may result in death and other unintended negative consequences. Therefore the proposed removal or relocation must be submitted in writing to SFRPD for review and recommendation. In each case the Department will consult with SFSPCA to determine whether relocation or removal is feasible and if so how best it can be done.

Dogs:

What NAPRAP says:
1. "A large portion of the hill will be changed to on-leash;
essentially off-leash dogs will be limited to the paved pathways and flat areas only." (Your Park " Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. More than two thirds of the hill top will remain off-leash. The proposed on-leash section is largely steep hillsides. Dogs will still be allowed on leash is this areas.

Bernal Hill
Letter 45

Subject: Fw: Comments on Natural Areas Program plan

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Please see attached comment letter.

Thanks,

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Public comments on NAP MAP

I have several general concerns about the NAP MAP and I hope and trust that NAP's staff will honestly weigh the public concerns.

In general the plan proposes a massive reduction in the amount of parklands available to all San Franciscans. The scope of the plan has no identifiable budget, besides the stated 1 million dollars a year. So essentially, if approved, Rec. & Park will be asking San Franciscans to write NAP a BLANK CHECK for the stated 20 years.

I can't approve of a program that has such power to take a way "up to 100 acres of the Dog Play Areas" that the dog community has fought so long and hard to establish. San Franciscans in good faith negotiated with Rec. & Park for these areas with no idea that another Rec. & Park program would be allowed to override the decisions of the Dog Advisory Committee and the Rec/Park Commission. Furthermore NAP's plan says it can take these acres

without review by the DAC or this Commission.

There is disagreement whether the current total DPA acreage is as much as 124 acres. NAP MAP's potential grab of "up to 100 acres" would eliminate almost all of the measly DPA acreage.

These are my recommendations to NAP.

San Francisco recreational needs should receive a priority – people before plants in urban parks. Nap must provide a detailed long-term plan that states the funding, staff and volunteer hours and other resourced need to create, maintain, and monitor each site. Because Rec. & Park.

NAP needs to remember that it was designed to protect remnants of species in our parks, not to recreate nature preserves. After all you cannot turn a city into a series of nature preserves. Non-native wildlife, trees & plants can co-exist with native species. So do not remove them.

Nap should not be permitted to remove feral cats from any of these parks.
So, delete General Recommendation GR-7 from the plan.

Additionally, off leash dog recreation and the native remnants have co-existed for decades. There should be no restrictions until there is scientific evidence documenting a detrimental impact of off-leash recreation and until other measures like trail border & erosion controls have been tried.

Do not slaughter any more trees in the city's parks. Several areas of
Glen Park resemble a logging site.
Do not use herbicides in the Natural Areas.

Specifically at Pine Lake area of Stern Grove:
Do not create a Western Pond turtle habitat especially when you don't even know that it exists there.
Do not remove other turtles, or any natural predators because if they exit there, then it proves that it can co-exist with the mix at Pine Lake.
Do not sacrifice any more eucalyptus trees for a nature preserve.
Do not introduce rare plant species such as SF Gum plant or Lessingia.
And do not restrict dogs from going into the lake. Dogs have been wading there for as long as the lake has existed.

Specifically at Bernal Hill & Glen Park Canyon off-leash areas:

NAP proposes to reduce the existing Bernal Hill DPA by about 20%.
The plan states that "off-leash activities should be limited to the flat areas..." these being the roads and remnants of a dumpsite.
The plan proposed that leashes be required on the steep slopes (Bernal) and trails (Glen Canyon) because some of these slopes/trails contain plants which the California Native Plant 'Society deems "sensitive."
It is important to know these plants are not considered rare b Federal or State Endangered Species regulations.

Do not slaughter any more trees in the city's parks. Several areas in
Glen
Canyon resemble logging sites.

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The very existence of several native plant species on Bernal Hill & Glen Canyon indicates that these plants can successfully co-exist with off-leash dog recreation. It does not make sense to create a new nature preserve in these high-use recreational areas.

Respectively,

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Bernal Hill
Letter 46

Subject: Fw: Natural Areas Program (NAP) Comments

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Subject: Natural Areas Program (NAP) Comments

I apologize in advance if you receive this email twice. I initially tried sending it through the NAP RAP Web site email link and received an error.

Greetings,

I am a graduate student at San Francisco State University (SFSU) in the Department of Geography. One of my advisors, Dr. Jerry Davis, introduced me to NAP, and I accepted a position through SFSU's Institute for Geographic Information Science to work on GIS and the maps for the Significant Natural

Resource Areas Management Plan. Through this experience, I have come to understand what NAP does.

I am a long-time resident of San Francisco and currently live in District 7. I appreciate and applaud the Recreation and Park Department for having a Natural Areas Program. I support NAP's efforts to preserve and enhance natural areas that exist within the city's park system.

As you know, San Francisco adopted Policy 2.13 of the Recreation and Open Space Element of its General Plan in 1991. This policy states that the city should preserve and protect significant natural resource areas. Within the city, many of these natural areas exist on Recreation and Park Department property.
It
seems logical for Rec Park to have developed a program to follow these guidelines.

I have read the 1995 RPD Staff Report that was adopted by the Recreation and Park Commission in early 1995. NAP has followed the public review process as set forth in that report. It should not take the heat if the community now

believes a different process should have been defined. In addition, once the current public comment process has been completed and a final NAP management plan is finished, there will be a formal environmental review process under

Califoria State guidelines with additional opportunities for the public to be heard.

No one benefits from the spread of misinformation. I am aware that people at Pine Lake Park and Bernal Hill are being given incorrect information about what NAP does and what its future management plans are. My understanding is NAP

recognizes that as part of the Rec Park Department there needs to be balance between human recreational use of these areas and the preservation and enhancement of natural areas. For example, at Bernal Hill NAP does not intend to prohibit access to the park for dog or people. However, in some places,

people will be required to stay on designated trails and keep their dogs
on-
leash in those areas. Yes, the off-leash area will be decreased.
However,
there is also discussion in the management plan of creating off-leash linkages between those areas and expanding the DPA in another area at Baernal Hill.

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Please see the draft management plan. Yes, the trail system will be modified to include fewer feet of trails. A primary reason for these changes relates to soil erosion problems that have already and will continue to create public hazard areas in that park. There will still be a trail system that allows people and their dogs access to the park. These ideas do not seem unreasonable to me.

I became aware of the NAP RAP Web site today. In reviewing this Web site, I see several points that I would like to comment on to support NAP and its current draft management plan:

Among other things, recreation may also include enjoyment of nature. Bird watching, photography of native wildflowers, walking or running on designated trails through natural park land, and participating in efforts to restore natural areas by planting or weeding are examples of recreational activities available in SF natural areas. As a San Francisco resident, I have enjoyed

participating in all of these activities (except bird watching) in various natural areas and hope to continue to do so in the future. As someone that

doesn't own a car, I appreciate the opportunity to pursue these activities within the city.

I am not a member of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), but through my studies am familiar with the work that they do. I disagree with the NAP RAP Web site's representation of CNPS as one of the "groups [that] are not scientific organizations, nor are they democratic." CNPS is an organization that believes in promoting collection of scientifically sound information regarding the status of California's native flora. Its membership is comprised of amateurs and professionals (formally trained biologists, ecologists, botanists, natural resource managers, and others).
http://www.cnps.org/activities/aboutCNPS.htm Anyone with an interest in native CA flora is welcome to join this organization – How is that not democratic?

In addition, California Department of Fish and Game's Habitat Conservation Planning Branch (DFG) is informed by CNPS' Inventory of Rare and Endangered

Vascular Plants of California when determining the protection status of the

State's plant species. Clearly, CNPS' work is valued and approved of by the State of California. For more information, please see DFG's Web site at:
http://www.dfg.ca.gov/hcpb/species/t_e_spp/nat_plnt_consv.shtml

I'll reiterate that I support NAP's efforts to preserve and enhance natural

areas that exist within the city's park system. Thank you in advance for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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Bernal Hill
Letter 47

Subject: Fw: NAP Comment

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Please respond to csoto

Dear Lisa,

I belong to Sierra Club, plant native plants in my garden in Noe Valley and generally support restoration of native habitat.
That said, I would like to request that NAP is thoughtful of all uses in restoring those San Francisco parks like Bernal Hill, Pine Lake, Glen Park that are heavily used for recreation. It is a difficult balance you face but restoration will have the best chance to florish in those places that are not used that much for recreation. Alternatively, you might consider fences--though they do not create "natural looking" spaces, they would keep dogs and people out of those areas you are restoring. A

Because San Francisco is so small, we need to be sure that recreation and restoration can co-exist rather than one trumping the other.

Thank you,

Carol Soto

Bernal Hill
Letter 48

Subject: Fw: NAP comments

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Subject: NAP comments

Lisa,
Thank you for that information. Again, the onus is on the RPD to provide accurate and up-to-date information, not to rely on individuals to call your office and spend their own money on materials to inform the public. It's called DUE DILIGENCE, and I'm almost sure there is money in your budget for PR, so spend it.

Regarding the comments that have been sent to NAP so far, there are still many "meaningful" concerns to be weighed regarding the entire NAP endeavor, despite some inaccuracies about Bernal Hill specifically, including fiscal accountability, the lack of sound ecological science, the lack of public input, and the mission of the RPD to preserve RECREATIONAL areas for recreation. These comments should not be disregarded. A

Your own comments in yesterday's Examiner article are very telling.
When you go to Costa Rica to see the rain forest landscape, do you look for it in the city of San Jose's public recreational areas? Would you take away what the pineapple plantations provide to the people so that you could see a nice "landscape" when you're on vacation?

In my opinion, and this is for the public record, the best thing the Parks Commission could do for the City of SF is to help you look for another job and invest your salary, and the entire NAP budget, into programs that actually serve the public interest.

Christine McQuiston

On Jul 28, 2005, at 9:24 AM, Lisa Wayne wrote:

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> Christine
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> You need to go to the RPD website to directly to the link that has
> been provided.
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> http://www.parks.sfgov.org/site/recpark_meeting.asp?id=1896.
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> This site should answer your questions and give you the information

> you need to comment on the plan.
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> Each search engine is different and will come up with different
> results.
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> In the future, please contact the department to verify that the
> information you post is accurate or with questions. We are seeking
> comments on the current proposals in the plan. Thank you. Lisa
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> Dear Lisa,
> I have had a chance now to go back to the SFgov/Rec&Park website. I
> wanted to see how easy it was to find the updated 15-page Bernal Hill
> plan you gave me the link to. What I found was interesting. When I
> entered "Bernal Hill" in 'enter a key word to search the Recreation &
> Park web site' search box, I found several obscure documents of
> meeting minutes, but not the 15-page document you referred me to;
> searching SFGOV for "Natural Areas Plan" brings up, at the top of the
> list, the DLA report criticizing NAP for its "flawed public process"
> which I quoted to you in my last email. Finally, searching "Natural
> Areas Bernal Hill", the top document that comes up is the 12-page 2002
> "Bernal Hill 6.21" from which I gathered the "misinformation" for the
> flyer I put together to alert my community to the public comments
> deadline, but not the 15-page document you referred me to. This seems
> like the most likely way a citizen hearing rumors and wanting to find
> out facts would go about doing so.
> If, as you said,
>> It is important to the Recreation and Park Department that accurate
>> information about the plan be disseminated to the public so that
>> meaningful public input can be received on the Public Draft.
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> then why is it so hard to find? In the past month I have talked to
> hundreds of people on Bernal Hill, asking what they knew about these
> plans. MOST had never heard of NAP or anything about changes on
> Bernal, some had heard vague rumors, and the rest were apparently
> "misinformed". The onus is on SFRPD and NAP.
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>
> On Jul 27, 2005, at 4:07 PM, Lisa Wayne wrote:
>
>> Dear Park Advocate
>>
>> Your comments regarding the Natural Areas at Bernal Hill have been
>> received by the Department.
>>

>> It is important to the Recreation and Park Department that accurate
>> information about the plan be disseminated to the public so that
>> meaningful public input can be received on the Public Draft. It has
>> come to our attention that the postings on Bernal Hill "prepared by
>> Christine_Mcquiston@yahoo.com" of highlighted maps of Bernal Hill is
>> presenting misinformation about the Natural Areas Draft Management
>> Plan.
>> The maps that were posted in the park were taken from a draft plan
>> that was prepared in 2002 and modified to show changes in off-leash
>> recreation and access. This information is incorrect as well as
>> other information that was posted in the park. The Department
>> encourages the public to view the accurate plan and maps for Bernal
>> Hill located on the Recreation and Park Department website
>> http://www.parks.sfgov.org/wcm_recpark/SNRA50/Sections/
>> 6.21%20Bernal%20Hill.pdf.
>>
>> In summary, the Draft Management Plan
>> does not propose any tree removal at Bernal Hill - see text box on
>> map
>> page 6.21-15
>> does not propose cyclone fencing at Bernal or any of the designated
>> Natural Areas
>> mentions that fencing would be used as a last resort (only low
>> rustic
>> fencing) and in specific locations where erosion and safety are a
>> concern - see page 6.21-7
>> only proposes to close or re-reroute social trails that are
>> unsafe, are
>> short cuts or are redundant - see pages 6.21-8 and 6.21-15, which
>> contains a map of trails to remain and be improved under the plan.
>> For
>> social trails proposed for closure, please see the pink trails on
>> page
>> 6.21-12
>> does not propose to exclude people and dogs from Bernal Hill
>> does propose to reduce the existing designated 21 acre off-leash
>> area
>> above the road to a 13 acre off-leash area. The remaining 8 acres
>> would
>> be on-leash. Off leash experiences will continue in the most
>> heavily
>> used off-leash areas including the paved road, the quarry, the
>> entire
>> central portion of the hill that extends from the radio tower to
>> the
>> east hairpin turn (and a trail that crosses hill's crest) (see
>> attached
>> map that was shown at public meetings regarding the Draft
>> Management
>> Plan)
>>
>> Again, the Department is interested in receiving public input on the
>> proposed plan. Please review the accurate plan on RPDs website and
>> make comments. The comment period ends Thursday July 28th at 5pm.
>> Thank you.
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>> (See attached file: proposed off-leash dog area changes.jpg)<proposed
>> off-leash dog area changes.jpg>
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Letter 49

Subject: Fw: NAP comments - please respond

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:27 AM -----

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07/28/2005 11:29 AM
Please respond to Ryan*PC Gibson

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc: margaret.mcarthur@sfgov.org, info@sfdog.org
Subject: Re: NAP comments - please respond

Dear Lisa Wayne:

I would like to provide my feedback on the NAP proposal. As an environmentalist, and a dog owner I believe that the proposal is too extreme. I have read the documentation, and attended a meeting at Glen Park Recreational center in an effort to try and understand the proposal.
The information provided so far is not clear enough on the impact the changes would have on many users of the park. I find that the maps are unclear, and explanations inadequate. The form provided online does not work, so I am providing my comments here.

When certain sections of Bernal Heights are proposed to be marked off limits, how will this impact the ability of citizens with their dogs from enjoying the park? Bernal Heights has a very dramatic topography, which means that the full area is not passable, because they are too steep. My concern is that the selection of areas in Bernal Heights will fragment the passable areas in such a way that it is not possible to walk along a path for any length of time. Right now, it is possible to walk 40 minutes to an hour at a normal pace without retracing your steps. This is the reason we visit Bernal Heights; for this type of walking, and panoramic vista viewing. I would like to see this type of "use case" taken into consideration for proposed changes. A

From reading the documentation, I do not believe that dog owners are being considered enough in some of these areas. Dog owners are not marginal users of Glen Park, GGP and Bernal Heights but essential members of the park community. People with dogs use the park year round and in all weather, providing citizen-stewardship and watchful eyes to the area. B
While there may be a small minority of dog owners that do not act responsibly, the same could be said of many other groups including children. It would be unthinkable of banning children from our parks. By rendering large portions of the park inaccessible to people with dogs, NAP could in effect be banning us from these parks.

The proposal does not provide scientific evidence that dogs negatively impact the environment. I would argue that this idea goes against common sense. Without the protection of shoes and clothes, a dog's natural instinct is to tread carefully. My observations are that dogs walking with their responsible owners have negligible environmental impact. Dogs seem like a natural part of the landscape, as opposed to introducing new species of plants (as NAP proposes).

I would like to add as a final comment, that the mass destruction of feral cats seems barbaric. What research

provides evidence that feral cats are threats to endangered species? How are the judgments being made that the life of one type of creature is of greater than another?

Thank you for your time considering my comments.

Ryan Gibson
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Letter 50

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 09:29 AM -----

"Claus Schlund" <schlund@hsq.com> 07/27/2005 08:26 PM

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cc: "SchlundAtHome" <claus@hellgatemodels.com>
Subject: NAP Comments

Hi,

I'm writing because I'm converned about the current situation w/ regard to SF Parks & REc NAP program.

While I'm entirely for PRESERVATION of existing wild areas, I'm entirely AGAINT restoration of non-native areas back to their "native" condition. It just seems unnecessary, costly, and just plain silly to remove mature trees and their existing natural beauty simply due to the idea that these plants were not present in that area 200 years ago.

We will be tearing out existing plant life which is doing well and replacing it with something that will require MAINTENANCE in the future. Obviously if the non-native plants have pushed out the natives in a given location, these non-native plants will do so again unless the area is subject to constant maintenance.

Chopping down a majestic eucalyptus simply for the sake of "plant racial purity" seems illogical, and even has the taste of a near-criminal act against nature.

Furthermore, restriction of areas available to dog owners for off-leash recreation appear to be a part of the NAP plan.
In case it's unclear, there are a LOT of dog owners in the city, and the number is growing, not declining. To suggest that less park land be available for this enjoyable and healthy form of recreation seems to run against all common sense.

In my local area, under the current plans, Bernal Hill park will have a reduction in area available for off-leash dogs. Yet this is not the entire story - not only will the area be reduced, but this reduction includes the "trade", giving off-leash dogs of some undesirable areas of the park (the steep slopes skirting the periphery) in trade for the more usable areas. Thus the reduction is actually far worse than the numbers suggest, because much of the new area will not be suitable for dog recreation. A

I'm hoping each of you will consider the sanity of the current NAP plan.

Thanks for listening.

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Subject: Fw: Support for THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 09:16 AM -----

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cc:

Subject: Support for THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM

To whom it may concern,
I am writing in support of the THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM . I think it is a reasonable and will restore a small part of San Francisco to some semblance of its natural state. I would urge support of the plan. I am concerned about some misleading statements that have been put forward by NAPRAP which is opposed to its implementation. I would urge our city leaders not to be mislead by these inaccurate statements.

Fencing:
What NAPRAP says:
1. The text refers to a "cyclone fences" (Parcel 4 article).
2. It implies that fencing is widespread instead of isolated:
"Natural areas also require protection from public access (fencing off), as native plants are not hardy, and traffic by people or animals can bring seeds from non-native plants into the Natural Areas which will grow and choke out the native plants." (FAQ section).
3. It misrepresents the fencing plans: "Yet, the NAP proposes to exclude access to the Natural Areas by perimeter fencing and the elimination of many trails utilized by the public. Lakes such as Pine Lake, and Lake Merced will have fencing surrounding the water so that the shore is not accessible. Children will wait 3-5 years or more to feed the ducks again." (FAQ section).
4. States that there will be many fenced trails at Bernal: "Visitors to the park will be restricted to the fenced trails NAP has designated." (Your Park"Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. No cyclone fences will be used
2. Fencing will be used only as a last resort and when other mechanisms have been tried and failed.
3. Pine lake access to the water will be allowed. The perimeter trail will remain open to people and dogs 4. Fences will only be used at Bernal as a last resort and to reduce erosion caused by access up steep slopes.

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Vegetation:
What NAPRAP says:

1. Ignores the plan"s incorporation of non-native trees to remain for wildlife and aesthetics: "NAP advocates envision natural areas as areas where all non-native plants have been removed, and only native plants are replanted." (FAQ section)

What the plan says:
1. Non-native trees and other vegetation are protected in the plan including most of the urban forest and other non-native plants important to native wildlife

Original Habitat:
What NAPRAP says:
1. States that there are not sensitive species at Bernal, fencing will be installed, and wildlife will be destroyed: "A detailed evaluation of the specific plan for Bernal Heights reveals that there is little or no original habitat there, and there are no threatened, endangered, or sensitive species (by definition of State or Federal agencies) there. On the contrary, NAP intends to destroy the current ecosystem and introduce species some members of the local native plant society and the local Audubon society personally consider "sensitive". In doing so, they will limit public access and fencing will be installed to confine park visitors to the walkways they have chosen for you. The changes in the ecosystem will have an unknown effect on the wildlife currently in this area. And in fact, NAP plans to destroy wildlife that interferes with their plan here and at all "Natural Areas"." (FAQ section) 2. Refer to species as random: "To allow a few individuals from local special interest groups to define a random species as "sensitive" and destroy parkland to find a place for that "sensitive" species is a violation of the public trust." (FAQ section) 3. Untruthful statements: "There is little or no "original habitat" on Bernal Hill." (Your Park"Bernal Section) 13

What the plan says:
1. There are sensitive species at Bernal. Bernal has significant and important plant habitat and populations.
2. The delineation of sensitive species is not random. It was based on an evaluation of the distribution of plants around the city, the identification of plant species with three or fewer populations and identification of species that may soon go extinct from San Francisco.
3. There is abundant native habitat on Bernal Hill

Erosion:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Ignores the erosion control measures and trail safety in the plan:
"The NAP proposal acknowledges that erosion in the park properties endangers the public safety. Yet, repeatedly, the NAP plans to remove non-native plants and trees that are proven superior to resist erosion and replace them with native plants. Native plants are inferior in resisting erosion. NAP planners are not deterred." (FAQ
Section)
2. Claims to know which plants are superior for erosion control:
"Native plants are inferior to non-native plants in controlling erosion " as was evidenced by the failure of Natural Areas at Fort Ord, along Great Highway, and at Fort Funston. Ice plant is the proven solution to sandy slopes which must resist erosion. Nasturtium grow readily as well as ivy in the Pine Lake area. All of these plants would be superior in erosion control to preserve the health of the lake." (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. Erosion control measures are presented in Chapter 5. After land is exposed as part of restoration efforts, erosion control measures are implented 2. The assertion that native plants are less adept at controlling erosion is unfounded. In fact, non-native trees that tear down hillsides and iceplant are probably some of worst species for controlling erosion.

Recreational Use:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Claims that certain areas are not habitats: "Other parks where NAP intends to make aggressive changes are Stern Grove/Pine Lake and Lake Merced. Neither of these areas are currently habitats, and the creation of such in heavily utilized urban parks such as these reflects a basic lack of concern for the recreational park user by SFRPD) planners." (FAQ Section)
2. Ignores recreational uses such as bird watching, walking, and everything other than dogs swimming in the lake: "The Natural Areas Program does NOT foster recreational access. There is no pressing reason to create a

Natural Area at Pine Lake. Restoration of water quality and the lake"s health can easily be accomplished without creating a Natural Area." (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. There are natural areas at Pine Lake. There are not plans to restrict public access on the trail around the lake 2. The plan attempts to improve recreational access in all natural areas

Trees:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Implies that all eucs will be removed at Pine Lake and that there will be no windbreak (Your Park " Pine Lake Section) 2. Implies all the trees will be removed: "Removing eucalyptus trees as NAP proposes will hasten erosion. Additionally, the destruction of eucalyptus trees at Stern Grove (merely because they are non-native) is another violation as the Operational Plan requires arboreal maintenance and reforestation of all SF parks. Because the eucalyptus dominates the landscape at Stern Grove, reforestation would not be possible without removing ALL the eucalyptus. Certainly destroying healthy eucalyptus trees does not qualify as arboreal maintenance!" (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. and 2. The plan proposes no eucalyptus removed at Pine Lake

Cats:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Plan recommends killing feral cats and other wildlife: "This would refer to the killing of feral cats and any other wildlife NAP deems unacceptable." (Your Park " Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. The plan does not include killing of cats. The recommendation for feral cats says that removal and relocation of predators may result in death and other unintended negative consequences. Therefore the proposed removal or relocation must be submitted in writing to SFRPD for review and recommendation. In each case the Department will consult with SFSPCA to determine whether relocation or removal is feasible and if so how best it can be done.

Dogs:

What NAPRAP says:
1. "A large portion of the hill will be changed to on-leash;
essentially off-leash dogs will be limited to the paved pathways and flat areas only." (Your Park " Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. More than two thirds of the hill top will remain off-leash. The proposed on-leash section is largely steep hillsides. Dogs will still be allowed on leash is this areas.

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Letter 52

Subject: Fw: NAP comments - please respond

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 08:55 AM -----

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To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org, Yomi.Agunbiade@sfgov.org, margaret.mcarthur@sfgov.org
cc: info@sfdog.org
Subject: Fwd: NAP comments - please respond

Dear Ms Wayne,

I would like to submit my comments on the NAP proposal for your consideration. My husband, dog and I have recently returned to San Francisco after a few years of living abroad. The ability to enjoy beautiful parks while still living in an urban area is one of the main reasons we have chosen to make San Francisco our permanent home. In particular, we are frequent visitors to Golden Gate Park, Glen Park and Bernal Heights Park.

There are a few issues of concern with the proposal that I would like to bring to your attention.

1. Cost of NAP

- **NAP currently costs almost $1,000,000/year, and receives additional funding through the Capital Projects division of Rec and Park.**
- **The cost, in dollars, staff and volunteer time directly competes with other Park and Rec programs such as athletic fields, day camps, and maintenance of buildings, restrooms, trash cans and lawns.**
- **Many NAP sites have already been planted, but have not been cared for and are now overgrown, neglected and weedy plots.**
- **NAP must provide detailed long-term plans that state the funding, staff and volunteer hours, and other resources needed to create, maintain and monitor each site.**
- **NAP states that "future grants" will help with funding, but these are not a reliable source of income.**
- **Until these long-term plans are available, the sites should remain as open space and not as designated NAP areas.**

2. "Sensitive" species

- **Do not introduce new species into the park. NAP was designed to protect remnants, not to recreate nature preserves.**
- **Sensitive species" should be defined only by Federal and State statues on Endangered Species, not by private clubs such as the**

Audubon Society, CNPS and the Sierra Club.

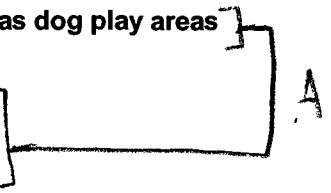
3. Removal of cats

* Delete General Recommendation GR-7 (removal of cats) from the Plan. The studies cited in the proposal have not been peer-reviewed and are not scientifically sound. Cats may well benefit the ecosystem by keeping rodents in check.

4. Removal of non-native wildlife and plants

* Non-native wildlife and plants can co-exist with native species. Do not remove them.

5. Reduction in off-leash recreation in legal and de facto Dog Park Areas dog play areas



* Do not reduce the off-leash recreation areas.
* Bernal Hill and McLaren parks will be particularly hard hit by the proposal.. Do not reduce off-leash recreations areas in these important parks.
* Off-leash dog recreation and the native remnants have co-existed for decades. Dogs tread lightly on the earth, and owners can play a part by picking up and removing dog waste, and keeping the dog under close voice control. Dog owners can be great stewards of parks - do not alienate them.
* Measures such as the creation of trail borders and erosion controls can be used to lessen impact.

6. Herbicides

* Do not use herbicides in the Natural Areas.

This proposal could significantly reduce my enjoyment of the parks that belong to me and all residents of San Francisco. Urban parks play an important role in the quality of life for people living in the city and the needs of people must come before the needs of plants. I urge you to heavily weigh public concerns to the revised NAP Management Plan and to be transparent in your decision-making process.

Please confirm that you have received my comments, and that the issues I raised will be addressed.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Perreault
551 Duboce Ave

Bernal Hill
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Subject: Fw: Natural Areas Program Comments - I SUPPORT THE PROGRAM.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 11:14 AM -----

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cc:
Subject: Natural Areas Program Comments - I SUPPORT THE PROGRAM.

Dear Mayor, Supervisors, et al:

I SUPPORT THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM.

I volunteer for the NAP in many parts of the city, I know the issues, and I think the Program is doing an excellent job with exceedingly small staff, and in the face of great difficulties. Its Management Plan is thorough, thoughtful, and well-balanced, accommodating the many diverse interests and needs of our citizens.

If I have any criticism of the Program, it is that they are being too generous to aggressive promoters of private recreational interests.
For example, Bernal Heights, which contains a rich native biological community, is becoming degraded because of heavy use by off-leash dogs. The dogs dig holes, they defecate, and they trample. The result is either no vegetation at all in some areas, or thistles and other unpleasant, unsightly weeds. A

Jake Sigg
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Bernal Hill
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Subject: Fw: naprapper inflammatory lies - NAP Comments

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Subject: naprapper inflammatory lies - NAP Comments

Did the publishers of naprapper read the NAP draft management plan?
There are many inaccuracies that intentionally misguide the reader.

NAPRAP state the following misinformation on fencing:
1. The text refers to a "cyclone fences" in the (Parcel 4 article).

2. It implies that fencing is widespread instead of isolated: "Natural areas also require protection from public access (fencing off), as native plants are not hardy, and traffic by people or animals can bring seeds from non-native plants into the Natural Areas which will grow and choke out the native plants." (FAQ section).

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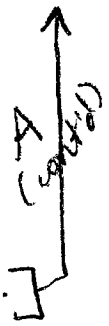
(Your Park - Bernal Section)



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1. No cyclone fences will be used
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3. Pine lake access to the water will be allowed. The perimeter trail will remain open to people and dogs.
4. Fences will only be used at Bernal as a last resort and to reduce erosion caused by access up steep slopes.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to request the publisher of this document to come forward.

Bernal Hill
Letter 55

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Andrea Patterson - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/15/2005 01:47 PM -----

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Subject: NAP MAP - Andrea Patterson - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Bernal Hill

Site Reviewed - ~~15th Avenue Steps~~

Restoration Score - 1
Restoration Comments - I do not like the rare local palnts. I much prefer the trees which give shelter from the wind and rain than the barren wind-swept landscape that is the end result of the restoration.

Recreation & Trails Score - 1
Recreation & Trails Comments - No! They limit access to trails and plays to find a little solitude in the urabn environent. We need more areas that are completely accessible.

Sensitive Species Score - 1
Sensitive Species Comments - No! Again there are roped off areas limiting public access.

Dogs & Cats Score - 1
Dogs & Cats Comments - No! Specifically Bernal Hill. There is not enough room now for people and dogs to recreate. Roping off the top of the hill will be a disaster. It wil cause gross overcrowding of the trails that are not closed. There will be nowhere to get away from lots of people and dogs. A

Trees Score - 1
Trees Comments - No! WE need all of our tre es. If a tree has to be replaced for some valid reason it should be replaced with another tree.

Grasslands Score - 1
Grasslands Comments - No! This means more fenced off areas that are badly needed by the people of San Franciso for recreation and relaxation.

Landscape Score - 1
Landscape Comments - No. Again it is too restrictive.

General Comments - Re: Bernal Hill especially - This is a very small area to begin with and already overcrowded. √B

Further restrictions will ruin it.
Again, we San Franciscans and our dogs need every inch of space we have. We need more space for hiking and other recreational activities.

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score -
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

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Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 2

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City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

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For On-line version See Significant Natural Area Tab in right Corner Blue Bar Center Page! Then select Comment Form on next screen.

NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, 2005 Thursday

Natural Area Site Name: Bernal · Park: Bernal · Hill ·

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

I DONT SEE ANY IMPROVEMENT - I LIKED IT HOW IT WAS - WILD AND LEFT UNTOUCHED. A

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

I LIKE THE TRAILS AS THEY ARE NOW - GREAT FOR WALKING MY DOGS. B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

THERE IS LOTS OF WILDLIFE AND PLANTS THAT DONT SEEM AFFECTED BY PEOPLE OR DOGS. C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

I THINK THAT THE PARKS OF SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD BE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE AND THERE HOBBIES. DOG WALKING IS IMPORTANT TO SO MANY PEOPLE ON BERNAL. I'D SAY 9/10 PEOPLE I MEET HAVE DOGS. D

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

LEAVE AS IS. ITS FINE ON BERNAL. MONEY SHOULD BE SPENT ON IMPROVING THE SURROUNDING AREA AND KEEPING IT A CLEAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT ESPECIALLY THE CAR PARK. F G

Mayor Gavin Newsom
Acting General Manager Yomi Agunbiade

YOU SHOULD CONDUCT A SURVEY ON JUST HOW MANY PEOPLE WITH THESE DOGS ON BERNAL. E

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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

I DONT SEE ANY IMPROVEMENT - I LIKED IT HOW IT WAS - WILD AND LEFT UNTOUCHED.

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

I LIKE THE TRAILS AS THEY ARE NOW - GREAT FOR WALKING MY DOGS.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

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Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 (2) 3 4 5
Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

LET AS LONG AS WE CAN ALL STILL USE ALL OF THIS AREA THERE ARE SO FEW OPEN SPACES IN SAN FRANCISCO

H

Landscaped Areas (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

BEFORE AS IST NOW ID ALL WEEDS AND TRASHED GARBAGE. STOPPING PEOPLE WITH DOGS USING THIS PARK MUCH INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF VANDALISM TO IT SIMPLY WONT BE USED AS MUCH.

I

Other Comments

KEEP IT THE WAY IT IS. LET PEOPLE RUN THERE WELL BEHAVED DOGS OR THE PARKS.

J

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

WATER FOUNTAIN, TOILETS.

K

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If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*
Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

Name/Affiliation(s) *(if any)*: SIMON ANS.
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Address: 777 MONTAGUE ST, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94110.

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? ____ Site(s) of interest: ____

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? (1) 2 3 4 5

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Natural Area Site Name: Bernal Hill Park: Bernal Hill

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

This area has become a single use park. People like myself are unable to have a peaceful park

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

experience because the whole hill is off-leash for dogs.

A

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

There should be much more space for natural areas and for the rest of the public to be able to have

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

a place to go.

B

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

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The Recreation and Park Department has extended for a second time the comment period for public input on the S
Resource Areas Management Plan. The new deadline for comments is **July 28, 2005 at 5:00 pm.**
This website has the comment form available for on-line response; however, some users have encountered difficulty submitting comments on line. The comment box is approximately 3-4 pages. We encourage those having difficulty with the comment form to email comments to the *Natural Areas Progra*
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Site:	Bernal Hill

Restoration

○1 ○2 ○3 ◉4 ○5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain b

Yes, although I think RPD should hire more NAP gardening staff to implement the plan. It seems ambitious and there are so many weeds at Bernal and other natural areas parks.

A

Recreation and Trails

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ◉5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Yes, there are very dangerous trails at Bernal and I am glad to see that many of the most dangerous and erosive will be rerouted or closed. Many times in walking there, I have unwittingly ended up on a very steep and dangerous trail. Also, once we lose soil there is no way to get it back.

B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ◉5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.

I would hope that the City (not just RPD) would prioritize this valuable park enough to enforce the on-leash areas to protect the sensitive habitat from off trail trampling.

C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ◉5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. no expected? Please explain below

I think the dog community (I am one) should mobilize to work with RPD to make the below road area an off-leash area. If the restoration community (I am also one) didn't spend removing fennel and mustard and radish from that hill, it would be impossible to walk there b/c the weeds would be so thick. What the dog community has failed to realize is that its 20 years of restoration work that dogs

D

Trees

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ◉5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal address or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

Yes, but at Bernal it's not that much of an issue. JE

Grasslands/Wildflowers

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ◉5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.

Yes, but again there isn't enough money budgeted by RPD to hire gardeners for NAP. So realistically, I don't think that all the work in the plan can be accomplished. JE

Landscaped Areas

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ◉5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not

Other Comments

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Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvem would you like to see?

The area below the road developed as a DPA JG

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If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?

○ Recreational uses ○ Natural resource protection ○ Natives/Wildlife

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Phone:	
Email:	
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	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3	○ 4	◉ 5

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Rodney
<rodneyleorogers@yahoo.com>
07/30/2005 02:20 PM

To: Lisa Wayne <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: Re: Bernal Hill

Thanks for the clarification. I was responding to the flyers posted in the park as well as an article in the examiner. I'm glad that the plan is not to limit the dog area to the quarry. I do understand there's a need to protect the environment and to also keep access open to public/dogs. Thanks for the clarification A

Rodney Rogers

Lisa Wayne <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org> wrote:

Dear Park Advocate

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http://www.parks.sfgov.org/wcm_recpark/SNRA50/Sections/6.21%20Bernal%20Hill.pdf
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In summary, the Draft Management Plan
does not propose any tree removal at Bernal Hill - see text box on map page 6.21-15
does not propose cyclone fencing at Bernal or any of the designated Natural Areas
mentions that fencing would be used as a last resort (only low rustic fencing) and in specific locations where erosion and safety are a

concern - see page 6.21-7
only proposes to close or re-reroute social trails that are unsafe, are short cuts or are redundant - see pages 6.21-8 and 6.21-15, which contains a map of trails to remain and be improved under the plan. For social trails proposed for closure, please see the pink trails on page 6.21-12
does not propose to exclude people and dogs from Bernal Hill
does propose to reduce the existing designated 21! acre off-leash area above the road to a 13 acre off-leash area. The remaining 8 acres would be on-leash. Off leash experiences will continue in the most heavily used off-leash areas including the paved road, the quarry, the entire central portion of the hill that extends from the radio tower to the east hairpin turn (and a trail that crosses hill's crest) (see attached map that was shown at public meetings regarding the Draft Management Plan)
identifies existing (not planted) native plants and wildlife habitat on Bernal Hill
does not propose closure of Bernal Hill
does propose formalization and improvements of trails to reduce erosion problems

Some members of the public are aware of the misinformation that is being posted in parks and on websites, while others are not. Again, the Department is interested in receiving public input on the proposed plan. If you have not already done so, please review the accurate plan on RPDs w! ebsite and make comments. The comment period ends Thursday July 28th at 5pm. Thank you.

(See attached file: proposed off-leash dog area changes.jpg)

Rodney



Michael Pechinski
<michael@pechinski.com>

To: Lisa Wayne <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: Re: Bernal Hill

07/30/2005 05:14 PM

Bernal Hill
Letter 60

Thanks for prompt attention and consideration! Please keep me posted as I'd like to attend any future meetings and get more involved in this process! A

Michael Pechnski
415 531 1313
On Jul 27, 2005, at 4:07 PM, Lisa Wayne wrote:

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Letter 61

NAPMAP
S.F. Recreation & Park Dept.
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S.F., CA. 94117

To whom it may Concern,

A I am a resident of Bernal Heights and have lived here for 25 years. I walk my dogs daily on Bernal Hill and enjoy the off-leash policy of Bernal Hill.
I am concerned about the proposed Bernal Hill Grasslands Restoration Project. I do not like the idea of areas being fenced off from pedestrians and dogs.

B For years native plants have flourished on the hill - we have lovely wildflowers in the spring. The native plant people do a good job of clearing the hill of invasive weeds, such as fennel. We dog walkers

C do a pretty good job of picking up trash on and around the hill.

D I would not like to see our pedestrian and dog walking area on Bernal reduced by a proposed 20%, so that a handful of plant-lovers can have rare, not endangered native plants, planted on the hill and those areas fenced off.

E Please take community needs into consideration before embarking on this plan

Sincerely,
Linda Ramey
65 Gates St.
SF CA 94110

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

[forgot restoration so long as it remains for dogs as-is.] A

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

[What wildlife - dogs have killed it all] B

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

[Why are dogs allowed to ruin BH?! Keep them to the Quarry where they do the least damage] C

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

[What trees!] D

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Reintroduce grassland where dogs have dominated + ruined - flatlands. Close them out of here. E

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Give it to dogs or forget about making it for anyone else. The place stinks of feces + urine + it's impossible to relax there. F

Other Comments

If you don't control dogs to such a large area - you might as well remove BH from the NAP list - G

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Why are you trying to fool the public - BH is no more than a dog place anymore. H

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

Give more to the people to experience natural habitats, flora + less to dogs who have chased all life away + ruined the experience for everyone else. Otherwise make this just one big dpa! I

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Name/Affiliation(s) *(if any):* _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? _____ Site(s) of interest: _____

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 (5)

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

yes – it is very important that restoration & protection of native species be a high priority] A

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 (5)

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

I am happy to remain off Bernal Hill so that whatever habitat can be preserved occurs] B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 (5)

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

While I would like the entire area above the walk way to be preserved for native habitat, I accept what is proposed] C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 (5)

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

I think there is ample area allowed for dogs. That's ENOUGH!] D

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

N/A

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 (5)

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

I am glad that some acreage is designated as sensitive and will be off limits for humans & dogs.] F

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 (5)

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

fine planning] F

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

With such limited true native habitat it is important to preserve what still remains on Bernal Hill, although it may go against the wishes of some dog owners this is not a popularity contest or an election.] F

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May we contact you regarding your comments?

Name/Affiliation(s) (*if any*): EUGENIE MAREK

Phone: 826-0236

Email: emarek@mindspring.com

Address: 624 Andover St. SF 94110 (Bernal Hts)

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? _____ Site(s) of interest: _____

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 (5)

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Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
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Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

This area has been used for dogs off leash for many years without adverse effect on the area. Prebious to this use, it was unsafe,

Trees 1 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Strewn with garbage, a gang haven, common incidents of rape and robbery, people used it as a place to do drugs & drink alcohol. I am a member of Stryfine arboritum Society & the native plant Society and believe in preservation of open space. (over)

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

This is a wonderful community space for where people with dogs can let them run + play together. Please DO NOT take away that option in this space B

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 (4) 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain. A

[strongly recommend an off leash loop trail] increase DPA to B
area below BH Blvd. Some fencing along north slope C
to prevent dogs running throug Mr [illegible]

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 (5)

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Trees 1 2 3 (4) 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

[illegible] D
[illegible]

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

N/A

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

There is a small patch of Salvia spathacea at western] E
side of Hill in M2 area
I have seen gopher snakes on the hill [illegible] and [illegible]] F

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

improvement: install low fencing behind south guard] G
rail on the road to the radio tower.

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

If it happens over 20 years and does not get expanded even further (regarding access for humans & dogs) then it is about what I expected. The Pacifica portion seems extreme, though. A B

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

I want total access, but I am willing to compromise. Keep it same. C

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

EIP's often are taken to extremes. Remember the balance. Bernal Hill is not and should not become a pristine environment -- it is our hill to use! D

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

As far as I'm concerned, my dog IS native San Franciscan! E
Regarding bullfrogs or butterflies, I don't care as much, but I am willing to share the space if it stays same + doesn't spread to reduce access more + more

Trees 1 2 3 4 5 F

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

I'm all for trees. The fewer removed the better, so you need to prove it that it will make things better if they are removed... G

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Yes, that's okay, but don't let it get any more aggressive than this! H

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Don't remember hearing about landscaping. I

Other Comments

#1 concern is that OUR hill does not turn into a roadmap on "do not walk here" and "do not touch this". Keep to a compromise, and balance. J

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

My main concern is safety (erosion, etc) when it comes to access. K

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 (4) 5

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Restoration 1 2 3 4 5

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Seems a lot. Open areas are now going to be closed. A

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

My child enjoys climbing Bernal so access will be limited to her now regarding this activity. B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

EIP's appear to be the wave of the future sometimes taken to illogical extremes. C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

It would have been more pleasing if Dog Play Areas were EXPANDED! And, I'm sorry but I care a little less about non-native bullfrogs. D E

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Trees ought to remain where they are! F

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Probably.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

I don't Know.

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

NO

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

More space for humans and dogs and more grass — plain ole' grass where you can step and feel peaceful sensations

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If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did ~~you find~~ were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

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May we contact you regarding your comments? time will tell. I

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How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 5 Fine

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Restoration 1 2 3 (4) 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 (3) 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

TRAIL ABOVE FOLSOM ST - OVER THE HILL SHOULD BE "DEVELOPED" WITH EROSION CONTROL. OLD ROAD FROM E. QUARRY TO AND PAST THE FOUNDATION SHOULD REMAIN OPEN [A] [B]

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

THERE IS NO CLEAR DEFINITION OF ON LEASH/OFF LEASH AREAS - A CLARIFICATION MAP WOULD BE HELPFUL. ARE ALL MARGARAS ONE LEASH? [C] [D]

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

EXISTING MATURE PINE & CYPRESS TREES ALONG THE ROAD SHOULD BE GUARDED & THE SNAGS LEFT STANDING FOR WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT. [E]

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 (4) 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

AREA MA1d SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO THE ~~EAST~~ WEST TO INCLUDE A POPULATION OF CAMASSIA QUAMA (SUN CUPS) & NATIVE GRASSES F

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 (4) 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

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HUMMINGBIRD SAGE IS PRESENT (REINTRODUCED) IN AREA MA1d. G

NORTHERN ALLIGATOR LIZARD, CALIF GARTER SNAKE, GOPHER SNAKE H

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

OTHER THAN REVISED TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS & OFF LEASH DOG MANAGEMENT, THERE SHOULD BE NO CAPITAL "IMPROVEMENTS". I

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Restoration 1 2 3 (4) 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 (3) 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

The following access trails are needed to prevent new social trails: A
(1) West Slope – access to hill from top of Esmeralda Stairs.
(2) North Slope above Folsom St., trail providing access to & over hilltop B
(3) ~~NNE side of hill – short trail from B.H. Blvd. to "sandy soil"~~ C
(4) Preserve and maintain trail that circles foundation above SSE cliff D
(provides access to historic landmark)

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Reptiles & amphibians: gopher snakes (mature & babies), garter snakes, and alligator lizards have repeatedly been seen on Bernal over the past 30+ years. E

Also not E: Salvia spathacea population successfully reintroduced from Bernal seed to Id. area at southeast end of hill. F

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 (4) 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

I have concerns about enforcement of boundaries where off-leash areas are adjacent to sensitive areas. G

Trees 1 2 (3) 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Trees in 3b areas below B.H. Blvd. on west slope on either side of Esmeralda Stairs may need pruning or removal to prevent reseeding into 1a west slope of hill, which is in the path of prevailing winds. H

All existing mature trees above B.H. Blvd. should be girdled and snags should be left as wildlife habitat. I

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 (4) 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Plan should also recognize Festuca rubra grassland in the species-rich 1a "soil slip" area on the northwest slope.] J

1d area at SE corner of hill should be expanded to west to include population of sanicula and other native species.] K

Landscaped Areas 1 2 (3) 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Not addressed in plan. Need to be kept natural and vegetated with local stock.] L

Other Comments TYPOS:

P.3. Under "Invasive Plant Species" line 4 – RADISH is misspelled.] M

p.6. Under Recommendation BH-1c, line 1 – MANAGEMENT is misspelled.] N

p.7. Soil, Erosion, and Public Use, line 2 – OMIT "and" between "trails" and "winds"] O

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Reptiles, amphibians, & Festuca rubra grassland noted above.] P

Also, only 1 original plant of Iris longipetala remains (below rock outcrop on north slope). Seed has been collected & plants from this plant have been reintroduced into 1d area on southeast end of hill.] Q

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

Except for trail improvement, off-leash dog management, and increased invasive exotic plant removal I would like to see the hill managed as it has been over the past several years.] R

Appropriate interpretive signage might be acceptable] S

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~~[illegible]~~

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

DO NOT CLOSE ANY SOCIAL TRAILS. ~~THE~~ ACCESS BY THE PUBLIC AND THEIR ABILITY TO GO WHEREVER IN THE PARK THEY WANT SHOULD BE PRESERVED (E.G., TO HAVE A PICNIC ON GROUND) A

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

DO NOT TAKE ANY OF DPA AND MAKE IT ONLEASH ONLY. SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO DO SO ANYWAY, ANY CLOSURE MUST GO THROUGH DOG ADVISORY COMMITTEE, COMMUNITY MEETINGS & GET OK OF REC & PARK COMMISSION. B

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

DO NOT REMOVE ANY TREES. ANY TREES REMOVED DUE TO AGE/DISEASE, SHOULD BE REPLACED BY TREES ~~WITH~~ OF THE SAME SIZE & STATURE AS REPLACED TREE C

Grasslands/Wildflowers (1) 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

DO NOT TAKE ANY OF DPA & CONVERT TO ONLEASH ONLY. ANY CLOSURE ~~HAS~~ HAS TO GO THROUGH PROCESS ESTABLISHED IN RPD'S DOG POLICY - COMMUNITY MEETING, DAC APPROVAL (OR REJECTION) & APPROVAL (OR REJECTION) BY REC & PARK COMMISSION.] D

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

NO

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

LEAVE ALL OF DPA OFFLEASH.] E

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Restoration 1 (2) 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

REQUIRES CONSTANT WEEDING TO KEEP OUT INVASIVES] A
NOT ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS FOR CONTINUOUS SUCCESS
HEAVILY USED AREA ~~BUSY~~ POPULAR WITH PARTYERS] B

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

NOT IN FAVOR OF REDUCING EXISTING TRAILS] C

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

IN FAVOR OF MAINTAINING EXISTING SPECIES] D

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 3 QUESTIONS (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

THE PROPOSAL TO TAKE 17% MORE OF DPA HERE] E
IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, NOTRAPPING OF CATS BECAUSE OF] F
PETS THAT COULD BE EFFECTED

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

[NEED TO PLANT MORE TREES] ONLY DISEASED] G
TREES SHOULD BE REMOVED] H

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 (2) 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

VERY LARGE AREA WILL REQUIRE CONSTANT UPKEEP NOT ENOUGH MANPOWER FOR SUCCESS I

Landscaped Areas 1 (2) 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

A GOOD IDEA IF YOU HAVE THE FUNDING AND MANPOWER J

Other Comments I FEEL THE NAP WOULD HAVE A MUCH BETTER CHANCE OF BEING SUCCESSFUL IF THE AMOUNT OF LAND NUMBER OF SITES WERE REDUCED. ONE GARDNER PER 100 ACRES IS FOLLY. K

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

NO

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

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(Recreational uses) Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

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Bernal Hill
Letter 72

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July 12, 2005

Lisa Wayne
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Dear Ms. Wayne,

Here are my comments based on your survey which is on the Web at http://mission.sfgov.org/RPSurveys/. When I attempted to submit my comments online, the Web site responded with a server error.

1. **Restoration**: Rating--1
I like Bernal Hill in all its current wildness just fine. Your proposal does not make a convincing argument that more native species are necessary to improve the environment in San Francisco. The proposal also does not convince me native species will thrive considering Bernal is surrounded by vegetation in home gardens planted all around the hill. It's impossible to isolate one piece of land from what's around it and I have no expectations that we will ever be able to return to pre-Columbian days. A

2. **Recreation and Trails:** Rating—1
No, the proposed trails do not offer me the access I expect. I would expect any new planting to be in places not already heavily used; i.e. people need to have the same access to ALL trails on Bernal Hill they have now. I'd rather see the trails repaired for continued human and dog use than have access limited for ANY reason. B

3. **Sensitive Species/Wildlife**: Rating—1
Sensitive species and wildlife as detailed in your plan seem to be doing just fine on Bernal Hill without making any changes. C

4. **Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife**: Rating—1
They go way beyond what I expected. Leave the entire hill a Dog Play Area as it is now. I did not see any concrete evidence in your proposal that dogs are destroying sensitive species. D

5. **Trees:** Rating—none

Not applicable on Bernal Hill. We don't have trees. E

6. **Grasslands/Wildflowers**: Rating—1
The hill is already full of grassland, wildflowers and wildlife habitat without any tinkering necessary. F

7. **Landscaped Areas:** Rating—1
We don't need further landscaping on Bernal Hill, except a few trail repairs. One of the joys of Bernal Hill is to feel like you're on wild land in the middle of the city as it is now. Restricting any access would ruin that feeling. G

8. Other comments:

Your plan to close off many, if not most, of the trails on Bernal Hill to humans and off-leash dogs is unworkable and unfair. Closing off trails all around the park would mean effectively destroying the quality of Bernal Hill. Most of the people using the park on a daily basis are individuals walking their dogs and runners. Bernal is not conducive to picnicking, sports or other outdoor activities due to the rough terrain and windy conditions. Instead, people walk all around the hill and dogs get to run in a relaxed manner without their people having to constantly worry about whether the dogs have gone into an off-limits zone or having to call them back to be leashed. H

In your proposal for Bernal Hill, you state that most dogs are off leash only on the flat portion on the east side of the hill. If you spent time there watching the comings and goings of dogs and their people, you would see, in fact, that they come and go, often on the dirt trails. One of the best things about Bernal is having such a wide open space. It makes the park extraordinarily safe for the large number of dogs (and people) you can find on it. Large numbers of dogs are never confined to a small space. If a dog doesn't get along with another dog in that area, it's easy to separate them and still be able to give both dogs a good run. In short, the space allows for reduced pack behavior which many people are so fearful of. I

Your proposal also states that many of the dirt trails are redundant and therefore unnecessary. In fact, they are not redundant. On a particularly windy, cold day, it's nice to be able to drop to a lower trail in order not to be blown over. And again, it allows for dogs and people to be spread out throughout the park, rather than all concentrated in one small space. This ability to spread out also gives the park the quality that's exactly what urban parks should do—a little respite from our crowded, fast-paced conditions of urban living. J

You say that areas need to be closed off or limited in order to encourage native plant growth. Yet you also note in your proposal that 51% of the grassland cover (which makes up 82% of the park) consists of native species. You also note that the California Natural Diversity Data Base "does not report the occurrence of any sensitive plant species at Bernal Hill." You also note that the invasive plant species cover less than an acre of land. K

Your proposal expresses concern for native raptors and butterflies as well. This is frequently the excuse given for forcing people to put their dogs on leash on public lands—i.e. Ocean Beach and Crissy Field. Dogs have so much else to do on Bernal Hill, it is rare to see dogs chasing birds there, but often possible to watch birds—even during peak dog-walking hours at the end of the day. As for butterflies, I have never L

seen a dog chase a butterfly and often see them flying around the grassy hillsides undisturbed as my dog and I walk by.

We live one block from Holly Park. When that park was renovated and dogs were driven out, the rationale given to us was that we could easily make use of Bernal Hill. This is precisely what we do—out of respect for people's desires to make Holly a dog-free zone. Now you are trying to put dogs on leash on Bernal Hill and keep hikers off of the hillside. The various erosion prevention measures, like the wooden edges to the trails and stairs on one side of the hill have been effective and could be implemented in more places without driving people and our dogs out. This plan to take away the one safe space in the area free of cars and legal restrictions is cruel to all of the people who use Bernal Hill. Fix the trails, don't take them away.

9. Special features that should be maintained and accessible as now?

The current scope of the Dog Play Area needs to remain. Bernal Hill is used primarily by dog walkers and runners who make extensive use of current trails throughout the park. Trails that are eroding could be reinforced as has already been done in a couple of areas.

Overall rating of plan balance:
1

Ranking based on undervaluing of *recreational uses.*

Contact information: see above

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I am submitting this via mail because there was an error that would not allow me to submit it on-line. I suggest you check on this error

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Thank you, Virginia Bone

*Please provide comments in each relevant subject area **BY PARK**. Please rate your satisfaction with the plan's tre (5 = Exceeds Expectations and 1 = Does Not Meet Expectations). Please note this is not a survey. **Please focus potential changes in the plan and be as specific as possible**. Example questions you might address in each to to assist you, but please feel free to comment on any topic covered by the plan in any relevant manner.*

Site:	Bernal Hill

Restoration

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Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as y please explain below.

I appreciate the attempt to restore some areas of the hill to native species, and t A
non-native species. The Radish is especially invasive and unpleasant, and hopefull B
it will be removed. However, the blackberry bushes at the bottom of the paved road, C
northwest side should remain as it is used by birds and residents every berry seas

Recreation and Trails

◉1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ○5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Closing some of the smaller repetative trails on the slopes makes sense in order to D
erosion, and enhance the habitat, as long as there are still open trails that give a
all parts of the hill. My main concern is the proposed limiting of off-leash dog a E
these trails. It is important that this access, which was previously agreed to rem

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

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Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain bel

Limiting the number of repetative trails is understandable, but do not limit acces F
trails to people or dogs. This is an urban park that is much used by both. The in
raddish plant should be removed around the lower slope of the paved road, as it sme G
and interferes with the view when walking and sitting in the benches. But don't re

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

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Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescrip animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain below

All areas of the park should remain an off-leash dog area, as previously agreed upo H
my dog here twice a day, as other off-leash park areas such as Holly Park have been
it is the nearest for me. Too many off-leash areas in San Francisco have already b
revoked. We need this for our dogs and ourselves to have proper excersize and enjo

Trees

○1 ○2 ○3 ○4 ◉5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tr removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

I am glad to see that trees are not proposed to be removed. Although there are non- tree species in the park that may affect the underlying habitat, these trees are us hawks, owls, and other birds that would be adversly affected if they were removed. addition, the overall appearance of the park would be diminished if the trees were

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J

Grasslands/Wildflowers

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Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain be

Increasing native habitats is a good idea, but not at the expense of the recreation this urban park. Keep the trail access for people and dogs as it is.

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L

Landscaped Areas

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Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly tra expected? If not, please explain below.

Not exactly sure what your plan is. The plan was somewhat vague on this issue.

M

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds ar capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

Keep the entire park as an off-leash dog park, as was previously agreed.
Keep the blackberry bushes at the bottom of the paved road for recreational use.
If funds are availble in the future, several more lights in the paved road area, an of trails

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If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?

◉ Recreational uses ○ Natural resource protection ○ Natives/Wildlife

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Natural Area Site Name: General Bernal Hill Park: Bernal Hill

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration 1 (2) 3 4 5
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See Attachment

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 (3) 4 5
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See Attachment

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
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See Attachment

Trees 1 (2) 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

No non-native trees should be planted. As non-native trees die or are removed, they should be replaced with only native trees or grasses. If Bernal Hill has no native trees, it should be restored to grass land. A

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 (2) 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

See Restoration and Wildlife sections of Attachment

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

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I've seen hawks on or near top on west side.] B

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Recreational uses (Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife) See Attachment

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ATTACHMENT TO NAP MAP PUBLIC COMMENTS FORM

RESTORATION

Generally

The restoration in the proposed plan is nice, but it is a small fraction of what needs to be done to restore the native plant community and some native animals to Bernal Hill. Non-native wild oats have driven out the native plants, dominate the hill, and should be completely removed. All small native animals that have been extirpated should be restored. We have very little native vegetation left in San Francisco, so you should restore the whole hill, not just selected areas! While prioritization of less damaged areas is proper where lack of resources prevents restoration of the entire hill, ecologically there is no reason to limit restoration to MA-1 and -2 areas. C D E F

Another reason to restore native vegetation to the entire hill is that invasive plants tend to take over due to their lack of natural enemies. Allowing non-natives in certain areas will undo restoration efforts, because the non-natives will immigrate into the restored MA-1 and MA-2 areas and drive out the natives. Taking the time and effort to replace all non-native plants now will save much time and effort later, because they will not have to be continuously removed or contained. G

Sensitive plantings need protection from inattentive walkers and the many inevitable off-leash dogs. (Off-leash dogs need to be completely removed from all Natural Areas. See "Dogs" section below.) Fencing should be deployed around new plantings and be left in place until the plants are well established. H

Finally, there are patches of Scotch broom on the west and south side of the hill near the top. This is a very invasive species that needs to be completely removed by being dug out by the roots. Failure to remove this plant quickly will result in its wide propagation on the hill. I

Recommendations

BH-1a: Non-native plants have replaced native ones, causing loss of natural biodiversity. Additionally, allowing non-native plants in some areas will cause needless invasion by those plants into other areas. Therefore, non-native plants should be removed wherever possible. Native plants will provide all needed habitat for native wildlife, and there is no reason to use non-native plants for this purpose, including recruitment of non-native trees in MA-3b. Leaving the non-native trees in MA-3b is not objectionable, though this area should slowly be returned to native vegetation. J K

BH-1c: Do not limit management and conservation to MA-1 areas. Remove non-native vegetation and replace it with native vegetation wherever possible. At the very least, include MA-2 areas in management and conservation efforts. L

BH-1d: I strongly object to GR-14. The prioritization of artificial local biodiversity over natural global biodiversity is myopically selfish and ecologically harmful. Specifically, GR-14(b), (d), and (e) should be repealed. Non-native trees have replaced native grasses, and are thus contributing to **loss** of global biodiversity, which should be prioritized by the NAP. Please do not contribute to the loss of natural biodiversity, caused by non-natives, by planting **any** non-native trees in our Natural Areas! M

WILDLIFE

See "RESTORATION" comments above.

Wildlife is missing due to the massive number of dogs on the hill, especially off-leash dogs. Dogs also chase and harass wildlife. This should not be allowed. See "DOGS" section below. N

Restore all non-native species where possible, specifically butterflies that have been extirpated from the hill. Manage all areas in order to allow sensitive species, such as butterflies, to thrive. This includes excluding dogs and humans from some areas where necessary. O

Use only native vegetation for wildlife habitat; native animals did not evolve with non-native plants, so the latter are not necessary for their survival. P

Lower the numbers of animals that have overpopulated due to human interference, such as raccoons, to an ecologically harmonious number. These animals are often predators and their artificial overpopulation causes harm to the other native species, often to the point of extirpation. Q

Limit vegetation management that negatively impacts native nesting birds to non-breeding season. Manage vegetation to impact these birds as little as possible. R

EROSION

Some of the steep slopes of Bernal Hill are badly eroded, both by human hiking and by off-leash dogs running up and down the hill where there are no trails. Access to humans and dogs should be prohibited in these areas with the exception of trails that will allow access without causing erosion. Social paths that cause erosion need to be removed by barriers where they join to official trails. S

DOGS

I run to the top of Bernal Hill every day. Bernal Hill is a disaster due to being overrun by off-leash dogs. Off-leash dogs in our natural areas are harassing, harming, and killing the native animals and plants on Bernal Hill. The following are specific problems caused by the presence of dogs on Bernal Hill, all of which would be either eliminated or greatly reduced if dogs were leashed. T

Dog Feces

Every day I see several piles of dog feces on the hill. On warm or hot days, the hill smells like dog feces. This is both aesthetically disgusting and a health hazard. People with off-leash dogs are far more likely to fail to clean up after their dogs, because, among other reasons, the dogs can be so far away that their walkers[1] do not even see them defecate. It does not matter that most people seem to clean up after their dogs; the large number who do not have created a serious problem. Those who wish to use our natural areas to walk dogs should be responsible for keeping these areas free of dog feces. Encourage all dog owners to pick up all dog feces they encounter. Fine anyone with a dog who cannot show a bag for cleaning up after the dog. If dog feces persist on Bernal Hill, dogs should be banned. U

Erosion, Loss of Native Vegetation, and Harm to Native Wildlife

I constantly see off-leash dogs digging in the hill, which is destructive to both the hill itself, including the vegetation, and the native animals that the dogs are attempting to get at. For this reason alone, off-leash dogs should be banned from all Natural Areas, including Bernal Hill. V

People also throw balls onto steep slopes for their off-leash dogs to chase, even though the Recreation and Park Department put up signs asking them not to do so. This causes further erosion of those slopes. If off-leash dogs are allowed on Bernal Heights Boulevard, there needs to be a fence on the uphill side of the road to prevent dogs from chasing balls on the hill. If this proves ineffective, off-leash dogs should be prohibited on the road. W

Danger to People

I was knocked down by a dog cutting in front of me while I was jogging on the shoulder of the closed, paved road. Fortunately, I "only" received cuts to my hands from breaking my fall, but my injuries certainly could have been serious. On another occasion, a 60-pound dog ran into me while I was standing still. Fortunately, I was not injured. Around a year ago, a girl was severely bitten on the hill by an off-leash dog. For this reason alone, off-leash dogs are not appropriate and should be banned from our Natural Areas. X

[1] "Walker" or "dog walker" refer to anyone walking a dog or dogs, including owners.

Dog Walkers

People with more than one off-leash dog are a serious problem for all of the reasons stated above. They are less likely to clean up the dogs' defecation, stop a dog from digging in the hill, stop a dog from running off trail, or be able to stop a dog from injuring a person or another dog, than those with one dog. It can be difficult just to keep track of one off-leash dog and it is virtually impossible to keep track of more than one. For this reason, all dog walkers should be prohibited from walking any more than one dog off-leash in any area. Y

Enforcement of Leash Laws

Due to rampant refusal by dog walkers to obey leash laws, to obey leash laws, enforcement is a major issue. Recreation and Park Department staff should be deputized to enable them to write tickets. Enforcement must be often and vigorous. Fines must be large enough to be effective; $50 fines are woefully inadequate. Z

Conclusion

Off-leash dogs are by far the biggest problem and cause the most harm to Bernal Hill and our other natural areas. Off-leash dogs should be eliminated from our Natural Areas in order to protect the native plants and animals, and in order to make visiting a Natural Area a pleasant experience for everyone. If off-leash dog activity is allowed to continue, it should be restricted to small areas that are the most ecologically damaged. AA

BALANCING OF RECREATIONAL USES WITH NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION

Recreational use includes use by people who do not own, or even like, dogs. The majority of people in San Francisco do not own dogs. Many of these people do not like dogs in their vicinity, do not want dogs approaching them in parks. Additionally, the presence of dogs in a natural area ruins the park experience for many people. The draft plan makes no provisions for any these people, and is thus not properly balanced between recreational uses and resource protection. Large portions of the Natural Areas should be off-limits to dogs in order to both provide recreational opportunities for the majority of San Franciscans who do not own dogs, and to protect the natural resources within the Natural Areas. AB

There is very little of the original native plant or animal community left in San Francisco. Running dogs off-leash is a very destructive activity that harms the native plant and animal communities and ruins the park experience for the majority of San Franciscans who do not have dogs. Leashed dogs can cause the same problems if their walkers do not properly control them. The priority of the Recreation and Park Department should be to protect what little is left of our natural areas, both for their own

value and for the majority of San Franciscans, not to cater to dog owners, *who are a minority in San Francisco.* Off-leash dogs destroy the natural areas, destroy the experience of being in a natural area, and are a danger to people and other animals. The large majority of the Natural Areas should be off limits to off-leash dogs, and the remainder should be available for only leashed dog walking. Highly destructive activities practiced by a minority of people, such as off-leash dog walking, should be greatly limited in order balance the recreational value of Natural Areas for the majority of San Franciscans, the recreational value for dog owners, and resource protection. The draft plan is not balanced, but is heavily skewed toward dog owners, who are a minority.

In order to create a balance between recreational uses and resource protection, off-leash dogs should be limited to areas that have little or no ecological value, such as Precita Park or Dolores Park. Even there, they must yield priority to the majority of park users who do not have dogs and should be limited to small areas. Dog owners should not be dictating policy to the Recreation and Park Department merely because the former are an aggressive and vocal minority. The Department must stand up to dog owners for the good of both the majority of people in San Francisco and the native plants and animals who live here.

4B (cont'd)

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Letter 75

Subject: Fw: Dog Play Area

Attachments: Dog park.doc



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To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org, info@sfdog.org
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Subject: Dog Play Area

Attaching my comments about Bernal Park should keep the park as it is for dogs to run and play.

James(See attached file: Dog park.doc)

I have been a resident of Bernal Heights for 22 years and this park has always be known to be Doggie Hill cause dogs have enough room to run and play with other dogs. The native grass people have never ever taken care of this park until now which I think they should grow their grass in their backyard its ugly creates fires and fox tails all over which creates more problems for our animals. I have never seen a police officer patrolling the park only when you call but they come when they want to I see more graffiti on the new benches they created they spend more time working at Holy Park than Bernal Heights Park. Why don't they clean up the people that are drinking, pissing, riding their dirt bikes and monthly they have soap box derby and their always trash the park. A B

Need to see native grass go to the San Francisco Botanical Gardens and enjoy their and the flowers. Native grass is so ugly I could see if they were putting all kinds of flowers but native grass creates more fires up on the hill. You give native people permission to work on Bernal Heights Park but their not helping but make the park ugly I seen a lot of cutting trees down and it's not good for the environment. I use to enjoy the Red Tail Hawks have not seen them cause of cutting down so many trees trying to create a native grass environment just creates more fires theirs not water system in the Park. C D E

What happen to the plans about creating the Dog Water Fountain at the Park like I say everything goes to Holly Park? Please live the park like it is for dogs to run and play and let the native people grow their grass in their yards. Concern Citizen of Bernal Heights for 22 years, and I do not have a dog but enjoy them up the hill and walk my neighbor's dogs. F G

James Marple



James

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07/27/2005 07:17 PM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Re: Bernal Hill

Want to know another thing this has been going on for years nothing has be done to the park since I been here twenty years. Holy Park has gotten more attention than Bernal Heights Park has always been a no dog leash area why are they trying to change. If you walk up to the park their is more weeds on those Rocks they put which I think they look so ugly somebody already tag (Viva Mexico) never seen so many condoms on the northside why are the police not partolling the area once in a while. This park should be kept as a no dog leash area. And I don't have a dog but appreciate being around watching them play. Concern Bernal Heights resident for 20 years.

James Marple

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Subject: Fw: Update on Bernal Plans FYI

Attachments: proposed off-leash dog area changes.jpg



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cc:

Subject: Update on Bernal Plans FYI

Just wanted to forward a response from the city on some recent comments from folks about Bernal. Original comments sent to the city may have been put together based on some outdated information, so the city wanted to bring things current for our mailing list. Here you go. A

Thanks,
Julie and Mindy
Bernal Heights Neighborhood Coalition

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Lisa Wayne [mailto:Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org]
> Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2005 4:08 PM
> Subject: Bernal Hill
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> Dear Park Advocate
>
> Your comments regarding the Natural Areas at Bernal
Hill have been received by the Department.
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> It is important to the Recreation and Park
Department that accurate
> information about the plan be disseminated to the
public so that meaningful public input can be received on the Public Draft. It has come to our attention that the postings on Bernal Hill "prepared by
> Christine_Mcquiston@yahoo.com" of highlighted maps
of Bernal Hill is presenting misinformation about the Natural Areas Draft Management Plan. The maps that were posted in the park were taken from a draft plan that was prepared in 2002 and modified to show changes in off-leash recreation and access. This information is incorrect as well as other information that was posted in the park. The Department encourages the public to view the accurate plan and maps for Bernal Hill located on the Recreation and Park Department website
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http://www.parks.sfgov.org/wcm_recpark/SNRA50/Sections/6.21%20Bernal%20Hill.pdf
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>
> In summary, the Draft Management Plan does not
propose any tree removal at Bernal Hill - see text box on map page 6.21-15 does not propose cyclone fencing at Bernal or any of the designated Natural Areas mentions that fencing would be used as a lastresort (only low rustic fencing) and in specific locations where erosion and safety are a concern - see page 6.21-7 only proposes to close or re-reroute social trails that are unsafe, are short cuts or are redundant - see pages 6.21-8 and 6.21-15, whichcontains a map of trails to remain and be improved under the plan. For social trails proposed for closure, please see the pink trails on page
6.21-12 does not propose to exclude people and dogs from Bernal Hill does propose to reduce the existing designated 21 acre off-leash area above the road to a
13 acre off-leash area. The remaining 8 acres would be on-leash. Off leash experiences will continue in the most heavilyused off-leash areas including the paved road, the quarry, the entire central portion of the hill that extends from the radio tower to the east hairpin turn (and a trail that crosses hill's crest) (see attached map that was shown at public meetings regarding the Draft Management Plan)
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> Again, the Department is interested in receiving
public input on the
> proposed plan. Please review the accurate plan on
RPDs website and make comments. The comment period ends Thursday July 28th at 5pm. Thank you.

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> (See attached file: proposed off-leash dog area
> changes.jpg)
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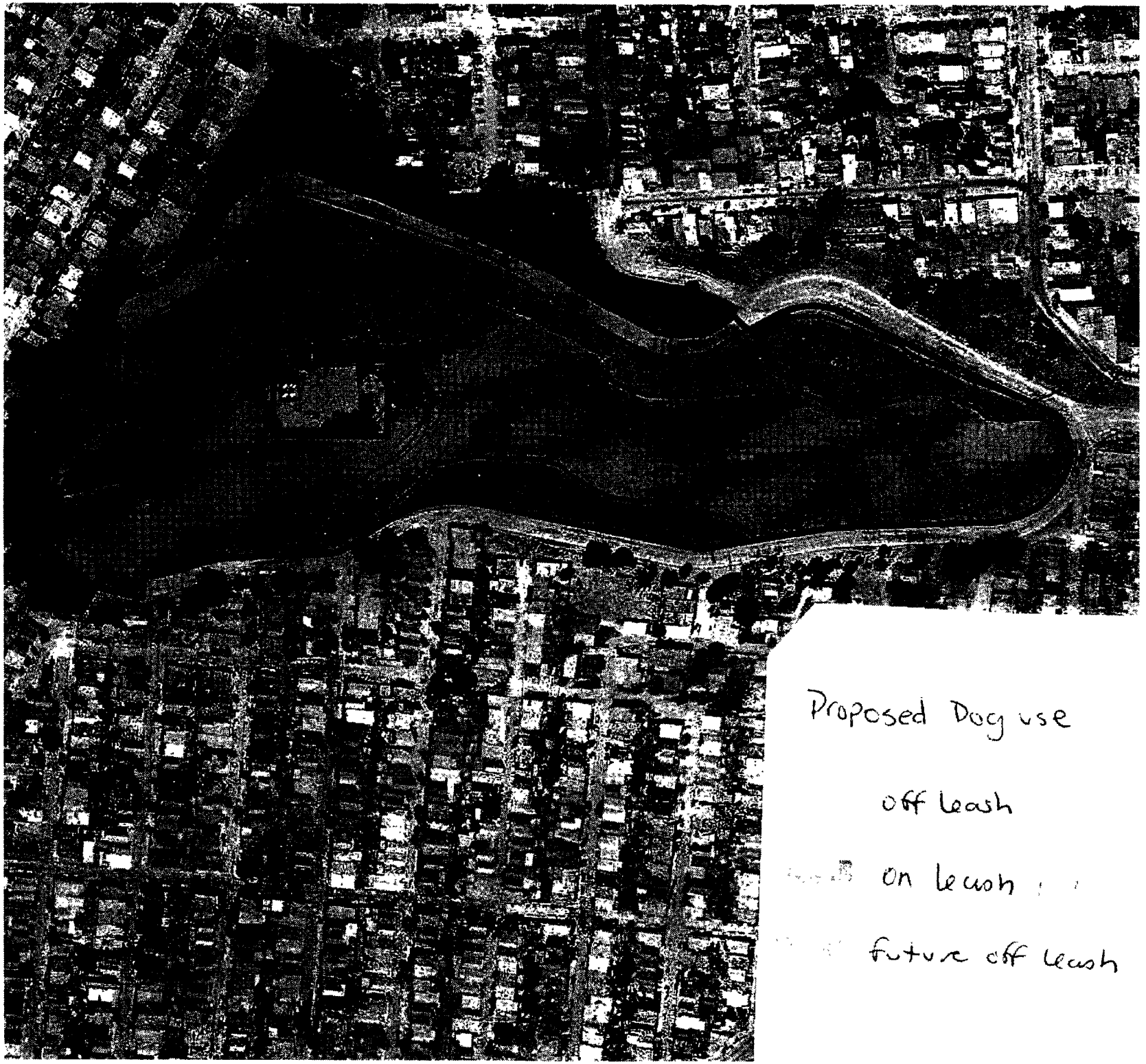
Proposed Dog use
off leash
on leash
future off leash

Bernal Hill
Letter 77

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hill

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 08:39 AM -----

Robin Bullard <robinbullard@comcast.net> 07/28/2005 05:00 PM

To: lisa.wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Bernal Hill

Hello.

(I hope this is the right email address.)

As a long time resident of Bernal Heights (22 years), I want to express my opposition to proposed changes to Bernal Hill Park. 77a

I AM ESPECIALLY OPPOSED TO THE REMOVAL OF ANY TREES!!!!! 77b

I believe we need more trees, not less, and I regard the opinion - that non-native trees should removed - as ridiculous, absurd and counterproductive. 77c

SAVE THE BIRD HABITAT! I sincerely hope that the parks department will consider the limited nesting sites available to birds on the Bernal Hill. 77d

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW FOOLISH NATIVE PLANT ZEALOTS TO REMOVE OUR TREES. 77e

Thank you for your time.

If this is not the correct email address to express my point of view on this, will you please forward.

Thank you!

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info@robinbullard.com

Bernal Hill
Letter 78

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 08:38 AM -----

Cameron Scott <ecs_allgo@yahoo.com> 07/28/2005 04:59 PM

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cc:

Subject: NAP Comments

To Whom It May Concern:

78a

I am writing to express my opposition to the Natural Areas Plan for Bernal Hill Park. There's a saying that goes, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." What could be a more successful model of a city park than Bernal Hill? It is the availability of places like Bernal Hill to average people and their pets that draws outdoorsy, passionate, environmentally-minded people to San Francisco.

The park has created a healthy community of people who talk to each other while enjoying a range of outdoor activities. It has made a park that used to be used by junkies a major draw for everyone in the neighborhood and many, like me, outside it. In fact, it has reinvigorated the entire neighborhood. It is a beautiful place where I have stood and admired hawks with others while our dogs quietly played.

78b

The plan to cut down all of the eucalyptus and pine trees in the park is simply absurd. We live in a city and produce pollution. There is a radio tower on Bernal Hill, which is now hidden by pine trees. Cutting them down will not make this a more beautiful natural environment. If the plan were to use the steepest areas of the hill to reintroduce plants, I would be fully in favor. But the plan is much more restrictive of human and dog use than it should be.

78d 78c

78e

I've heard that there are plans to use Round Up on non-native plants. I find this hard even to believe. All I can say is, if it's true, please don't.

78f

Finally, about the dogs. Dogs are nature's animals, too. Maybe humans shouldn't have domesticated them, but we did so before history was even recorded. Since then, they have provided thousands of years of service and love to humans. Ceasing to allow them to play off-leash as they need to do will not cause them to breed less. It will cause them to bark more and otherwise disrupt the more urban areas where they will be forced to fulfill their instincts.

78g

This is a terrible, terrible plan that will fulfill the extremist selfish wishes of a few over the reasonable wishes of the many.

Sincerely,
Cameron Scott, Ph.D.
Environmentalist, Dog Owner

Bernal Hill
Letter 79

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 08:35 AM -----

"Bridgette Carroll" <bcarroll@midpen-housing.org>
07/28/2005 04:49 PM

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

To Whom it May Concern,

79a

I am writing you regarding the NAP plan for San Francisco with a particular park in mind, Bernal Hill. It has been a off leash dog park for over 25 years. People buy houses in the area because of the off-leash park. I feel that if the NAP people figure out that dogs can't read signs requiring leashes, they might take the whole park away.

I voted for more open space, this is taking away open space and trees! 79b
Please reconsider this program, it's too expensive and over the top. 79c

thanks,

bridgette

Bernal Hill
Letter 80

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Steven Krefting - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 08:30 AM -----

The SFGOV Web Applications Server <webmaster@sfgov.org> **To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>** **cc:** **Subject: NAP MAP - Steven Krefting - REQUESTS CONTACT!.**

07/28/2005 04:16 PM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Bernal Hill

Restoration Score - 5
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score - 4
Recreation & Trails Comments - There are ample trails, if anything too many - though it is better to have sufficient constructed trails than to create a demand for social trails, so I understand. 80a

Sensitive Species Score - 4
Sensitive Species Comments - Too much of the hill is still off leash. This will discourage species such as the western meadowlark from using the hill as much as it has in the past. Other species are no doubt already gone because of the enormous impact of the dog activity. The plan mentions no finds of snakes or amphibians. I have no doubt that they are there, since just below the park I encountered a large gopher snake, as well as pacific slender salamanders (which are seasonal). I have even found an arborial salamander in my current backyard on the NE part fo the hill - also possible in the park. 80b 80c

Dogs & Cats Score - 3
Dogs & Cats Comments - I am glad that the Northwest section is being made on-leash. However, I think that it would be better for the habitat if dogs were not allowed at all on that section of the hill. It is unfortunately doubtful that many people with dogs will put a leash on them for this section. Some well-done interpretive signs explaining the value of the habitat might help. There is too much off-leash area on the ill already - it is difficult for a non-dog owner such as me to get much enjoyment walking around the hill when surrounded by many romping dogs. 80d

Trees Score - 5
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 4
Grasslands Comments - My only concerns are related above.

Landscape Score - 5
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments - More interpretive signage.) 80e

Plan Score - 6
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Natives/Wildlife

Name - Steven Krefting
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Volunteerin
g Comment -

Staff Score - 5

Bernal Hill
Letter 81

Subject: Fw: proposed changes to bernal hill

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 08:06 AM -----

Annabelle Breakey <annabelle@annabelleb reakey.com>
07/28/2005 03:17 PM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: proposed changes to bernal hill

8\a

I am very concerned about the proposed changes to Bernal Hill. I have a small dog and we would not be allowed to use the park the way we should be allowed to. I along with the community very much enjoys this park and to prohibit us from using it would be terrible. I understand that dogs and cats are not native to this area, but neither are Europeans. Does this not sound ridiculous? It is in all of our best interest if we continue to allow people and dogs use the park as is. The species that now inhabit the park currently enjoy it greatly. What is the purpose of restoring it to something that is no longer? What is wrong with how it is today and how it is being used. The eco system seems to be doing just fine. 8\b

It seems that money can be better spent elsewhere. 8\c

thank you

Annabelle Breakey

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Bernal Hill
Letter 82

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hill Plans

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:53 AM -----

Lynnly <lynnly@earthlink.net> **To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org**
cc:
Subject: Bernal Hill Plans
07/28/2005 02:46 PM

Hello Lisa,

I'm writing to express my concerns (and objections) about the proposed changes to Bernal Hill---in particular the proposed acreage that will become "on-leash only" areas. 82a

I am strongly opposed to these changes which demonstrate no real benefit to the local residents of Bernal Heights--and remove significant off-leash access. My feeling after viewing the up-dated map and the proposal is that this proposal fits our needs around the plan rather than the plan being adapted to our needs or how Bernal Hill actually functions as part of our community.

82b 82c

Bernal Hill Park is the most important area in my life in terms of health and well-being. It is why I am a homeowner here in Bernal and why I pay a very large tax bill every year to continue to live here. As someone with advanced breast cancer I rely on Bernal Hill to walk with my two dogs in a lovely, unfettered open space. I was honestly a bit offended by the idea of putting this much resources and effort into returning Bernal Hill to some state of native plant-life especially when there is already a huge, central location in the city (Golden Gate Park) that is dedicated to such efforts. We also live in a city that is visually known for it's non-native plants--palm trees, eucalyptus trees and other species too numerous to mention. To take any portion of the already limited neighborhood space out of circulation for dog owners wishing to walk off-leash just does not make sense and is not fair. 82d

82e

On a more practical level--to constrict off-leash dog walking to a smaller area is to create an unpleasant and potentially dangerous high density of dogs. The areas on the updated map indicating proposed and future on-leash areas really are the areas most frequented by those of us walking with our dogs. I spoke with some of the individuals who were working on the hill weeding last weekend and asked why they could not cultivate the other side of the hill where no one really walks. they say that its not possible to cultivate native plants in these other less frequented areas of the hill because the native plants are not there now (which i find difficult to believe). I imagine that they were there at some point however and I feel that perhaps this is a challenge they should take on if they really are committed to restoring native plants--and respecting those of us who live here. 82f

I also believe this proposal would be not only costly but impossible to enforce resulting in wasted funds that could have gone to protecting this valualbe natural asset in other worthwhile ways. 82g

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,

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Bernal Hill
Letter 83

Subject: Fw: NAPMAP

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:51 AM -----

Tony Spadarella <tspad@sbcglobal.net>
07/28/2005 02:16 PM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org, Yomi.Agunbiade@sfgov.org, margaret.mmcarthur@sfgov.org
cc: Ed French <eafrench@earthlink.net>
Subject: NAPMAP

Subject: Bernal Hill and NAPMAP

83a

I am a City resident, a City property owner, and a Sierra Club member who disagrees with Parks and Rec and the Club on the NAPMAP plans as concerns Bernal Hill.

I am writing to protest any usage change at Bernal Hill. It is such a spectacular view area, and one of the few places that gives you that feeling of country-in-the-City. The close-in, 360 degree views of the city are stunning.

I am a recent Bernal Heights resident, having moved back into town and to this specific area of town precisely because of this open space for my dogs. I moved from a 6.5 acre home in the country into the confines of the City. Bernal Hill currently allows my animals and myself the freedom to wander all over the hill. It has been a kind of wonderful and special compensation for the loss of my own land, to have this beautiful open space so near my new home.

An added bonus is the social interaction with neighbors out exercising or walking their dogs. I have met many of my Bernal Heights neighbors up on the Hill.

I have brought several out-of-town and foreign guests to the hill to experience the splendid views of the City. I have also watched tourist and local families hike and enjoy the many trails around the park. It's a fun, active, place as it is now, alive and well-used.

83b

I can assure you that what the majority people want to see at Bernal Hill is the that magnificent view, and not the native plants or animals. It already is a natural, even if not native.

83c

In my opinion, it would be hypocritical to restrict the private citizens' usage of Bernal Hill while allowing the micro-satellite antennae station/structure to remain prominently on a stark, treeless hilltop.

83d

This tower is not natural, certainly not a native species, nor was its design approved by any municipal art authority as artistically worthy of such vaunted public display. If it is allowed to remain, the unobstructed view of that metal structure surrounded by high black wrought iron fencing, would be an aesthetic eyesore, surrounded, albeit, by lovely native grasses. If you want to return Bernal Hill to its natural state, get rid of that.

Bernal Hill witnessed the City of San Francisco rise to greatness, the same sensation one experiences, when climbing up the hill from the south side, the full City skyline appears. I often imagine other San Franciscans, in earlier times, hiking up here to watch the Great '06 Fire, the re-building of the City, the construction of the Bay Bridge, and so on. 83e

Leave Bernal Hill open, free and out of your plans, please! It's perfect as is and an integral part of our neighborhood. 83f

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Bernal Hill
Letter 84

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Mark Langan/CNPS, Bernal Hill Native Grasslands - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:45 AM -----

The SFGOV Web Applications Server <webmaster@sfgov.org>
To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Mark Langan/CNPS, Bernal Hill Native Grasslands - REQUESTS CONTACT!.
07/28/2005 01:34 PM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Bernal Hill

Restoration Score - 4
Restoration Comments - It could go a bit further to remove invasives; the rains of last winter (system would not accept apostrophes) brought forth an amazing resurgence of native grasses. 84a

Recreation & Trails Score - 5
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score - 4
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 4
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score - 4
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 4
Grasslands Comments - It does in general, although I am concerned by the proposal to retain certain stands of nectar producing non-natives. 84b

Landscape Score - 3
Landscape Comments - N/A - no landscaped areas present at Bernal

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

84c

Improvement/Features Comments - Better erosion control work, like they have already done on the north side!

Plan Score - 8
Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

Name - Mark Langan/CNPS, Bernal Hill Native Grasslands Phone - 415-285-6370 Ema il - fuji53@comcast.net
Address - fuji53@comcast.net

Volunteering Comment - Already volunteer at Bernal

Staff Score - 4

City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

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Bernal Hill
Letter 85

DRAFT NAP MAP – Public Comments Form

Natural Area Site Name: Bernal Heights

Please share your comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plans treatment of this issue area. With 5 = completely satisfied and 1 = completely dissatisfied. A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. If you have comments which could directly influence changes to the plan

Restoration 1 2 3 4 5 — 85a

I had thought that by this time we'd have many more volunteers out there pulling weeds, and that there would be some restrictions on off-leash. The proposed plans allow off-leash to continue above the boulevard, and the enormous number of dogs is damaging the native biological communities—they dig, they deposit feces (which enriches the soil, thus promoting weed growth), and they trample the plants. In addition, they harrass wildlife.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5 — 85b

All of the native plants are harmed by the heavy impacts of people and dogs, primarily the latter

Recreation 1 2 3 4 5 — 85c

Principal recreation use should be passive recreation: scenery/views, kite-flying, bird watching, photography, painting

Dogs and Cats 1 2 3 4 5

Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Other (include systemwide comments here) 1 2 3 4 5 85

Above comments regarding giving too much emphasis on active recreation and insufficient attention to natural resources protection can be applied to most of the RPD areas where there are recreational conflicts.

Ditto inadequate staffing.

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If your ranked the plan's balance on the site anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses **Natural resource protection**

May we contact you regarding your comments?

Name: _____

Affiliation(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Bernal Hill
Letter 86

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hill NAP

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:38 AM -----

scott kravitz <scottkravitz@gmail.com> 07/28/2005 12:30 PM
Please respond to scott kravitz

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Bernal Hill NAP

Dear SF Recreation and Park Dept.:

re: Bernal Hill NAP

86a

Having read the proposed fencing plan for the fencing off of major areas of Bernal Hill, I am shocked at the scale and over reach of the project. I am all in favor of grasslands restoration, but this plan ignores the fact that the area is a much a resource for the community as if it had been developed. Shutting people and their dogs out of such an expansive area is an injury to our sense of community.

I believe I I speak for many people in saying that I love Bernal Hill and am willing to work towards any end that will restore it's natural habitat. I will volunteer to remove exotic plants, or do whatever else needs to be done. But I don't want to be shut out of it.

I realize that there exists a conflict between restoration and public use. However, I believe that the evaluation of community interests has not been taken in the proper context - that of a city in which off-leash recreation is increasingly thretened.

Sincerely,
Scott Kravitz
3827 Cesar Chavez St.
San Francisco, CA 94131

Bernal Hill
Letter 87

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hill Management Plan

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:36 AM -----

Corey.Bain@kp.org
07/28/2005 12:14 PM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Bernal Hill Management Plan

87a

Hello,
I am a resident of Bernal Heights. Part of my daily life is enjoying a walk around Bernal Hill with my dog. It has come to my attention that there are proposed changes regarding dog and pedestrian access to the natural areas of the hill in order to allow reintroduction of natural plant life. Bernal Hill is one of the last off leash parks in the city. Bernal Hill is perfect for this due to its isolation, yet containment from the urban environment. Restricting access to the paved road around the Hill will not allow people to enjoy the true park experience. The public uses the Hill (Park) as a respite from urban stresses. It provides what is necessary for humans - Natural environment sustains the life of all beings universally.
Please consider this request - please do not limit access to and fence off Bernal Hill.
Thank you for your consideration.

Corey Bain

Bernal Hill
Letter 88

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hills proposed changes

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:26 AM -----

vlgreen7@comcast.net 07/28/2005 11:29 AM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc: Yomi.Agunbiade@sfgov.org
Subject: Bernal Hills proposed changes

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes to the off-leash dog area on Bernal Hill. I am a San Francisco resident and homeowner in the Mission, and I bring my 2 dogs up to the hill twice a day. Although I believe in well-planned environmental actions to preserve our native vegetation, the proposed plan's benefits would be greatly outweighed by the detriments to the residents of the area. 88a

I strongly oppose the use of my tax dollars to take away my access to one of the few remaining natural areas where my dogs can run and exercise off-leash. Limiting dog access to the areas proposed will create congestion and completely change the nature of the walk. The current draw of the area is the ability to walk along on the paths with some degree of solitude, while enjoying the view and natural beauty -- being restricted to the paved road, quarry and other proposed areas just does not provide the same benefit. The wildflowers are doing fine; just leave it alone. 88b

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Valerie Green

Bernal Hill
Letter 89

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hill Management Plan

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:25 AM -----

"Cheryl Fenton Photography" <cfentonphoto@earthlink.net>
To: <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: Bernal Hill Management Plan

07/28/2005 11:24 AM

Hello,

89a

I am a resident of Bernal Heights and I walk Bernal Hill daily with my dog. I am extremely distressed to read of the proposed changes regarding dog and pedestrian access to the natural areas of the hill. At present, walking Bernal Hill is a natural respite from the stresses of urban living. One can wander the trails, observing kestrels, snakes, voles, etc., and feel refreshed and a part of the environment. Restricting access to the paved roads, and, most likely, fencing off the natural areas would make the experience like visiting a zoo or staring at an aquarium. One can look but don't touch. Bernal Hill is a vibrant and evolving place to be experienced from within, not a sterile, precious object to be placed behind barriers and viewed from without. I understand the desire to deal with the problems of erosion, but surely that could be dealt with without compromising the quality of life of thousands of people who come here from all over. Also, I am concerned over the less than concientious effort that was made to inform the public about this dramatic and impending decision.
Please consider this message as a strong protest against taking away one of the last natural off-leash dog areas, and against the separation of people from the natural beauty of Bernal Hill. Thank you for your consideration and I will hope for the best.

Regards,
Cheryl Fenton

Bernal Hill
Letter 90

Subject: Fw: Leave Bernal Hill Alone!

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:18 AM -----

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07/28/2005 11:07 AM

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cc: <fsalmerica@earthlink.net>
Subject: RE: Leave Bernal Hill Alone!

Lisa, Yomi and Margaret,

I have just finished reading my partner's letter to you all about Bernal Hill and

I'm so impressed with how he articulated the issue that I am simply forwarding his e-mail with my "ditto".

I simply add that I moved to Bernal Heights in large part because of the unique quality of the dog friendly environment (I am certain we have the highest per capita dog households in SF). 90a

Please do not be reactionary about this small group of peoples' zealotry around these non- endangered plants. 90b

Sincerely,

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COPIED FROM FRANCIS SALMERI'S E-MAIL...

The USA is awash in political and religious fundamentalism. The nativist plant purists that you are giving credence to are no different from these other fundamentalists in their fervor, fanaticism or in their conviction that theirs is the only right approach. During the 80's religious fundamentalist took over school boards across the

nation to the effect we now have where books are banned and science is rejected in favor of religious doctrine. Similarly, the nativist plant folks have also taken over boards and committees throughout the SF in order to bring about their vision of native plant purity in our city.

On Potrero Hill the nativists took over a local board responsible for maintaining Starr King Park. They removed long standing eucalyptus trees which provided nesting areas for crows and welcomed shade on sunny days. Even with local support against removal of the trees, they went ahead, forcing their vision of plant purity down the throats of local residents.
I
know, I was a local resident then. By the way, they took many months to remove all the debris they created when they chopped down the trees, demonstrating their narrow focus, lack of responsible follow through and lack of regard for the neighborhood once they assumed power on the local board.

I now live a block from the Hill on Ellsworth and walk my dogs daily, off leash on the Hill. The freedom on the Hill and the mix of dogs, birds, people and open space is what makes the Hill a wonderful place and is what convinced my partner and I to buy a home here. The threat we are now facing here on Bernal by native plant purists is no different than other areas in San Francisco.

On Bernal Hill the nativists want to bar off leash dogs and remove long standing eucalyptus trees in favor of so called "sensitive" plants. We all know these so called sensitive plant species have survived with dogs off leash but these nativists seem to hate dogs as much as they hate eucalyptus trees. These sensitive plants aren't even rare or endangered! I question the authority of nativist plant folks to define a native plant as sensitive and then proscribe its protections. Where does their authority derive and why does San Francisco Rec and Park listen to them? The Sierra Club and Audubon Society are also awash in nativist plant purists who take it upon themselves to define which plants are sensitive. The sensitive plants that they declare have no government recognition! The local plant nativists then use the standing of these highly regarded environmental organizations as their authority to enforce their agenda. They are smart and relentless but SF Parks and Rec is the one giving these people authority by agreeing with their agenda and you are doing it over the objections of the people who live in the neighborhood! I strongly object to the nativist proposals for Bernal Hill!

I am a long time supporter of environmental organizations including Green Peace and the Sierra Club but even for many staunch environmentalists these nativist plant purists are far to extreme in their fundamentalism. We live in a city and our open spaces are for the enjoyment of our city's citizens and NOT for the enforced vision of a minority of nativist purists. Tell the nativists to focus on state and federal park lands.

If the nativist agenda is proscribed on Bernal Hill I will probably not comply. Additionally, the buzz on the hill is quite angry and many people express similar sentiment. Bernal Hill will remain off leash, either legally the way it is now, or through citizen non-compliance. It is as simple as that.

The nativists say they want 20 percent of the hill and that sounds somewhat reasonable until you take into account the trails on the hill and the ability to hike with our dogs freely on these trails, off leash. You also need to do a little research on these people because they are driven by a what looks like a fanatical fervor in their vision of nativist plant purity.
If you don't believe me test them. They won't stop at 20 percent of the Hill and they will object if you were to attempt to codify that for the next 20 years that only 20 percent of the hill would require dogs on leash.

I want Park and Recreation to reject nativist proposals and complete the renovation on Bernal Hill which was started 2 years ago but never completed.

I want the few trees on Bernal Hill left alone! Whether native species or not, they are part of the Hill and are important to our crows, kestrels, hawks, finches and mocking birds! Leave the trees alone! The majority of residents on the Hill appreciate these trees and want them to stay.

Do not force the nativist fundamentalist agenda down our throats in our neighborhood!

Francis Salmeri

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Bernal Hill
Letter 91

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:16 AM -----

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cc:

Subject: NAP Comments

Dear Ms. Lisa Wayne:

9.a

Please don't close the top of Bernal Heights Hill to off leash dogs. My partner and I and our two children take our dog to the top of the hill every day. We don't simply want to walk on a closed paved street, or play fetch in the saddle of the hill or the old quarry, standing in one place. We really need to walk, and enjoy feeling that we are out in nature, walking on an unpaved narrower trail, such as the top of the hill provides. And not just right next to the microwave tower's fence. Both our dog and us stay on the paths. To the extent that our dog, or other dogs I have seen sometimes go off the trail, I see no evidence that any damage is being done. (Some of the really steep assents are an exception, and we don't use those.)

9.b

Please don't chop down the few trees and bushes. Though they may be non-native, they are not spreading, and are homes to many birds. And Fencing and weed killer are the opposite of what I look for in a natural area.

Polly V. Marshall

Bernal Hill
Letter 92

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hill

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:15 AM -----

"John Cremer" <JCremer@scif.com> 07/28/2005 11:01 AM
To: "Lisa Wayne" <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org>
cc: "Anne Batmale \(E-mail\)" <jcab@earthlink.net>
Subject: RE: Bernal Hill

Hello Ms. Wayne,

My initial comments were made with knowledge of the incorrect information posted in Bernal Heights park. However, I have viewed the materials and links you provided and have just a few more comments.

I believe that the proposed on-leash area (marked green on your aerial photo) is far too large. Currently this area to the west and north of the towers is frequently used by walkers, with and without dogs. I see no benefit to the park for people with dogs having to interrupt their walk to leash their dogs for this portion of their walk around the base of the summit of the hill. As I wrote in my earlier comments (attached below), except for purposes of erosion control on the steep slopes directly above Bernal Heights Boulevard, the entire hill should be left as it currently is: An off-leash area. 92a

Again, your department has pushed and pushed people with dogs out of many other parks, all the while telling this public that Bernal Heights park is an 'off leash' park: Go there. And now you betray this public by instituting these unnecessary, onerous and un-enforceable rules for this park. Frankly, at this point your departments credibility has worn very thin, and your going forward with these proposed changes will no doubt be met with an organized and concerted effort directed at the Board of Supervisors to have it stopped or reversed. Hands off Bernal Heights Park. 92b

Below are my earlier comments: (Please see Bernal Hill-95)

Hello Lisa,

I am writing to give you a few thoughts about the proposed changes to Bernal Heights park usage. My wife and I own a home at 3287 Folsom street, which is less than a block from the northern entrance to the park. We've lived near and been walking -- with and without dogs --in the park since the 1980's.

The biggest changes in usage that we have noticed have been in the last year or two coinciding with your department's restricting off-leash dogs in many of the other parks in The City. The overflow of dog walkers (professional and private) from these parks has come to Bernal Heights Park and this has created substantial increase of usage. I suggest that you go up to the park between 11:00 am and noon on any weekday, and you will see several vans and trucks off loading strings of 5 to 10 dogs -- all out for their daily play and poop. Most of the dog walkers are good about cleaning up after their charges, but with six or more dogs on a line it becomes

impossible and we are left with a mess.

One suggestion that I would make would be to restrict dog walkers to no more than five or six dogs on lead or off lead at a time. Anything else is not fair to other park goers.

However, we are very much against restricting off-leash dogs to any specific areas in Bernal Heights park, with the possible exception to the steep slopes immediately above Bernal Heights Boulevard for purposes of erosion control. Anything else is an unnecessary change of long-standing and perfectly sound use of the park. And it would constitute yet another restriction of dog activity in a San Francisco park. Dog owners have had enough tightening and restriction of park use out of you folks over the last few years. Yet now you propose to take a park that is working quite well and create problems where almost none exists.

I am far more concerned about the current recreational needs of San Franciscans than I am about providing some sort of airy fairy native plant habitat fixed to some unknown time in history. All their pseudo scientific arguments are just a smoke screen to have their way, which would be to affix the park in amber and only allow their small band to enter to pull weeds once a month. Hogwash! The plant needs pale in comparison to the hundreds of people walking with and without dogs in the park every week.

There is no doubt that if these proposed changes in park policy are enacted that there will be immediate and loud political repercussions that will be heard in City Hall.

Thank you for your kind attention,

-----Original Message-----
From: Lisa Wayne [mailto:Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2005 10:25 AM
Subject: Bernal Hill

Dear Park Advocate

Your comments regarding the Natural Areas at Bernal Hill have been received by the Department.

It is important to the Recreation and Park Department that accurate information about the plan be disseminated to the public so that meaningful public input can be received on the Public Draft. It has come to our attention that the postings on Bernal Hill "prepared by Christine_Mcquiston@yahoo.com" of highlighted maps of Bernal Hill is presenting misinformation about the Natural Areas Draft Management Plan.
The maps that were posted in the park were taken from a draft plan that was prepared in 2002 and modified to show changes in off-leash recreation and access. This information is incorrect as well as other information that was posted in the park. The Department encourages the public to view the accurate plan and maps for Bernal Hill located on the Recreation and Park Department website
http://www.parks.sfgov.org/wcm_recpark/SNRA50/Sections/6.21%20Bernal%20Hill.pdf

In summary, the Draft Management Plan
- does not propose any tree removal at Bernal Hill - see text box on map page 6.21-15
- does not propose cyclone fencing at Bernal or any of the designated Natural Areas
- mentions that fencing would be used as a last resort (only low rustic fencing) and in specific locations where erosion and safety are a concern - see page 6.21-7

only proposes to close or re-reroute social trails that are unsafe, are short cuts or are redundant - see pages 6.21-8 and 6.21-15, which contains a map of trails to remain and be improved under the plan. For social trails proposed for closure, please see the pink trails on page 6.21-12
does not propose to exclude people and dogs from Bernal Hill
does propose to reduce the existing designated 21 acre off-leash area above the road to a 13 acre off-leash area. The remaining 8 acres would be on-leash. Off leash experiences will continue in the most heavily used off-leash areas including the paved road, the quarry, the entire central portion of the hill that extends from the radio tower to the east hairpin turn (and a trail that crosses hill's crest) (see attached map that was shown at public meetings regarding the Draft Management Plan)
identifies existing (not planted) native plants and wildlife habitat on Bernal Hill
does not propose closure of Bernal Hill
does propose formalization and improvements of trails to reduce erosion problems

Some members of the public are aware of the misinformation that is being posted in parks and on websites, while others are not. Again, the Department is interested in receiving public input on the proposed plan.
If you have not already done so, please review the accurate plan on RPDs website and make comments. The comment period ends Thursday July 28th at 5pm. Thank you.

(See attached file: proposed off-leash dog area changes.jpg)

Bernal Hill
Letter 93

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 10:44 AM -----

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07/28/2005 10:40 AM
cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

Dear Ms. Wayne,

Here are my comments on the NAP as it regards Bernal Heights Hill:

93a

Non- Native species. Please focus on the low lying "weed- like" plants that spread and choke out natives as opposed to the shrubs, bushes and trees, which, while non-native, do not spread and choke out species. We like to have some bushes, shrubs and trees, and a few wild roses, even if they are non-native. Also, we have some pretty impressive birds that spend time in the larger trees. Please don't use wed killer to save us from the non-native plants. It would be so ironic to use a weed killer to "restore" a natural area.

93b

Path consolidation. Some of the paths ascend steeply and cause erosion and probably could be closed. But most of the paths are well established, and do not seem to be a threat. Please retain a path that circumvents the microwave tower, but not just the one that is adjacent to the towers' fence.
It is not enjoyable to walk so close to that installation and that path is too short. The main path lower down the hill is far superior and in good condition. Please don't close the path that comes from the far east side of the hill. It provides access for those from the east side of the hill.

93c

Dogs. Please don't restrict dogs from the western part of the hill. Both people and dogs generally stay on the path, and when the dogs do wonder off, there is not much if any harm.

93d

Fencing. Please don't build a fence. We treasure the natural feel of the hill. A fence and the disruption of the construction crew are the antithesis of what we enjoy. How ironic that to restore nature we propose to build a structure. It is a bit like saying we have to destroy the area in order to save it.

Thanks,

Mitchell Omerberg

Bernal Hill
Letter 94

Subject: Fw: 20%reduction of of-leash dogs on Bernal Hill

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 10:17 AM -----

Mimi Pajo
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07/28/2005 10:09 AM

To: lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: 20%reduction of of-leash dogs on Bernal Hill

94a

To whom it may concern:
It has recently been brought to my attention that there is to be a 20% reduction of off-leash dog access to Bernal Hill. As a homeowner, dog owner, and resident of Bernal Heights, this is a grave concern of mine.
I would like it to be known that I am against any such action. Bernal Hill has always been an off-leash, voice-control dog park. There aren't many left, and there has been no incidences to warrant such action.
Please let it be known that the residents and frequent dog-walkers would like Bernal Hill to remain the way ity always has been -- off-leash dogs OK.
Thank You,
Mimi Pajo
Bernal Heights Resident
Dog Owner
Concerned Citizen

Bernal Hill
Letter 95

Subject: Fw: Bernal Heights Park comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 10:15 AM -----

"John Cremer" <JCremer@scif.com> 07/28/2005 09:43 AM
To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: Bernal Heights Park comments

Hello Lisa,
I am writing to give you a few thoughts about the proposed changes to Bernal Heights park usage. My wife and I own a home at 3287 Folsom street, which is less than a block from the northern entrance to the park. We've lived near and been walking -- with and without dogs --in the park since the 1980's. 95a
The biggest changes in usage that we have noticed have been in the last year or two coinciding with your department's restricting off-leash dogs in many of the other parks in The City. The overflow of dog walkers (professional and private) from these parks has come to Bernal Heights Park and this has created substantial increase of usage. I suggest that you go up to the park between 11:00 am and noon on any weekday, and you will see several vans and trucks off loading strings of 5 to 10 dogs -- all out for their daily play and poop. Most of the dog walkers are good about cleaning up after their charges, but with six or more dogs on a line it becomes impossible and we are left with a mess. One suggestion that I would make would be to restrict dog walkers to no more than five or six dogs on lead or off lead at a time. Anything else is not fair to other park goers. 95b
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I am far more concerned about the current recreational needs of San Franciscans than I am about providing some sort of airy fairy native plant habitat fixed to some unknown time in history. All the Native Plant proponents' pseudo scientific arguments are just a smoke screen to have their way, which would be to affix the park in amber and only allow their small band to enter to pull weeds once a month. Hogwash! The plant needs pale in comparison to the hundreds and hundreds of people walking, with and without dogs, in the park every week. There is no doubt that if these proposed changes in park policy are enacted that there will be immediate and loud political repercussions that will be heard in City Hall. 95c

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Bernal Hill
Letter 96

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hill project

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 10:09 AM -----

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cc:
Subject: Bernal Hill project

Hi Lisa-

I just became aware of the plans to close off most of the Bernal Hill park. 96a
It was unclear from the documents I saw whether this is intended to be a permanent or temporary closure.

As a resident and home owner in the Bernal Heights neighborhood, I use this park every day--and it really feels like a park with all of the hiking trails. Eliminating our access to these areas takes away one of the few urban hikes available to all san francisco residents (and as a 20 year resident of San Francisco, my main attraction to the city is it's combination of urban and outdoor opportunities and lifestyles). 96b

I would prefer to see some of the hiking trails remain open, perhaps upgraded or re-routed slightly to avoid erosion issues. I have not ever seen anyone "making their own trails", so I believe that our community would respect such efforts and not wander off the paths. 96c

I also think that if costs are a concern, the community would be willing to coordinate volunteer efforts to make this happen. The people who regulary use this park really do respect it and often clean up after the infrequent visitors who do not. 96d

What is the point of having beautiful, natural preserves if the only way to enjoy them is from afar and through a fence? 96e

thanks for your consideration.

-Kimberly Kelly
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Bernal Hill
Letter 97

Subject: Fw: Natural Areas Survey - Bernal Hill

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 10:06 AM -----

Hilary Oglesby <hilcat32@yahoo.com> 07/28/2005 06:43 AM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Natural Areas Survey - Bernal Hill

1.) Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below. 1

97a

I feel that the plan purposely limits an entire demographic of the population that uses the park on a daily basis. The restoration is short-sighted. The summary assumes that by reducing the use of the land and ridding it of non-native invasive species will solve the problem. Who is to say that this is not natural selection at its best. Let's face it Wild Oat grass is not going away. It is an air borne seed that will travel from other areas of the city and plant it's self and spread. And then there goes all of our hard weed pulling and not to mention tax dollars. So, unless the city wants to cover the hill in some sort of bio-dome, I think the restoration plan is a setting us up for failure. It also is taking away the little bit of joy people are able to experience in a time of struggle.

2.)Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain. 1

97b

I think some of the proposed trails seem fine. From the diagram it appears that a large portion of the trails will remain open. I hope this also means that the trails will be maintained. I noticed this past winter that a lot of the trails were washed away from the rain. I also noticed that in the spring plants start to grow in the trails making it difficult to walk steadily. I would like to stress that these are most likely the hearty weeds the SFRPD are trying a rid the area of. So, in actuality the very trails you are reducing to help restore the native plants is actually going to create more land for the weeds to grow.

3.Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below. 1

97c

I think the recreation on the north side has been overly reduced. Some of the areas are my favorite places to look out over the city and up to the sky. There should at least be a second trail that loops around the bottom perimeter right on top of the cliff. I have also enjoyed watching birds and butterflies. The other day I even spotted a snake

for the first time. I feel that the plan has unfairly reduced my recreational area. 97c

4. Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below. 1

97d

No, the actions are not as I expected. First of all, we are in the middle of a huge metropolitan area and I don't expect to see a lot of wildlife.
And to be honest, when I do see wildlife I certainly don't know if it is sensitive or not. Yes, I realize this is my own ignorance. But what I can say, is that whether it is sensitive or not I still enjoy seeing them greatly. Like the crows that like to pick on the hawk looking bird and the little blue birds and finches. I mean are you really going to be able to introduce sensitive species when every five minutes you hear fire, ambulance and police sirens going off. I know if I was a wild animal my instincts would say get me the hell out of here.

5.

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g.
non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain below 1

97e

First of all, I could not find anywhere in the bernal heights section that mentioned bullfrogs. If you are planning to remove them I definitely think it is un-called for. That is their home and they have found a way to survive and should be allowed to stay. I also disagree with the Dog Play areas that have been suggested. I would prefer the entire hill remain off-leash. Because I don't believe they are the cause of the erosion and disappearing of the native species. The mountain is natural selection at its best. Mother nature will do her job better than any of us could ever dream of. And yes she does seem like a bitch when she causes earthquakes, hurricanes, and the disappearance of native species, but no matter how we try and control her, she will always win in the end.

6.Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain below. 1

97f

I think no trees should be removed. Now if a new one starts to grow and you want to pull that, fine. But all the large trees should remain. Everyday I see birds playing a squawking it them.

7.Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife
habitat as you expected? Please explain below. 1

97g

What do you mean restore the grassland, wildflowers, and wildlife. As far as I am concerned those things already exist and don't need to be restored.
As for the preservation, I think the hill has been doing a fine job on its own.

8.Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If
not, please explain below. 1

97h

I think the landscape is just fine the way it is. What I wouldn't mind is a few signs stating what species are currently in the area with pictures and captions.

9. Other Comments

97i

In a lot of ways I think the SFRPD has gone about the implementation of this project all wrong. I think you needed to make people more aware of what you are trying to do and what would be like when it is finished. For example, you could of already physical put up signs showing what the native species are. This way people become interested. Also, setting up a day to physical show people what the changed to the recreation area and trails would be. I guess this is asking too much. But really at this point I feel like you are taking away too much.

10. Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

97j

I see many birds by the trees near and around the Esememlda Stairway. I hope you are planning on leaving these trees.

11. Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

97k

I would like to see better maintained trails. In the winter they are practically washed away by the rain.

12.

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 2

13.If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?

Recreation

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Bernal Hill
Letter 98

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments: WE SUPPORT THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM MANAGEMENT PLAN (NAPMAP)

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 09:43 AM -----

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cc:

Subject: NAP Comments: WE SUPPORT THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM MANAGEMENT PLAN (NAPMAP)

WE SUPPORT THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM MANAGEMENT PLAN (NAPMAP)

98a

Natural Areas Program has done an excellent job in researching, preparing, and presenting its management plan (NAPMAP) for public comment. Lisa Wayne and her staff have demonstrated the epitome of responsible professionalism, sometimes in the face of strident, vicious, and inaccurate attacks.

98b

We followed the prescribed procedure and submitted comment forms prior to the original deadline. Our comment forms primarily addressed specific details regarding Bernal Hill, our neighborhood natural area with which we have been intimately familiar as volunteers for the past 35 years. Our suggestions pointed out additional reptile and amphibian species with which we have been familiar on the hill, a few additional plant occurrences and populations that we consider significant, and some suggestions for trail changes.

98c

If we were to offer any objection to the proposed plan, it would be to express concern that the NAPMAP has gone too far in trying to achieve compromise with all stakeholders. Overuse by off-leash dogs and professional dog walkers on Bernal has already been destructive to areas that were once home to native species. We have always tried to work cooperatively with dog owners and dog walkers, but we reasonably expect them to reciprocate.

It's unfortunate that the rhetoric on this naprapper web site seems to be promoting divisiveness instead of the cooperative arbitration that NAP seeks.

Thank you...
Barbara & Roland Pitschel

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"The arc of history is long, but it bends toward justice."
--Martin Luther King, Jr. (Thanks to MoveOn PAC)

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Bernal Hill
Letter 99

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hill - feedback from dog owner and native plant enthusiast

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 09:42 AM -----

Deirdre Visser <dbvisser@yahoo.com> 07/27/2005 10:24 PM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org, Yomi.Agunbiade@sfgov.org, margaret.mmacarthur@sfgov.org

cc:

Subject: Bernal Hill - feedback from dog owner and native plant enthusiast

July 27, 2005

Dear Ms. Wayne, Mr. Agunbiade, and Ms. MacArthur,

99a

I am writing as both a dog owner and native plant lover to provide an alternate voice in the discussion about the Recreation and Park Department's Natural Areas Plan for Bernal Hill. I was dismayed to arrive on the hill this morning with my dog to find several flyers directed at dog owners full of inflammatory and misleading language about the plan. They seem to assume that there are no dog owners who also see the collective value of restoring a native grassland ecosystem.

99b

I am a native San Franciscan. I moved back to the city –into the Mission District - five years ago after spending two years in Southern California. Bernal Hill has been an invaluable resource – a place for play, community-building, reflection and education. My need to find a place in my neighborhood to walk my dog first brought me to Bernal. Since that time I've gone to the hill most days and my developing relationship to the native plants (and by extension the invasive weeds) has become a central element in my sense of place and understanding of seasonal change as I watch the native plants come into bloom and go dormant.

99c

I understand that dog owners may experience any restrictions to their movements as a loss. But I'm also well aware of the impact dogs make on the hill.
As you are no doubt aware, the portion of the hill facing the Esmeralda stairs is a particularly dramatic example of the erosion caused by inattentive owners running their dogs up and down the slope. I've also seen dog owners trash Rec and Park signage, but I'm not certain those voices are representative of the dog community on Bernal. I know of several dog owners who regularly use the hill who are also interested in habitat restoration and responsible care-taking for the hill's native plant communities.

99d

I hope the fact that my dog brought me to the hill suggests the possibility of engaging many dog owners – who spend long hours on the hill - in the various other dimensions of the environment. I think the long summer dormancy of California native plants makes it difficult for many people to see the habitat as valuable. Bernal Hill is a complex natural ecosystem; maybe it would be useful to sponsor a variety of flower, butterfly and bird walks or events for adults and children so that more dog walkers understand the ecosystem the Natural Areas Program seeks to protect and restore.

99e

On July 17th I spent the afternoon with John and Christopher from the NAP program, pulling up wild radish from the northern and northwestern slopes of the hill. They were both very knowledgeable and enthusiastic. I look forward to working with them again in August.

Sincerely,

Deirdre Visser
Dog Owner, Native Plant Gardener

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Bernal Hill
Letter 100

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hill Natural Areas Plan

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 09:33 AM -----

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To: lisa.wayne@sfgov.org
cc: yom.agunbiade@sfgov.org
Subject: Bernal Hill Natural Areas Plan

Dear Ms. Wayne,

100a

I would like to express my support for the natural areas plan, especially on Bernal Hill. The wildflowers are wonderful and I enjoy taking my young sons to see them in the spring. Also, there are a few native ant species left on Bernal Hill, which is special and lovely. I would like to save our natural heritage for my children. We own 2 dogs, and believe that the natural areas plan leaves us plenty of room to recreate our dogs. San Francisco seems unique in the amount of space dogs are let to roam free.
We have been approached many times in the past few weeks about this plan.
People assume we are for it because we have dogs. But we cannot let our young sons walk when there are so many dogs present. My toddler was jumped on and scarred by a puppy who meant no harm. The owner was not watching closely enough. We hope that with this plan comes some money for enforcement of the on leash dog policy.

100b

Thank you,
Lisa DiGirolamo
San Francisco, CA

Bernal Hill
Letter 101

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments: Brenal Hill

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 09:30 AM -----

"Karen Capraro" <karen@hopbot.com> 07/27/2005 09:05 PM Please respond to karen

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cc:

Subject: NAP Comments: Brenal Hill

10/a

Hello All,
As a Bernal Heights resident, I would like to let you all know that I wish Bernal Hill could be left how it is today. The wonderful thing about bernal hill is how wild and free it feels: the dogs roam, people wander, chat even do yoga, a coyote has made it her home. It currently feels so free and open to all. I walk up there daily with my 9 month old son, who loves to watch the dogs and people interacting. I think it would be a huge shame to change it in any way, I'm afraid we'd lose the beauty of the place. Please, let's leave bernal hill alone.

thanks,
Karen Capraro

Bernal Hill
Letter 102

Subject: Fw: Bernal Heights

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 09:26 AM -----

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cc:
Subject: Bernal Heights

07/27/2005 07:06 PM

102a

Dear Ms. Wayne:

I would like to state my oppostition to the proposed reduction of the off-leash dog run area on Bernal Heights. It represents constriction of recreational space with little benefit to the flora in the area. The area is too small to be an ecosystem unto itself. The prelapsarian fantasy of restoring 'nature' to Bernal heights is absurd. The proposed reduction is an unnecessary loss of recreational space.

Bernal Hill
Letter 103

Subject: Fw: Natural Areas Program

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 09:25 AM -----

Rodney <rodneyleorogers@yahoo.com> 07/27/2005 06:57 PM

To: lisa.wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Natural Areas Program

103a

To whom it may concern,
I'm writing to express concern about the plan to close most of Bernal Hill park to dogs. The city continutes to loose space where people can take their dogs off leash, and confining the off-leash area to the paved areas and the flat rocky ridge would be unfortunate. I ask that you reconsider this proposal and keep Bernal Park a special place for dogs and their owners. Please let me know if I might assist with making this happen by obtaining petition signatures, etc. I know that many share my concerns.

Rodney Rogers
1156 Treat Ave. Apt. A
SF, CA 94110

Rodney

Bernal Hill
Letter 104

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hill Park

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 09:01 AM -----

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<rigaletto@gmail.com>
07/27/2005 04:31 PM
Please respond to t no

To: lisa.wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Bernal Hill Park

104a

I just want to let you know i am against the 20% reduction in dog space at Bernal Hill Park.

104b

I am for replacing trees with a native spices ,but that should be city wide not just at are parks.

Thanks
T. Norman
187 Alpine Ter.
San Francisco

Bernal Hill
Letter 105

Subject: Fw: Natural Area Program Public Comments for Bernal Hill.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 08:56 AM -----

Eric Schrader <eric@phutu.com> **To:** **lisa.wayne@sfgov.org, yomi.agunbiade@sfgov.org, margaret.mmcarthur@sfgov.org, margaret.mcarthur@sfgov.org**
07/27/2005 06:56 PM **cc:**
Subject: Natural Area Program Public Comments for Bernal Hill.

To Whom it may Concern,

105a

I am very concerned about the proposed changes to the Bernal Hill Park.
It is my feeling that making urban parks into natural areas is a waste of space and money and a misuse of public property. The SFRPD's mission is "to provide enriching recreational activities, maintain beautiful parks and preserve the environment for the well-being of our diverse community." How does fencing off half the hill, and ruling off the only people who use it, fit into that mission?

105b

Many people move to Bernal Heights because for decades it has been the most dog-friendly neighborhood in the city. Changing the use rules for Bernal hill betrays the trust of the people and doesn't serve to better the lives of anyone. The surrounding community wants the hill to remain the way that it is...and certainly does NOT want all the trees removed and fences put up.

105c

I use the hill almost every day to walk my dog and get exercise. Only twice in the three years that I have been doing this have I seen anyone attempting any sort of plant restoration etc. If you are looking to restore natural areas look to areas that have value as habitat, not ones that are in the middle of a city and used by hundreds or thousands of people for dog walking and recreation.

Thank you,

Eric Schrader
2 Wright St.
San Francisco, CA 94110

Bernal Hill
Letter 106

Subject: Fw: Natural Areas Plan

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 08:51 AM -----

"j. frank munns" <munns@pacbell.net> 07/27/2005 06:06 PM

To: lisa.wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Natural Areas Plan

106a

Dear Miss Wayne:
I live directly next to Bernal Hill at 146 Bocana St. I wish to express my opinion, that I totally oppose the plan & methods proposed to conserve the natural areas on Bernal Hill.
Sincerely,
Frank Munns

Bernal Hill
Letter 107

Subject: Fw: NO to SFR&PD Natural Areas Plan!

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 08:51 AM -----

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cc:
Subject: NO to SFR&PD Natural Areas Plan!

To Whom It May Concern,

107b

My name is William Chantaduly and I am a resident of Bernal Heights and have been for almost three years now. I enjoy taking my dog Kobe up to Bernal Hill for his daily exercise and would like to continue doing so. That's why I was so disappointed to hear about NAPRAP's plan to reduce usable space for residents and their dogs and increase restricted landscaped areas. I can't see how that would benefit the residents of the neighborhood when we are all happy with the way the land is used now.

107c

I would like to express my full disapproval for SFR&P Dept's Natural Areas Plan to fence off land that is now enjoyed by this community. It would be a mistake to devise a plan for a community that does not enhance it in any way. I implore you to make sure that this plan does not follow through.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
William Chantaduly
Bernal Heights Resident

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Bernal Hill
Letter 108

Subject: Fw: I support the Natural Areas Program

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cc:
Subject: I support the Natural Areas Program

I SUPPORT THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM.

108a

I believe the Draft Management Plan is thorough, thoughtful, and well-balanced, accommodating the many diverse interests and needs of our citizens.

108b

This afternoon while walking my dog at Bernal Hill I stopped to read information on the entry kiosk, that I believe was posted by one of my neighbors. The posting stated that the natural areas program was attempting to fence the park off thereby prohibiting my dog and my access to most of the upper area of the hill. I took one of the pull off tags that directed me to a web site that would "inform me about the dirty secrets of NAP". I logged on this site: http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/index.html, and then compared info with the Recreation and Parks web site to gain a better understanding of the draft plan. I was specifically interested in the Bernal Hill section. After comparing the naprap site with the Departments site, I belive there's an atempt by some people to perpetuate inflamatory and inaccurate misinformation. It's disappointing that such a forward looking program would be so maligned.

108c

I'm proud to be a citizen in the city of San Francisco and want to encourage the good work of the Natural Areas Program.

Thanks for your time.
Duong Duc

Bernal Hill
Letter 109

Subject: Fw: Natural Area Program (NAP)

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 03:58 PM -----

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To: lisa.wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Natural Area Program (NAP)

To Whom it may concern:

109a

I oppose the proposed fencing and restriction of pedestrian and off-leash dog walking being recommended by the Bernal Hill Grasslands Project as part of the City's Natural Area Program.

109b

The people in my household have not been adequately informed about this project and we would like to recieve more information and be given an opportunity to learm more and have a chance to respond to the issue.

109c

As more and more of SF Public Parks ban off-leash dog walking, Bernal Hill is a significant community resource to people from all over SF. It is a wonderful harmonious oasis for joggers, walkers and people with dogs. People converge in Bernal and have the freedom to climb on all sides of the hill.

109d

Walking with our dog on Bernal Hill Park is a precious experience for us and has been for many years. This hill is like no other in SF in terms of open space and what it has to offer us socially. I hope you will consider how important this kind of resource is for a healthy, thriving urban population when making decisions about changes to the park. I hope that you reconsider the proposed changes to the park.

Sincerely,

Liat Barnea
Resident of Bernal Heights
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Bernal Hill
Letter 110

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 03:57 PM -----

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

NAP Public Comments Form
Bernal Hill

Restoration
Rating 1

110a

I am against the designation of all of Bernal Hill as a natural area. I don't want the current ecosystem destroyed to introduce plants that only the California Native Plant Society (neither a scientific nor neutral party here) deems "sensitive." This is no restoration.

Recreation and Trails
Rating 1

110b

Bernal Hill is a major recreational destination in our part of the city which has very little park space. The number of trails proposed for removal will significantly reduce easy access for many local residents. Bernal Hill is also one of SF's few official and more importantly "real" off-leash areas where dogs can really run off all that excess energy. Designation of all of Bernal Hill as a natural area will effectively restrict off-leash dog usage (Bernal Hill's major neighborhood recreational use) to the asphalt, making it little different from an on-leash track—not a play area.

110c

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

Rating 1

See answer for Restoration.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife
Rating 1

See answer for Recreation.
Trees
Rating 1

Throughout the entire NAP document trees should be valued. No healthy trees should be removed. What was done at Glen Canyon was an atrocity. 110d

Grasslands/Wildflowers
Rating 1

See answer for Restoration.

Landscaped Areas
No Rating

Not applicable

Other Comments:

I have been watching NAP closely for years now. As that UC Davis ecology professor Dr. Shapiro (?) said at your first public meeting about the process of developing this plan, this is a political—not a scientific--decision. This fundamental has been lost in this entire process. Everything should be couched in those terms—not in today's pseudo-scientific justifications. 110e

When voters approved Prop C, we believed that parks would be improved for people. NAP was not included in the list of taxpayer priorities. We did not give our approval to turn our parks into massive plant museums. We live in an urban area with a need for trees (to improve our air and lift our
spirits) and for recreational opportunities for people who don't have the time or money to get out of the city. 110f

Sunday I was grossed out at the graffiteed women's restroom at Dolores Park. Hours before the SF Symphony performed for hundreds of people, there were no toilet paper or hand towels and one of the two (yes, only two) toilets was already stopped up. This is the type of priority our money was supposed to be spent on. 110g

Yes, there would be a point to a native plant museum in a park or two if we weren't surrounded by thousands of acres of open and wild space, including the GGNRA. As a long-time environmentalist, I never thought I would be calling your scheme an absurd boondoggle. 110h

Special Features to be maintained:

Maintain human access to Bernal Hill and current use as off-leash dog area.

Balance of recreational uses and natural resource protection Rating 1

Where's the balance? 100% of Bernal Hill is designated as a natural area.

How well did the presentation inform?
Rating 1

Over the years NAP has perfected their techniques to obscure the real issues and skirt the real consequences of their plan and to suppress meaningful public comment. Having only three presentations for 31 parks and allowing only 9 public questions at one meeting for 15 sites is outrageous. 110i
So was having everyone crowd around one map on the wall, which was extremely difficult to read, admittedly better than having to use a magnifying glass to read the downloaded maps.

Of course you can contact me!

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Bernal Hill
Letter 111

Subject: Fw: Bernal Heights - SF REC & PARK DEPT Natural Area Plan

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 03:55 PM -----

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cc: Miguel Bustos <miguelbustos@comcast.net>
Subject: Bernal Heights - SF REC & PARK DEPT Natural Area Plan

111b 111c 111a 111d

Dear Lisa, Yomi & Margaret ~
I am writing this email in response to SF REC & PARK DEPARTMENT'S plan to alter Bernal Hill Park. I am vehemently opposed to closing any of the trails on the Hill and possibly installing fences....Are any of you residents of Bernal Heights? Do any of you enjoy the open space on the hill? I have been a resident of Bernal Heights for many years - purchased my first home on Virginia & Lundys in '92 and purchased in my present home on Bradford street in '95. I have seen the area change quite a bit over this time and do not agree with all of the items that you are trying to accomplish re "Native Plants" in my neighborhood.
PLEASE DO NOT CUT DOWN ANY OF THE TREES OR INSTALL ANY FENCING WHATSOEVER!!!! The responsible dog owners in the area are not the ones destroying the hill or causing erosion. How about requesting that the SFPD patrol more often to discourage vandalism & dumping of garbage?
Have the irresponsible people who are littering and throwing bottles , used condoms, automobile oil and refuse in the park held accountable for their actions! I am happy that the city is finally acknowledging the beauty of this gem but DO NOT ruin it for us residents who love the hill and protect it for the open space that it provides....
Is there any way to talk to any you regarding this?
Thank you,

Michael Pechinski
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Bernal Hill
Letter 112

Subject: Fw: NAP on Bernal Hill

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 10:19 AM -----

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07/27/2005 10:04 AM

To: <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP on Bernal Hill

Dear Ms. Wayne-
I applaud your efforts to further native plant restoration in SF, but I urge you to reconsider the toll on free space and the potentially dangerous consequences. 112a

In the 23 years that I've lived in Bernal, I've watched Hill use increase dramatically – in particular by dog owners, but also by joggers, skateboarders, kite flyers, nature lovers, and anyone wanting a relaxed getaway in the middle of the city. I realize that dog owners and environmentalist are often pitted against one another in contentious battle, but I'd hope that the City would be mindful of opportunities to reduce some of that heat. Whether one thinks all dogs should be leashed, Pit Bulls and other breeds banned, or that dog owners themselves should be muzzled is of little consequence – dogs are here to stay. That truth is accompanied by the following truths: 112b
1. San Francisco is a densely populated city with little free space.
2. The Hill is one of the larger local off-leash spaces currently enjoyed by dogs and people alike because it IS unrefined and somewhat unrestricted.
3. The Hill is uniquely suited for many dog and people activities because it doesn't directly abut private residences.
3. Curtailing off-leash space on the Hill will cause dangerous congestion of dogs, leashed or unleashed, in the small remaining area.

I recently heard a representative from Animal Care and Control speak about the Faibish tragedy at a community meeting. She said with exasperation and in defense of the dogs, "There was 160lbs of dog in that two bedroom apartment shared with 2 adults and 3 children. There was NO place for those dogs to go!"

PLEASE do not reduce our free space and incite dangerous situations! 112c
PLEASE consider implementing NAP in spaces that already have restrictions! 112d
PLEASE choose locations where the financial cost of the plan will have more horticultural success! 112e
Let Bernal Hill be Bernal Hill!

We in the neighborhood think the Hill is native enough as is. 112f

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Letter 113

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cc:
Subject: NAP on Bernal Hill

113a

It is with deep regret that I write this email. I have lived 1 block from Bernal Hill for the last 23 years. I've watched the Hill grow from an unsavory, questionably used hideaway, to a thriving and special summit cooperatively enjoyed by joggers, walkers, dogs, children, skateboarders, bicyclists, and more. The abundance of people and dogs that enjoy the park at all hours of the day tells us that it is space both needed and well suited as is by its users.

113b

PLEASE DO NOT LIMIT BERNAL PARK AVAILABILITY TO THOSE OF US WHO NEED AND ENJOY THIS SPACE.

Have you considered that:

113c

1. The reduction of useable space on the Hill will cause unnecessary and potentially dangerous congestion of people and dogs in one of the few, ever-decreasing welcome spaces for off-leash dogs?

113d

2. It's a bedrock hill whose beauty lies in the fact that it's a sprawling, unrefined space that does not directly abut many residences - making it unusually suitable for the kind of abandon that children and adults and dogs rarely get to enjoy anymore?

113e

3. The City expense of developing and protecting native species might be better spent on areas with existing constraints on activities.

113f

I urge you to use common sense in your application and financing of City beautification - please do not put native plants before the very citizens who are expected to enjoy them.

Sincerely,

Nancy Epstein
86 Ellsworth Street

Bernal Hill
Letter 114

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 10:21 AM -----

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cc: info@sfdog.org
Subject: NAP Comments

RE: NAP and the recommendations of the Bernal Hill Grasslands Restoration Project

To Whom it May Concern:
As a resident of the Bernal Heights community, I walk on Bernal Hill almost every day, sometimes twice daily. Earlier this month, I learned of the Bernal Hill Restoration Project's plan to remove all of the non-native trees; I am extremely appalled at the idea of doing something so harmful and senseless, especially since no wildlife studies of the area have been conducted. For many years, the trees have housed numerous birds, including sparrow hawks, owls, red-tailed hawks, mockingbirds, humming birds, crows, swallows, sparrows, finches, and blue jays, to name only a few, all of which I have personally seen through my binoculars. If a novice such as I can witness so much wildlife diversity in the non-native trees on Bernal Hill, surely a professional could do even better. 114a

In addition to the bird species, there are many species of mammals and reptiles happily coexisting with the off-leash dogs and pedestrians on Bernal Hill. The hawks and crows feast on the gophers, moles, butterflies, and grasshoppers on the hill. In turn, the gophers, moles, butterflies, and grasshoppers feast on both the native and non-native plant diversity. Each requires the other to survive and they all seem to be thriving in the hill's present state. 114b

On Bernal, people are thriving as well because they have open access to Bernal Hill. As a Native American who grew up with nature, the lack of open space in the city is stressful; the ability to walk on a dirt path on a few acres of open land is a blessing. That I can share that joy with my dogs off-leash allows them to have their necessary communion with nature as well. We always respect the path and avoid the erosion zones. 114c
The ideas for the brush blockades and other ways to prevent winter erosion seem like good ones. I disagree that humans and dogs are the main causes of Bernal Hill erosion. That stems from the deforestation of Bernal that 114d

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occurred over two hundred years ago and the cattle ranching that followed for years. If only we could have prevented that! Today, the native and non-native species are happily coexisting with lots of people and dogs on Bernal Hill. Please, let's keep the fences down. Don't we have enough of those? Let's embrace the beautiful ecosystem that it is and support it, not make plans to destroy it! 114e

Sincerely,
Zoe Puckett
390 Prospect Ave. #3 San Francisco, CA. 94110
Member: Bernal Hill NERT, S.F. S.P.C.A., Green Party

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Bernal Hill
Letter 115

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 11:07 AM -----

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

Dear Ms. Wayne et al,

Here are my comments about the NAP plan for Bernal Hill based on your survey which is on the Web at http://mission.sfgov.org/RPSurveys/. When I attempted to submit my comments online, the Web site responded with a server error.

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1. Restoration: Rating--1
I like Bernal Hill in all its current wildness just fine. Your proposal does not make a convincing argument that more native species are necessary to improve the environment in San Francisco. The proposal also does not convince me native species will thrive considering Bernal is surrounded by vegetation in home gardens planted all around the hill. It's impossible to isolate one piece of land from what's around it and I have no expectations that we will ever be able to return to pre-Columbian days.

115b

2. Recreation and Trails: Rating-1
No, the proposed trails do not offer me the access I expect. I would expect any new planting to be in places not already heavily used; i.e. people need to have the same access to ALL trails on Bernal Hill they have now. I'd rather see the trails repaired for continued human and dog use than have access limited for ANY reason.

115c

3. Sensitive Species/Wildlife: Rating-1
Sensitive species and wildlife as detailed in your plan seem to be doing just fine on Bernal Hill without making any changes.

4. Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife: Rating-1

They go way beyond what I expected. Leave the entire hill a Dog Play Area as it is now. I did not see any concrete evidence in your proposal that dogs are destroying sensitive species. I strongly oppose elimination of any current vegetation. Extensive documentation already exists of the harm done to the environment by chemical herbicides. All kinds of plants thrive on Bernal Hill and need to be left alone.

5. Trees: Rating-none
Not applicable on Bernal Hill. We don't have trees, unless you plan to remove the lower north slope trees below the road. Leave those trees alone--they block the wind on the road and prevent erosion of the hillside.

6. Grasslands/Wildflowers: Rating-1
The hill is already full of grassland, wildflowers and wildlife habitat without any tinkering necessary.

7. Landscaped Areas: Rating-1
We don't need further landscaping on Bernal Hill, except a few trail repairs. One of the joys of Bernal Hill is to feel like you're on wild land in the middle of the city as it is now. Restricting any access would ruin that feeling.

8. Other comments:
Your plan to close off many, if not most, of the trails on Bernal Hill to humans and off-leash dogs is unworkable and unfair. Closing off trails all around the park would mean effectively destroying the quality of Bernal Hill. Most of the people using the park on a daily basis are individuals walking their dogs and runners. Bernal is not conducive to picnicking, sports or other outdoor activities due to the rough terrain and windy conditions. Instead, people walk all around the hill and dogs get to run in a relaxed manner without their people having to constantly worry about whether the dogs have gone into an off-limits zone or having to call them back to be leashed.

In your proposal for Bernal Hill, you state that most dogs are off leash only on the flat portion on the east side of the hill. If you spent time there watching the comings and goings of dogs and their people, you would see, in fact, that they come and go, often on the dirt trails. One of the best things about Bernal is having such a wide open space. It makes the park extraordinarily safe for the large number of dogs (and people) you can find on it. Large numbers of dogs are never confined to a small space. If a dog doesn't get along with another dog in that area, it's easy to separate them and still be able to give both dogs a good run. In short, the space allows for reduced pack behavior which many people are so fearful of.

Your proposal also states that many of the dirt trails are redundant and therefore unnecessary. In fact, they are not redundant. On a particularly windy, cold day, it's nice to be able to drop to a lower trail in order not to be blown over. And again, it allows for dogs and people to be spread out throughout the park, rather than all concentrated in one small space. This ability to spread out also gives the park the quality that's exactly what urban parks should do-a little respite from our crowded, fast-paced conditions of urban living.

You say that areas need to be closed off or limited in order to encourage native plant growth. Yet you also note in your proposal that 51% of the grassland cover (which makes up 82% of the park consists of native species. You also note that the California Natural Diversity Data Base "does not report the occurrence of any sensitive plant species at Bernal Hill." You also note that the invasive plant species cover less than an acre of land.

Your proposal expresses concern for native raptors and butterflies as well.
This is frequently the excuse given for forcing people to put their dogs on leash on public lands-i.e. Ocean Beach and Crissy Field. Dogs have so much else to do on Bernal Hill, it is rare to see dogs chasing birds there, but often possible to watch birds-even during peak dog-walking hours at the end of the day. As for butterflies, I have never seen a dog chase a butterfly and often see them flying around the grassy hillsides undisturbed as my dog and I walk by.

We live one block from Holly Park. When that park was renovated and dogs were driven out, the rationale given to us was that we could easily make use of Bernal Hill. This is precisely what we do-out of respect for people's desires to make Holly a dog-free zone. Now you are trying to put dogs on leash on Bernal Hill and keep hikers off of the hillside. The various erosion prevention measures, like the wooden edges to the trails and stairs on one side of the hill have been effective and could be implemented in more places without driving people and our dogs out. This plan to take away the one safe space in the area free of cars and legal restrictions is cruel to all of the people who use Bernal Hill. Fix the trails, don't take them away.

9. Special features that should be maintained and accessible as now?
The current scope of the Dog Play Area needs to remain. Bernal Hill is used primarily by dog walkers and runners who make extensive use of current trails throughout the park every day. Trails that are eroding could be

reinforced as has already been done in a couple of areas. 115n

Overall rating of plan balance:
1

Ranking based on undervaluing of recreational uses.

Judy Gerber
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Bernal Hill
Letter 116

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hill Natural Areas Program

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cc: <Yomi.Agunbiade@sfgov.org>
Subject: Bernal Hill Natural Areas Program

To whom it may concern,

I am a San Francisco resident and homeowner in the Mission. I have been coming up to Bernal Hill at least once and often two times daily for the last two years. In addition to the wonderful views, I enjoy watching the wildflower and various other plants bloom and change throughout the year as I walk along the trails on the hillside. I also enjoy this activity with my two dogs. I am strongly apposed to proposal of reducing the off-leash activity areas in Bernal Hill. I feel this would be a waste of well used and enjoyed park area. I am also strongly apposed to the removal of any trees. I feel that this is an environmentally irresponsible action in an area susceptible to pollution. Thank you for your time.

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Sincerely,

Sean Kennedy

Bernal Hill
Letter 117

Subject: Fw: Save Bernal Hill for People and Dogs

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 02:52 PM -----

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To: <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: Save Bernal Hill for People and Dogs

117a

Dear Ms. Wayne: We do not approve of the plan called: SF RE & PARK DEPTS'S NATURAL AREAS PLAN, for BERNAL HILL. The reasons are many, but perhaps the most obvious is the COST to the City! The maintenance of such a plan would cost (Gardeners, re-planting, upkeep, etc.) $100,000.00 per year at the least. Certain birds that have made the hill a home now for many, many years, should the trees be cut down, they would not nest there any more. 1176

117c **And, by the way, how would you prevent the wind to blow new seeds onto this area to seed new trees? And how is it, that all this planning has been going on, it seems, in a secret manner? Please, consider the wishes of people who live in Bernal Heights and pay taxes there.** 1178

Sincerely, Douglas and Rosemarie Elliott

Bernal Hill
Letter 118

Subject: Fw: Support of the NAP Program

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 02:53 PM -----

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cc:
Subject: Support of the NAP Program

Dear Mayor and Supervisors:

I fully support the NAP program. I am a volunteer for restoration on Bernal Heights and the experience of NAP has been nothing but positive to me. 118a

Please, please, please keep the program..I'm so proud to live in a City that preserves it's natural heritage. 118b

Do not give in to voices that are loud just because they are loud. 118c

Thanks,
Johanna Gendelman
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Bernal Hill
Letter 119

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

I've lived on Bernal Heights and walked my dogs on the hill for many years. 119a
Over that time, I've seen off-leash dog-walking areas in the city steadily decline in extent and accessibility. Bernal Hill has been all the more a resource as time has gone on.

I understand the desire to beautify park area in the city, but watching the hill go through its seasons, greening and browning, growing wild flowers, supporting hawks and kites and (for a time) the famous coyote, I see it as beautiful laready. I feel no need to invest resources that might be better spent to support schools and afterschool recreation programs for children, or to address homelessness. 119b 119c

I urge you to leave the hill alone. It's a rare thing to be able to say: it ain't broke, don't fix it! 119d

Beth Roy
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Bernal Hill
Letter 120

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

I am writing in regards to the proposed changes to Bernal Heights Park as a result of the Natural Areas Program. Part of the SFRPD Mission statement reads:

"The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Mission is to provide enriching recreational activities, maintain beautiful parks and preserve the environment for the well-being of our diverse community."

120a

Bernal Hill is a beautiful park and is central to the well-being of our diverse community. Severely restricting access to the park by fencing areas and removing vegetation will not serve the public good by any means. None of the plant species on Bernal Hill identified on the NAP proposal have been identified as endangered or threatened by any state or federal agency.

120b

Moreover, the great majority of local residents who visit the park are dog owners. By restricting access to off-leash dog areas, the City would be cutting of its nose to spite the face based on shaky scientific evidence. In my neighborhood we've experienced the changes that occur when you restrict access to dog owners. "Peralta Point," a small public space very close to my home was designated as an on-leash area only about a year ago at the request of a couple of people living adjacent to the open space. As the dog owners left, the drug dealers, vandals, and homeless people moved in. The lesson is that it's important to recognize who the actual users of a park are before making sweeping changes. If you spend an hour or so on Bernal Hill you'll see that there is a problem with vandalism and drug use in the areas at the top of the hill. Removing the dog owners (i.e, the people who use the park) from this area will only lead to increased problems in this regard.

120c

I certainly did not vote to support NAP so that it could eliminate recreational areas near and dear to me and my

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neighbors. I encourage you to reconsider the NAP proposals and not enact any changes before further scientific research has been done and a precise, publicly available map of how each area of the park would be affected by the proposal has been created.

Sincerely,
Noel Morrison
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Bernal Hill
Letter 121

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments - Bernal

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments - Bernal

Dear Supervisors, Mayor and Parks Department

I am in support of a balanced Natural Areas Plan.

121a

I have read the postings on the hill at Bernal Heights (where I live) and have read the Draft Management Plan on the Parks website. I believe that the postings on Bernal Hill to be misleading and an attempt to infuriate and confuse regular citizens. I noticed that the date on the maps posted on Bernal Hill are from 2002 - three years ago. They are not consistent with the official Parks website parks.sfgov.org.

Also, I am sending you an email through a webiste that also presents misinformation about the Pland and the Natural Areas Program. The site is encouraging citizens to to write emails to politicians and voice concerns based on the misinformation on the website.

I support recreational use of the hill - ALL kinds of recreational uses.
The Drat Management Plan, I believe, creates a balance between different uses on Bernal Hill and in other parks in the city. I think it is important to preserve the city's ecosystems and provide trails for people and dogs. Having a portion of Bernal Hill on leash to protect natural areas is reasonable. The Plan seems to do this well.

I hope that you will look into this issue, as I have, before you make any decisions about the Plan or the Program. I find it distressing and agrivating that people with narrow political agendas can hijack a public process and eliminate a civil public discourse by spreading misinformation.

Again, I like what I have read in the Draft Management Plan and hope you will support the preservation of Natural

Areas. Thank you for your time.] 121a

Kitty

Bernal Hill
Letter 122

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hill

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122a

Hello,
I have lived on Bernal Hill for 18 years as a home owner and more importantly to this e-mail's purpose, as a dog owner and nature lover.
Please Do Not support NAP's ridiculous plan to destroy our beautiful (NATURAL) hill and take away one of the only last refuges for dog runs.
I cannot believe the self-serving nature of this ridiculous plan to destroy the beautiful trees, as an Ornamental Horticulture major from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, it is my clear understanding that over 75% of all existing plant-life is NON-NATIVE, due to our desire to view beautiful flowers, trees and ground covers.
This is a ridiculous and selfish plan, and stems from certain views of a select few.
This is not a sound plan.

Leslie Jenks
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San Francisco, Ca

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Bernal Hill
Letter 123

Subject: Fw: Bernal hill

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cc:
Subject: Bernal hill

123a

I can't believe the the government that we elected could do something so absurd as to limit access to OUR public parks.

123b

This will result in the same result as Holly park. It was once swarming with people, soccer teams dogs and children and not all you have to show for the "renovation" is some rusty padlocks on the gates to the baseball diamond and an unused field that you have to mow twice a month.
a park that is 90% empty does not signal success.

123c

Please look at the hill, it's people, usage, climate and wildlife before you do anything so heavy handed and counter to the desires of the public. Take a census of just how many people take advantage of the park and it's spectacular views and open air.

Please, Please, do not sever the public from OUR land!

123d

Please do not waste more public money planting vegetation that will die in the summer.

Please look at the hill, it's people, usage, climate and wildlife before you do anything so heavy handed and counter to the desires of the public. Take a census of just how many people take advantage of the park and it's spectacular views and open air.
Sincerely,
Thom Mathis

see 123c

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Bernal Hill
Letter 124

Subject: Fw: Leave Bernal Hill Alone!

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 10:33 AM -----

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Subject: Leave Bernal Hill Alone!

124a

The USA is awash in political and religious fundamentalism. The nativist plant purists that you are giving credence to are no different from these other fundamentalists in their fervor, fanaticism or in their conviction that theirs is the only right approach. During the 80's religious fundamentalist took over school boards across the nation to the effect we now have where books are banned and science is rejected in favor of religious doctrine. Similarly, the nativist plant folks have also taken over boards and committees throughout the SF in order to bring about their vision of native plant purity in our city.

On Potrero Hill the nativists took over a local board responsible for maintaining Starr King Park. They removed long standing eucalyptus trees which provided nesting areas for crows and welcomed shade on sunny days. Even with local support against removal of the trees, they went ahead, forcing their vision of plant purity down the throats of local residents.

I know, I was a local resident then. By the way, they took many months to remove all the debris they created when they chopped down the trees, demonstrating their narrow focus, lack of responsible follow through and lack of regard for the neighborhood once they assumed power on the local board.

I now live a block from the Hill on Ellsworth and walk my dogs daily, off leash on the Hill. The freedom on the Hill and the mix of dogs, birds, people and open space is what makes the Hill a wonderful place and is what convinced my partner and I to buy a home here. The threat we are now facing here on Bernal by native plant purists is no different than other areas in San Francisco.

124b

On Bernal Hill the nativists want to bar off leash dogs and remove long standing eucalyptus trees in favor of so called "sensitive" plants. We all know these so called sensitive plant species have survived with dogs off leash but these nativists seem to hate dogs as much as they hate eucalyptus trees. These sensitive plants aren't even rare or endangered! I question the authority of nativist plant folks to define a native plant as sensitive and then proscribe its protections. Where does their authority derive and why does San Francisco Rec and Park listen to them? The Sierra Club and Audubon Society are also awash in nativist plant purists who take it upon themselves to define which plants are sensitive. The sensitive plants that they declare have no government recognition! The

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local plant nativists then use the standing of these highly regarded environmental organizations as their authority to enforce their agenda. They are smart and relentless but SF Parks and Rec is the one giving these people authority by agreeing with their agenda and you are doing it over the objections of the people who live in the neighborhood! I strongly object to the nativist proposals for Bernal Hill! 124c

I am a long time supporter of environmental organizations including Green Peace and the Sierra Club but even for many staunch environmentalists these nativist plant purists are far to extreme in their fundamentalism. We live in a city and our open spaces are for the enjoyment of our city's citizens and NOT for the enforced vision of a minority of nativist purists. Tell the nativists to focus on state and federal park lands. 124d

If the nativist agenda is proscribed on Bernal Hill I will probably not comply. Additionally, the buzz on the hill is quite angry and many people express similar sentiment. Bernal Hill will remain off leash, either legally the way it is now, or through citizen non-compliance. It is as simple as that. 124e

The nativists say they want 20 percent of the hill and that sounds somewhat reasonable until you take into account the trails on the hill and the ability to hike with our dogs freely on these trails, off leash. You also need to do a little research on these people because they are driven by a what looks like a fanatical fervor in their vision of nativist plant purity.
If you don't believe me test them. They won't stop at 20 percent of the Hill and they will object if you were to attempt to codify that for the next 20 years that only 20 percent of the hill would require dogs on leash.

I want Park and Recreation to reject nativist proposals and complete the renovation on Bernal Hill which was started 2 years ago but never completed. 124f

I want the few trees on Bernal Hill left alone! Whether native species or not, they are part of the Hill and are important to our crows, kestrels, hawks, finches and mocking birds! Leave the trees alone! The majority of residents on the Hill appreciate these trees and want them to stay. 124g

Do not force the nativist fundamentalist agenda down our throats in our neighborhood! 124h

Francis Salmeri

Bernal Hill
Letter 125

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Amanda Kahn-Kirby - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Amanda Kahn-Kirby - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Bernal Hill

Restoration Score - 3
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score - 1
Recreation & Trails Comments - severely curtails human access to trails!] 125a

Sensitive Species Score - 3
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 1
Dogs & Cats Comments - curtails access to certain off-leash trails! 125b

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 3
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score - 5
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - Amanda Kahn-Kirby, Ph. D.

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July 6, 2005

San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department
501 Stanyan St.
San Francisco CA 94117
Re: Significant Natural Resource Area Plan, Bernal Hill

To Whom It May Concern:

125c

I am a Bernal Heights homeowner, biologist, guardian of two dogs, and mother of a seven-month old baby. Given the recent debate over dogs in San Francisco, I wanted to weigh in on the proposed changes to trail access on Bernal Hill.

Family walks on Bernal Hill are a highlight of any given week, but especially so during the late winter, when a series of wildflowers populate the hill. When I was on maternity leave, I walked the hill several days a week with my dogs and baby, and enjoyed the close-up views of the ever-changing variety of flowers.

125d

I read the draft changes to Bernal Hill trail access, as available on the web. While I recognize the importance of protecting wildflowers, I urge you not to close any of the existing trails on Bernal Hill. It's not so much an issue of dogs vs. nature as it is a plea to allow urban humans an opportunity to look at flowers up close. Most of the dog/human traffic on Bernal is confined to the paved trails; perhaps a fourth of the users walk the hill trails. If you close some of the hill trails, I fear that the heavy traffic on the remaining trails will exacerbate trail erosion, and prevent walkers from enjoying the full spectrum of wildflower variety.

125e

If there is an overwhelming consensus among your constituency that trails do need to be closed, I urge you to consider closing them only during those times of year when the sensitive species are in bloom. It would be an unfortunate missed opportunity for those of us who enjoy looking at flowers, but would at least spare the remaining trails from excessive traffic during the rest of the year.

Sincerely yours,

Amanda Kahn-Kirby

Rare Plant Comment -

125f

Improvement/Features Comments - As stated in my letter, please keep multiple trails open for human AND canine appreciation of our wonderful neighborhood park

Plan Score - 1
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Natural resource protection

Name - Amanda Kahn-Kirby
Phone - 415-641-4752
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Address - 244 Mullen Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94110

Volunteering Comment - Bernal Hill (happy to help with abatement of wild radish, etc.)

Staff Score - 3

Bernal Hill
Letter 126

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 09:59 AM -----

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

126a

I am writing this letter to voice my objection about restricting access for dogs and their owners to Bernal Hill. We bought our house on 349 Prospect Ave. because of the unrestricted dog run up on the hill. I use this area daily. It has been a great way to meet neighbors, dog owners and to socialize my dog.
I am a responsible dog owner. I have spent hundreds of dollars on training my dog and making sure she has all of her vaccinations. Bernal Hill is one of the few areas in this city that my dog can run free and actually behave like a dog. For the health of my pet and my families well being I oppose restricting our access to this urban oasis.

Sincerely,
Lanee Alan

Bernal Hill
Letter 127

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

R7a

I am writing to support the use of Bernal Hill for walking dogs. As a dog owner and home owner on Bernal Hill, my family and I use this area for recreation almost daily. Bernal Hill is one of the nicest recreation areas I've found in San Francisco. It is extensively used by a large number of dogs and dog owners on a daily basis, and is an important part of the health, socialization and well-being of both groups (dogs and people).

I am opposed to severely restricting access to this urban oasis for the implimentation of NAP.

Don Alan
349 Prospect Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94110

Bernal Hill
Letter 128

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

I'm so pleased with the restoration work the Recreation and Park Natural Areas Program has done on Bernal Hill. 128a
It's great that we have a park that's almost entirely off leash. I'd like if the department would put a water feature with a dog drinking fountain and a pool for my dogs to cool off in. 128c

Bernal Hill
Letter 129

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 08:38 AM -----

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

As a resident of Bernal Heights for 30 years, I am appalled at the so called "NAP" plan for our hill. City parks are supposed to be used by the PEOPLE who live there. Your plan will make Bernal Hill unusable for the people and animals that now enjoy it. 129a

I object to your policy of destroying ecosystems and creating habitat by eliminating plants and wildlife a few native plant and bird enthusiasts find objectionable. What will happen to existing wildlife when you are through destroying our hill. 129b

The people who live in and around Bernal Hill should be the only ones who decide what to do with our hill. 129c

Bernal has EVOLVED to be just the way it is right now. It is not up to NAP to decide which era our wildlife and 129d

plants should be cohesive with. 129d
Bernal Hill is not a natural preserve but a city park. Get used to it. 129e

Joan Sasso

Bernal Hill
Letter 130

Subject: Fw: Plans for Bernal Hill

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 08:23 AM -----

laura smith <laura.s@sbcglobal.net>
07/26/2005 09:08 PM

To: lisa.wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Plans for Bernal Hill

130a

Hi,

I've lived in Bernal Heights for three years. Bernal regularly gets voted the best neighborhood in the City. Why mess with how wonderful it is?

The Hill is a community with a balance of its own like the ecosystem you are hoping to protect. If you change how people experience the neighborhood, you will change the nature of the area. People will spend less time with their neighbors, they'll care less about the neighborhood, and they'll spend less time walking. You might be trying to restore some grasses, but you will change the lives and the balance of the neighborhood.

We live here and we care about the Hill as an open space for people and dogs to run and play. It's one of the last remaining open areas for dogs to run and the last where almost exclusively neighborhood dogs hang out, dogs and people who know each other. It might sound silly to you, but that's what makes a neighborhood nice to live in.

Please support keeping Bernal Hill open to dogs off-leash in all areas. 130b

Thank you,

Laura Smith

Bernal Hill
Letter 131

Subject: Fw: Bernal

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 07:20 AM -----

Beverly Bagdorf <bagdorf@mindspring.com>
07/26/2005 07:47 PM

To: <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: Bernal

13la

Hi Lisa, rumor has it that some sections of Bernal Hill will be closed to off-lease dogs.There has been a long committment to keeping the hill available for everyone. There is room for the native plant people,which we support, as well as open use for us dog people. I clean the hill regularly, as do others, and love the hill daily as do others. I can even tell you where there are about 1/2 dozen new baby conifers growing on the north side of the hill, between folsom and alabama, ready to be snipped. I dutifully pull the radish, and pick up garbage, and clean after my dog. If you take away the pleasure of this open space for people, kids, dogs and planters by fencing, it will create animosity and a large community divide. Please drop this idea. Beverly Bagdorf

Bernal Hill
Letter 132

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments DOGS

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 07:12 AM -----

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cc:

Subject: NAP Comments DOGS

132a

As a dog owner and walker at Bernal Hill it's disappointing that misinformation is continuing to be spread about the NAP Draft Management Plan. As the the plan is written it is more than balanced regarding dog walking and off leash recreation areas at Bernal Hill.
I'm happy that more than two thirds of the hill will remain off leash for my dogs and that I'll be able to walk my dogs on leash in the more sensitive areas.

132b

I'm disappointed with the increase in dog digging ultimately leading to erosion and destruction of the hill. This irresponsible behavior some of my dog owning neighbors exhibit is disturbing. It's the irresponsible behavior of the people not the dogs.

132c

What NAPRAP website mistakenly says:
"A large portion of the hill will be changed to on-leash; essentially off-leash dogs will be limited to the paved pathways and flat areas only." (Your Park - Bernal Section)

What the Natural Areas Draft Management plan says:

More than two thirds of the hill top will remain off-leash. The proposed on-leash section is largely steep hillsides. Dogs will still be allowed on leash is this areas.

Please correct your inaccurate web site!
Thank you,
Christopher Campbell

132C

Bernal Hill
Letter 133

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Jennifer Finlay - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 03:40 PM -----

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To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Jennifer Finlay - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Bernal Hill

Restoration Score - 1
Restoration Comments - Bernal Hill is not a natural area to start with.
During the Gold Rush it was peppered with gold dust and a number of people were fooled into mining the area. 133a

Recreation & Trails Score - 1
Recreation & Trails Comments - This closure of public space is an insult to the residents of Bernal Hill who use the area for any number of activities.
To put all these various groups into one remaining small area is just plain short-sighted and a great way to create more user conflict. 133b

Sensitive Species Score - 1
Sensitive Species Comments - I ask the question of how does the Rec/Park department plan to maintain healthy California grasslands without doing the annual burning that is required? 133c

Dogs & Cats Score - 1
Dogs & Cats Comments - Reducing the amount of space for people to use for whatever recreational activites in which they participate is pure idiocy and a land grab by a very small an d elistist number of park users. 133d

Trees Score - 1
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 1

Grasslands Comments - See above comment relating to annual burns to maintain grassland health. 133e

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments - no comment

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments - Please leave Bernal Hill the way it is now. 133f
It provides activities for many classes and races of San Franciscans. By closing the majority of the park you are shutting out all of this

Plan Score - 1
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

Name - Jennifer Finlay
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Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

Bernal Hill
Letter 134

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hill - proposed changes in use

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 12:35 PM -----

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07/26/2005 11:09 AM
Please respond to Robin Mackey

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Bernal Hill - proposed changes in use

134a

Dear Ms. Wayne,
I'm writing to you today because I was shocked to learn of the proposed changes in use of Bernal Hill and of the off-leash area for dogs being reduced to only the flat areas of Bernal Hill.

134b

I've lived in Bernal and have walked up and around the hill everyday since 1987. I don't own a dog, but I'd like to speak in support of keeping the land use as it is and has been. I've read that some people are concerned about the impact dogs have had on the hill notably erosion and interference with propogation of native species. I'm a member of the Sierra Club, the Natural Resouces Defense Counsel and other environ- mental groups and am an active environmentalist.
From what I've seen on my daily walks, dog owners use the long, wide open dirt area at the top of the hill for to let their dogs run off-leash or they walk their dogs on the trails, and occasionally, a dog will run down the hill off the trail into the vegetation to retrieve a ball. The impact that I've observed is extremely minimal. I'm not a scientist though and it would be a great idea to have some kind of environmental impact report done by scientists before altering the land use.

134c

I must say that I really look forward to meeting all the happy, healthy off-leash dogs as I go on my walks everyday. It would be a terrible shame to restrict these dogs to the flat area and if the idea is to erect any kind of fence or pen around the area, then that would be just plain unsightly.

I urge you to leave Bernal Hill Park as an off-leash area.
Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Robin Mackey
249 Bocana Street
San Francisco, CA 94110

Bernal Hill
Letter 135

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 11:07 AM -----

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

135a

Hello,

I am writing as a concerned dog lover and owner. I write to you today from my place of residence in Bernal Heights. I have been walking the trails of Bernal Hill at least twice a day for years.

Allow me to say that I was shocked and disturbed to hear of NAP's proposed plan for Bernal Hill park.

Firstly, I consider myself to be a well-informed person when it comes to local politics - especially on the neighborhood and community level.
Imagine
my surprise when only this past Sunday I happened to hear from a concerned stranger about NAP's activities while on a sunny stroll atop Bernal Hill.
She informed me that if I had any concerns regarding NAP's plan for Bernal Park, I had a scant 4 days to voice these comments (as the deadline for comments to be reviewed by NAP is July 28th).

When I asked her where all of this was coming from, she related to me that a small 8 1/2 x 11 piece of paper had been posted to one side of a message board at the entrance to the top of the park road. She also noted that the notice had been posted a few days prior, but it had been removed.

If NAP were truly a civic organization with a conscience and a balanced set of ethics, they would do more to inform park users of their intentions.
Instead, they rely on passing their proposals "under the radar", standing by the justification that the information is being made publicly available - albeit all but obscured from the public eye. Why is this? Is it because they fear

their plans might not sit so well with the people who actually visit our city's parks on a daily basis? 135a

Since Sunday afternoon, I have been researching the history of NAP's activities and projects in the city of San Francisco, and while I would like to acknowledge that I believe their hearts are in the right place - I have to say that, from what I have read, the organization's methods are unsound, poorly researched, and narrowly focused. Ultimately, I feel that NAP's interests are self-serving, despite the "eco-speak" rhetoric the group employs to foster its aims. I, for one, am not convinced. 135b

The fact of the matter is that there are a few dozen native plants that can still be found amongst the host of invasive, non-native varieties that have been introduced to the area over the past few hundred years. This much is true. 135c
None of the species recognized on the endangered species list are native to Bernal Hill.
The redwoods that once grew there were cleared away over a hundred years ago to allow cattle to graze - not because the presence of dogs trampled them out of existence.
NAP has yet to provide ANY conclusive evidence that dogs pose a threat to native area grasses or other plants - especially varieties that aren't even growing there at present!

If NAP's aim is to restore some of these endangered varieties to their "rightful" home, then I take exception to this policy. Why should NAP's agenda for what passes as "natural" take precedence over equally valid perceptions of nature? I don't think replanting endangered species in an area where they once grew to be particularly natural. That is environmental sentimentalism - nostalgia. 135d

This is a city! The parks in the city are city parks utilized by city people and city dogs. The plants, animals, and people breath city air and drink city water. The creatures of who inhabit this urban morass need places to stretch their legs, run wild, and feel unrestricted. It is absurd to impose such rarified notions of "nature" on an urban environment. Parks should be living, breathing, integrated aspects of the civic fabric - not English Gardens wearing the cloak of "native habitats". 135e

I do not want to live in NAP's idea of natural. As someone who supports the city in many ways, both financially and culturally - I will not sit idly by while questionable park policy is passed in the eleventh hour, under cloak of night, as the city sleeps unaware. 135f

Mayor Newsom - I have stood before you and sung my heart out on two occasions before this. Please do not turn a deaf ear today.

Sincerely,
Andrew
Conspiracy of Beards

Bernal Hill
Letter 136

Subject: Fw: NAP's plan for Bernal

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cc:
Subject: NAP's plan for Bernal

136a

To Whom It May Concern,
As an environmental educator, I understand that the problem with non-native plants is that they are stronger species in an environment without any competitors (disease, insects, native species) and if left to their own devices will out compete all others. By allowing non-natives to take over, whole ecosystems are in danger of being lost. For example the Mission Blue Butterfly is facing extinction because it feeds on Chamisso Lupine, a native that has been rapidly overtaken by invasive, more durable species. While some consider this a normal process of evolution, others believe that there is value in protecting and preventing the loss of such species.

136b

Alas, as a dog owner, I believe urban dogs do need a place to run free and that an urban park should reflect the needs of its users. Native plant restoration is NOT an appropriate action to take in every open space in San Francisco!!! Native plant restoration on Bernal Hill reflects bad planning decisions and a lack of regard for public opinion. Further, if NAP took the time to visit Bernal they would notice several native species that are currently thriving in the area, namely Lupine, Yarrow, and Coyote Brush.
In
addition, Bernal supports many other species including several types of raptors and even a coyote spotted earlier this year.

136c

While I do support restoration of native habitats on the whole, I do not see any justification in NAP's plan to restore natives on Bernal. Further, I feel NAP has acted in a devious and manipulative manner by not making a good faith effort to alert the public of it's intentions.

136d

I strongly object to NAP's restoration plan on Bernal. Keep Bernal as it is!!!!!

Sincerely,
Ally Kushin

Bernal Hill
Letter 137

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

137a

I strongly object to the SF Rec and Park Department's plan to reduce the off-leash dog area and walking trails in Bernal Hill.

137b

1. Off leash areas are a quality of life issue - for dogs, yes, but also for dog owners. Those of us who have dogs do so because it brings joy and pleasure to our lives. Hopefully you are not intending to outlaw dogs - but that is exactly what you are doing if you shrink or eliminate the conditions under which dogs can live in good health and harmony. Dogs need open spaces. This is part of why Bernal is great.
Yes, there are many dogs that visit Bernal- but it is never crowded.
In the seven years I have walked my dog on Bernal, I have never seen a problem between dogs and children or adults. People of all ages, children of all ages enjoy Bernal - and there is room for all. If the same number of dogs and people are forced into smaller areas - those areas will necessarily become crowded and more chaotic.

137c

2, The trails on Bernal are incredibly beautiful right now, the way they are. From a distance, the hill may look barren, but it is not.
The trails are filled with wildflowers. You can't see the flowers from a distance. You have to go there. If you haven't been there, please go! You have to be on the trail to see them! If the trails are closed to people, we won't be able to enjoy the very beauty the plan claims to want to keep.

137d

3. Dogs have not prevented wildlife on Bernal - it's there! Flowers, berries, butterflies, insects, birds. On what basis does the plan assert that dogs cause erosion? I am not a scientist, but if erosion is a problem, maybe its the gophers? For that matter, what is the environmental impact of the tower on the top of the hill?

4. Urban parks are NOT the wilderness - they are here for the respite and enjoyment of people who live in the city. What to do with them should be up to the people - all the people - who use and enjoy the parks. Opinions of the public are not being sought or honored. At the public meeting that I attended at Oakdale, it was stated that the evening was a time for a presentation by Rec and Park - not a time for input from the public. To the extent that we were allowed to comment, issues were dismissed or rebutted, not listened to. In fact, Lisa Wayne told me directly that there will be no public hearings because they will only result in "a pissing match" (her words). 137e

5. Rec and Park is projecting itself as advocates for native plants, as if this is in opposition to people and dogs. However, does it really have to be argued that owning a dog is not in opposition either to raising children or loving flowers. Most of us love all three! And so do our children! The attempt of Rec and Park to make this adversarial is frightening. 137f

6. The vitriolic tone to the whole process feels more political and ideological, than nature loving. I do not know what the "agenda" of Rec and Park is - but it is clearly something other than maintaining our parks as a source of recreation or uplift for San Franciscans. 137g

Judy Siff
Bernal Heights resident

Bernal Hill
Letter 138

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hill

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 09:57 AM -----

Nigel Phillips
07/22/2005 11:10 AM

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cc:
Subject: Bernal Hill

138a

138b

As a resident of Bernal Hill and dog owner I would not like to see significant changes to access for Bernal Hill Park. This park remains to be the only fully accessible parkland in the city and gives dog walkers, joggers, hikers and cyclists a natural area of refuge from the cities streets and traffic. Giving the public access to the entire hill has provided a strong community bond between all that use it. It dissuades criminal activity and makes for a respite in an ever increasingly over-populated city. I would like to see existing trails be maintained and better lighting provided for walkers in the winter time. I would also like to see city crews addressing "tagging" on the roadway and fences on the hill.

138c

Nigel Phillips

Bernal Hill
Letter 139

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

Thank you for taking the time to consider these comments REGARDING PROPOSED NAP RESTRICTIONS OF RECREATIONAL ACCESS ON BERNAL HILL:

139a

The purpose of the Natural Area Program (NAP) is "to restore and enhance remnant Natural Areas and to develop and support community-based site stewardship." Voters, however did not give NAP a mandate to eliminate recreational areas and destroy existing ecosystems to create sensitive habitat areas while ignoring important community
needs. The mission of the SFRPD is quite clear: "The San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department's Mission is to provide enriching recreational activities, maintain beautiful parks and preserve the environment for the well-being of our diverse community."

139b

Not long ago, Bernal Hill was a hang-out for gangs, drug dealers and alcoholics. It was "restored and enhanced" by people, mainly dog owners, in the neighborhood who, by cleaning up trash and debris and by showing up in numbers, reclaimed it for healthier recreational use. No better example of "community-based site stewardship" exists. Why not recognize the efforts this community has made in making this park a significant community resource, and enhance Bernal Hill as a multi-use recreational area rather than antagonize the majority of park users with a restrictive fence?

139c

Currently, the ecosystem on Bernal Hill thrives with diverse and long-standing plant, tree, and animal species. Dogs have been part of the Bernal Hill ecosystem since the native Ohlone lived there. How will this fence keep neighboring wind-pollinated "alien species" from blowing into the protected area? How does the introduction of "sensitive" species serve the mission of the SFRPD if people are restricted access to the protected areas? (In the case of Bernal Hill, 100% is designated as "significant natural area") What is it costing the taxpayer to keep this

139d

area weeded and "protected" in addition to the cost of sacrificing an important community recreational resource? 139d

People now come from all over the City to walk their dogs on Bernal Hill because so many off-leash areas have already been restricted. Is it in the City's best interest to continue squeezing dog activities into fewer and smaller areas, requiring more people to drive to off-leash dog parks because they no longer have one in their neighborhood? (Keep in mind that most people walk their dogs during the same hours we typically associate with rush hour. 139e

Given an opportunity, I believe there are many ways in which the community could cooperated with and support the efforts of the Natural Area Program, but "failure to operate in an open and publicly accountable manner"(Legislative Analyst Report Natural Areas Program, File No. 021355) by quietly putting policies through the back-door does not encourage that endeavor. 139f

Walking with my dogs is important to me, and to many urban dwellers, for maintaining my physical and mental health and for building community. I hope you will consider how important a resource Bernal Hill is for a healthy, safe, thriving urban population when making decisions about the most feasible and appropriate uses for this park. 139g

Sincerely,
Christine McQuiston, 390 Prospect Ave. #3, San Francisco, CA 94110 Member of SF NERT, the Green Party, and the SFSPCA

Bernal Hill
Letter 140

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 09:44 AM -----

"Shannon M." <ducktongue@earthlink.net>
07/25/2005 10:02 AM

To: <gavin.newsom@sfgov.org>, <Michela.Alioto-Pier@sfgov.org>, <tom.ammiano@sfgov.org>, <Chris.Daly@sfgov.org>, <Bevan.Dufty@sfgov.org>, <Sean.Elsbernd@sfgov.org>, <Fiona.Ma@sfgov.org>, <sophie.maxwell@sfgov.org>, <Jake.McGoldrick@sfgov.org>, <Ross.Mirkarimi@sfgov.org>, <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>, <gerardo.sandoval@sfgov.org>, <Yomi.Agunbiade@sfgov.org>, <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org>, <margaret.mcarthur@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

140a

To Whom It May Concern,
It has recently come to my attention that there is a plan to greatly restrict public access to the lovely wandering paths of Bernal Hill, and that this plan includes fencing a small area off for an off-leash dog run.

140b

I am writing to voice a very strong objection to this plan. I understand there have been no studies regarding social or environmental impact/benefits, and that the greater community of Bernal Heights has not been consulted in this matter. Bernal Hill is indeed a very valuable and locally cherished resource; hundreds of local residents frequent the park as much as two or even three times daily with their canine companions, and some of us have even chosen this area to live in because of the park and the freedoms we and our dogs can enjoy there. I understand the NAP has a mandate to conserve areas where native grasslands and such are at risk but I don't think this mandate includes CREATING areas where such conditions do not exist. Native trees were deliberately removed from the hill aeons ago to better serve the interests of cattle ranchers. Have there been any scientific studies about the co-existence of various bird populations and canine visitors to the park? The kestrels, swallows, crows, jays, etc seem to be quite vital, to this twice-daily visitor's estimation. As for grasslands and the present existence of non-native grasses and "weeds", I believe most of these plants are wind-pollinated... Will the proposed "restoration" include then a dome over the whole city to keep pesky foreign seeds out? Will surrounding gardeners be required to plant their gardens according ot NAP restrictions?

140c

140d

140e

140f

I am all for responsible stewardship of our green spaces, but I also want it understood that we residents have very strong ties to our park,to the solace and perspective it provides us in our otherwise nose-to-the-grindstone struggle to afford living in this city, to the opportunity it provides us to relax and enjoy a little FREEDOM with our dogs, and to the sizable community of fellow dog-lovers who we get to know day by day and year by year. Bernal Hill is an oasis and before it is all fenced off and turned into another plastic model of a "natural" space, I expect to be publicly informed of environmental impact studies, and referenda regarding the community's desires (proof

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that our opinions have been sought and taken into consideration). 140 g
Please, leave our park alone.
Sincerely,
Shannon McMurchy

Bernal Hill
Letter 141

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hill

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 09:42 AM -----

"Lange, Sarah" <SLange@sfghgcrc.ucsf.edu>
07/24/2005 08:51 PM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc: yomi.agunbiade@sfgov.org
Subject: Bernal Hill

141a

I have lived in Bernal Heights for six years, I am a home owner, and I have a dog. The rate in which the space where I am legally permitted to run my dog off leash in San Francisco is rapidly decreasing. My dog is a large breed- he is very well behaved so long as he can work out his extra energy by running every day. I exercise him on the hill at least once daily.
Please do not take our park away. The park is heavily used from sun up to sun down by people walking, jogging, and exercising their dogs. I realize that you are making an effort to return some of the park to "a natural area" but we live in the middle of a city. Urban centers are just that- urban, the park is a space set up for the enjoyment of people. Who gets to enjoy the fences that hide and protect the native plants? I can tell you that I don't. We never hear of your organization converting a playground back to a natural area. The greatest danger to plants and the environments are humans- not dogs. Please leave our park alone and find a different park to "restore", so that we can continue to utilize the space in a way that behooves the neighborhood.

Thank you,
Sarah Lange
380 Tompkins Avenue

Bernal Hill
Letter 142

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hill

---- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 09:41 AM -----

Roaddog2727@aol.com
07/23/2005 07:03 PM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Bernal Hill

Dear Ms. Wayne

142a

I reside in Bernal Heights and have been walking around and on the hill since 1980 when I purchased my home.

I have seen the hill become more and more of a user friendly space. Since that time it has become visited by joggers, dog walkers and bikers. All seem to get along reasonably well and while the other parks of gone the way of restriction Bernal Hill has been opened to all.

Please reconsider any changes that are being considered. We love the hill the way it is with all it's rocks, wild flowers, hawks, coyote, weeds and animal life. So many hearts would be broken if you suddenly made preventable hiking trails for the sake of replanting.

The hill is windy and sometimes formidible. It is not pretty, it has no trees but we all (mostly all) love it this way. Don't close it off. There are very few places left in the city where people can go where they want with either their dog in tow of their child.
Leave the manicuring to the other parks around such as Precita and Holly but let us have Bernal as rugged and wild as it currently is.

I thank you,

Susan Halperin

Bernal Hill
Letter 143

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - fritzi Drosten - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 09:25 AM -----

The SFGOV Web Applications Server <webmaster@sfgov.org>
07/25/2005 09:13 PM

To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - fritzi Drosten - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Bernal Hill

Restoration Score - 3
Restoration Comments - Pull invasive plants 143a

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score - 3
Sensitive Species Comments - Plant more natives and threatened species 143b

Dogs & Cats Score - 1
Dogs & Cats Comments - Keep dogs on leash in all areas. 143c

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score -
Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

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Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

Bernal Hill
Letter 144

Subject: Fw: Oppose Bernal Heights Dog Ban

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 07:39 AM -----

sabinorashley <wolffrussell@earthlink.net>
07/25/2005 12:07 PM
Please respond to sabinorashley

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Oppose Bernal Heights Dog Ban

144b

144a

We strongly oppose this latest effort, barely concealed, to place further restrictions on responsible dog owners in Bernal Heights. There is no need for an unsightly fence. Unleashed dogs are not a problem on the north slope, which is too steep for all but a few animals to stray off the trail.
If you intend to ban pedestrians from the trails as well, please be out front about it and don't hide behind a dog ordinance. The city and the city police department have much more important things to do that cater to a small minority of people who simply don't like dogs. It is not a crime to throw a ball to a dog. Spend scarce law enforcement resources on chasing out drug dealers, who are returning to the neighborhood. If you are going to implement an environmental process, at least follow the rules. Our understanding is that procedural requirements for wildlife surveys and community needs have not been started, let along completed.

144c

Ashley Wolff
Sabin Russell

Bernal Hill
Letter 145

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hill government taking of public trust

---- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 07:33 AM ----

"Notty Bumbo" <pia@professionalinquiry.com>
07/25/2005 09:50 PM

To: lisa.wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Bernal Hill government taking of public trust

145a

I am writing regarding the ongoing attempt by a small number of so-called environmentalists who want to run the parks in San Francisco with no regard for what the majority of users want with those parks. As a long-time resident of this city, a home owner, and a taxpayer, I find it unconscionable and offensive that various entities of city covernment continue to collude with people who believe that dogs should be off limits

in city parks, most especially Bernal Hill.

I have been walking on Bernal Hill with my dog for more years than I can remember, and in my experience, the vast majority of people who use and enjoy Bernal Hill are dog owners and walkers, not "native plant" wackos. These so-called environmentalists are using Round-up on plants they find offensive, killing many of them, resulting in an increased level of erosian, and then trying to blame it on dogs. Now they want the city to authorize the fencing off of most of Bernal Hill. 145b

145c

I am asking that you, as a public servant, whose paycheck is made possible

by people like me, not bow to this small minority of fanatics who want their way at the expense of everyone else who has an equal right to enjoy the parks WE pay for.

The fact that this plan is moving forward without substantial input through public meetings is absurd. And the plan to remove all the "non-native" trees from the hill is crazy - some of those trees took years 145d

to grow in such a windy area. Removing them will lead to more erosion, and

any replacement trees will take years to even approach what is there now.

Do not proceed with this plan fomented by a small number of extremists.
And remember where all those tax dollars come from - the majority of the people who use and enjoy these parks every day. That same majority has a way of showing up at the ballot box. I can assure you that if this plan goes 145e

forward as currently envisioned, the ballot box is exactly where this

issue will end up.

145e

Trying to make San Francisco revert to the way it was 200 years ago, which

is the only real way to get rid of all "non-native" plants, is like trying

to return to some mythical Eden. We aren't any more "native" than any of the existing plants - perhaps they want us gone too? Well, at least all of

145f

us dog lovers. But I can assure you, it is not going to happen without a fight. Otherwise we can truthfully say that San Francisco is engaging in taxation without representation. I'm helping to pay for these parks. Now you want to tell me that I can't use them?

145g

Thank you,

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Notty Bumbo

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Bernal Hill
Letter 146

Subject: Fw: Bernal Heights closure of trails

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 07:33 AM -----

johnny bicycle <johnnybicycle@earthlink.net>
07/25/2005 09:04 PM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc: Yomi.Agunbiade@sfgov.org, margaret.mcarthur@sfgov.org
Subject: Bernal Heights closure of trails

146a

Dear Lisa, just wanted to write about what I heard about the closure of trails in Bernal Heights on top of the hill. Those trails have been there for a long time, long enough to make them as native as any plants you might be thinking of planting. Those trails probably date back to times when animals grazed on the hills and Spanish Missionaries discovered the trails used by the natives for centuries. I walk one of those trails every month to deliver my rent check to the landlord, a practice keeping me firmly rooted in tradition. I enjoy showing off the trails and hilltop views to friends when they're in town visiting.
I don't have a dog, so I don't use the trails to walk a dog, but enjoy walking them myself. I see no reason they shouldn't stay. Sincerely, John Daniel

Bernal Hill
Letter 147

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Jeanne McKinney - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 07:14 AM -----

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	07/21/2005 01:32 PM	

To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Jeanne McKinney - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Bernal Hill

147a

Restoration Score - 2
Restoration Comments - While I think in concept the introduction of locally rare plants is an excellent idea, I think it is being forced on parks and park users without any acknowledgement of the needs of the community as a whole.

Recreation & Trails Score - 1
Recreation & Trails Comments - I am very disappointed by the restrictions on paths in Bernal and Glen Park. 147b

Sensitive Species Score - 2
Sensitive Species Comments - I think we need to be realistic about the fact we live in a city and must share the parks with each other as well as plants and animals. We all love wildlife, but we need park access. I would rather see plants and wildlife of a hardy unsensitive variety in my local park than be prevented from using the parks altogether. 147c

Dogs & Cats Score - 1
Dogs & Cats Comments - I am extremely disappointed by the way the proposal attempts to go around the other city committees that are trying t o find ways to accommodate park users of all types (including dog owners). After reading the proposal, I do not trust the approach Park & Rec is taking to dealing with allocating space to off leash dog activities. For years I have been told by Park & Rec that Bernal will remain off leash; now Park & Rec has put forth a proposal that would take away roughly 1/4 of the off leash area. 147d

Trees Score - 3

Trees Comments - I think there should be more information given about the trees that are slated for removal. 147e

Grasslands Score - 2
Grasslands Comments - Again, I would rather be able to use the park and see non-native or non-sensitive plants than be prevented from using large portions of our parks. Although the concept of restoring native plant life is admirable, we need to consider all users of the park and how we can realistically share the park. We live in a city where not everyone can afford to leave the city to get a view of plants -- we would rather see unsensitive plants in our local park than not be allowed to use our local parks at all. 147f

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - Please reconsider what you are doing. Many years and many dollars have been spent developing a plan for native plants and species that most actualy park users find unworkable. We would all like to see more rare plants and species, but the plan put forth is not realistic. 147g
It unfairly burdens the members of the community who love to use and spend time in the parks. In addition, dog owners and other park users are working hard to find ways to share the limited area we have -- it is unfair to use a separate program to reduce the already limited area we have to share. Please leave Bernal Hill as it is -- native plants are growing fine on their own on the North Slope (as evidenced by your report). Please do not take advantage of the fact that dog owners have trusted Park & Rec to stand by its statement that Bernal Hill will remain a large off-leash area.
This p
romise was made to dog owners while the areas where dogs could be off leash has been systematically reduced throughour the Mission/Noe/Bernal community. Please consider the sociological and psychological impact of your proposed reduction in accessible park areas on city residents in your assessment of the impacts of the proposed plan.

Rare Plant Comment - Plants have managed to grow in areas where off leash dogs are permitted. Because of this, Park & Rec is now proposing to restrict access to those areas. To me this is an unfair and non-sensical approach to managing shared use of the parks. 147h

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score - 1
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

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Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 4

Bernal Hill
Letter 148

Subject: Fw: Bernal Hill

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 07:20 AM -----

Standard Schaefer <standardschaefer@sbcglobal.net>
07/21/2005 03:19 PM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Bernal Hill

Dear Mrs. Wayne,

148a

I can't tell you how upset I am about the plan to close off the northwest slope of Bernal Hill to dogs. The hill is simply too steep to walk except on that slope. I live right at the base of the public area and I bought my house 18 months ago just to have a place to walk my dogs. I bought a more expensive house than I can really afford just to have this option.

Without the dog walkers on that hill, there would be nothing but junkies and criminals (my neighbor's house was just robbed from the back facing the hill).

The dog walkers are performing a safety function up there and should only be encouraged.

148b

The real threat to the foliage up there is the sheer number of homeless people who are living in those bushes and who defecate on the ground, just like the dogs. At least some people pick up the dog feces.

Standard Schaefer
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Bernal Hill
Letter 149

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Mary Tienken - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/21/2005 09:32 AM -----

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07/21/2005 08:57 AM

To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Mary Tienken - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Bernal Hill

Restoration Score - 4
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score - 3
Recreation & Trails Comments - I think it makes sense to eliminate a number of the social trails on the hill as the plan does. The plan overemphasizes the needs of off leash dog walkers. An entire trail loop is provided for their use. As the plan stands, there is only a small portion of the hill for people to walk without being overrun by dogs. I propose that a nature lovers loop be created which will protect people and plants from dogs. The best location would be on the north side of the hill. This may require further limitations to the offleash dog area.

149a

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 2
Dogs & Cats Comments - I had hoped that further restrictions would be placed on the Dog Play Area. In order for the native plant restoration efforts to be successful, larger areas of the hill should be designated as o n-leash only. If dogs were restricted from the MA2 area on the north side of the hill, then there would be an opprotunity to enlarge and enhance the current MA1 area on the northwest slope. I regognize the need to balance competing interests, but from the looks of the plan, it seems that NAP has accepted that dogs are the only legitimate users of the hill.

149b

Trees Score - 5

Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 4
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score - 5
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Natural resource protection

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Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 5

Bernal Hill
Letter 150

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - charlotte hill - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/19/2005 10:17 AM -----

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cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - charlotte hill - REQUESTS CONTACT!.
07/19/2005 09:49 AM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Bernal Hill

Restoration Score - 4
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score - 4
Recreation & Trails Comments - I have been wooried about erosion and am glad trails will become more formalized. 150a

Sensitive Species Score - 4
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 4
Dogs & Cats Comments - Yes, it is a good long term view of maintaining the great off leash access on Bernal by creating formal trails and addressing the problems with erosion. I have watched over the years the increased erosion and think the plan does a great job addressing this problem. 150b

Trees Score - 4
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 4
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score - 4
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - It would be great if the bulletin boards on the hill were used to educate the public about erosion and the wildflowers in the park. To teach trail etiquette and how that helps preserve the hill and its beauty. I also would like to see the "informal " entrance at the east end of the park, where Bernal Heights Blvd. meets Esmeralda, more formalized so the address the erosion issues there. 150c

Rare Plant Comment - the plan did not mention the coyote and gopher snakes. 1508

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score - 10
Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

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Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

Bernal Hill
Letter 151

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Beverly Ulbrich - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/15/2005 01:46 PM -----

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To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Beverly Ulbrich - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

07/14/2005 09:07 AM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Bernal Hill

Restoration Score -
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 2
Dogs & Cats Comments - I think the entire hill should remain off-leash. There is no need to restrict off-leash access. 151a

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score -
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

Name - Beverly Ulbrich
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Address -

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

Bernal Hill
Letter 152

Subject: Fw: Bernal Heights- Leash enforcement

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/12/2005 10:31 AM -----

Eve Cheung <echeung@sfusd.edu>
07/12/2005 10:06 AM

To: amber.evans@sfgov.org
cc: lisa.wayne@sfgov.org
Subject: Bernal Heights- Leash enforcement

152a

Since students will use the park on and off in the afternoons, and some of my students are very fearful of off-leash dogs, it would be important that dogs not be off-leash in the afternoon hours (11:30 - 5:00 p.m.) on school days, for safety reasons. I am concerned that students at Junipero Serra have access to the Bernal Public Park since we have such a small school yard and are a part of this community.
Thanks,
Eve Cheung, Principal
Junipero Serra Elementary School

Bernal Hill
Letter 153

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Christopher Ho - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/06/2005 10:27 AM -----

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To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - Christopher Ho - REQUESTS CONTACT!.
06/24/2005 08:40 AM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Bernal Hill

Restoration Score -
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score -
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score -
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 1
Dogs & Cats Comments - Bernal Hill should remain 100% off-leash for dogs. J153a

Trees Score -
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score -
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score -

Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

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Address -

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

Bernal Hill
Letter 154

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - emily mintz - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: NAP MAP - emily mintz - REQUESTS CONTACT!.
06/30/2005 08:25 PM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Bernal Hill

Restoration Score - 5
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score - 5
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score - 5
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 1
Dogs & Cats Comments - we would be very unhappy if dog access to the park were limited to only paved trails. 154a

Trees Score - 5
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 5
Grasslands Comments -

Landscape Score - 5
Landscape Comments -

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments - The park should remain off-leash to dogs and people and their pets should be allowed not just to access paved roads (as hoped), but shoudl remain on all trails in Bernal Hill park 154b

Plan Score - 10
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

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Address - 84 anderson St.

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 5

Bernal Hill
Letter 155

Subject: Fw: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 06/24/2005 08:27 AM -----

The SFGOV Web Applications Server <webmaster@sfgov.org>
To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>
cc:
Subject: A new NAP MAP Survey has been submitted.

06/23/2005 08:14 PM

NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Bernal Hill

Restoration Score - 3
Restoration Comments - No, I anticipated more restoration of native plants and more enhancnements for wildlife throughout this area. 155a

Recreation & Trails Score - 3
Recreation & Trails Comments - No, there should be further closures of trails and further closures of illegal paths. 155b

Sensitive Species Score - 1
Sensitive Species Comments - No, there should be more done, particularly enforcement of 155c

Dogs & Cats Score - 1
Dogs & Cats Comments - Dog play areas are not safe for dogs. there must be fences to insure that dogs remain safe. 155d

Trees Score - 3
Trees Comments - More non-native trees should be removed. 155e

Grasslands Score - 3
Grasslands Comments - There should be additional areas where plants and wildlife are restored. 155f

Landscape Score -
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - Leash law enforcement. Do it, and put in fences to keep dogs safe. 155g

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score - 5
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Natives/Wildlife

Name -
Phone -
Email -
Address -

Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score -

Bernal Hill
Letter 156

City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

Attn: NAP MAP
McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park
501 Stanyan Street, San Francisco, CA 94117
TEL: 415.831.2700 FAX: 415.831.2096 WEB: http://parks.sfgov.org

For On-line version See Significant Natural Area Tab in right Corner Blue Bar Center Page! Then select Comment Form on next screen.

NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, 2005 Thursday

Natural Area Site Name: BERNAL HEIGHTS PK Park: BERNAL HILL

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

156a

BERNAL HILL IS BASICALLY A ROCK. IF NATURAL PLANTS SURVIVE THE HARSH WEATHER CONDITIONS, THEN NATURE WOULD ALLOW THEM TO HABITAT WITHOUT INTERVENTION.

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

156b

TRAILS ARE PUBLIC PROPERTY. WHY SHOULD COMMERCIAL AND NON-PROFIT COMPANIES DICTATE HOW PUBLIC PROPERTY IS MANAGED.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

156c

I BELIEVE THAT CITIZENS AND NATURE CAN CO-EXIST, WE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR SUCH A LONG TIME. ITS ALL COMMON SENCE - EDUCATE!

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

156d

ANIMALS ARE NATIVE JUST BY EXISTING. EVEN AN AMERICAN IS NOT NATIVE TO CALIFORNIA. YOUR PROPOSALS ARE TOO EXTREME.

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

156e

URBAN FORESTRY IS NOT WORKING FOR SAN FRANCISCO, THEY WORK FOR CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY, A ONE-SIDED BIASED ORGANIZATION THAT DOES NOT REPRESENT THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE. LET THE TREES REMAIN UNLESS IT BECOMES A MAJOR CONCERN, NOT TO LET THE CNPS PROTECT ITS INTERESTS.

Grasslands/Wildflowers (1) 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain. 156f

NO! TOO MUCH INTERVENTION FROM CNPS
BERNAL HILL IS CHANGING INTO A BUREAUCRATIC
HOSTILE ENVIROMENT THAT DEPRECIATES THE PURPOSE
OF ITS EXISTANCE.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 (4) 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain. 156g

THE NEW IMPROVEMENTS ON THE FOLSOM STREET
SIDE ARE GREAT. WE DON'T NEED NATIVES,
THOUGH, NATURAL LANDSCAPING IS JUST FINE

Other Comments A NATURAL HABITAT IN A MOST UN-NATURAL SETTING. BROKEN BETTLE, CIGARETTE BUTTS AND CONDOMS. EVEN THE NPS HAS COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT THIS BARREN LANDSCAPE. WHY ARE THE ROCKS PAINTED WHITE AND WHY IS THERE A CELL PHONE MAST? - VERY NATURAL INDEED 156h

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

YES. TOO MUCH SPACE IS BENG GIVEN TO
PRIVATE SPECIAL INTENEST GROUPS THAT HAVE
NO RIGHT OR EVEN LEGAL STATUS TO TOUCH
PUBLIC PROPERTY. 156i

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see? 156j

BERNAL HILL IS IT'S OWN COMMUNITY. WE CLEAN
UP GLASS/TRASH AND TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN.
WE DO NOT NEED MANAGEMENT RESOURSES.
LET IT BE! BERNAL HILL IS THE MOST NATURAL PARK IN SF.

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) (1) 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

(Recreational uses) Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

Name/Affiliation(s) (*if any*): ANDREW GURNEY

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: 777 MOULTRIE STREET SF. CA 94110

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? _____ Site(s) of interest: _____

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? (1) 2 3 4 5 156k

EXTREMELY LIMITED PROMOTION AND
TIME GIVEN. NAP, YOU ARE SLY PEOPLE

NAPMAP,
SF Recreation and Park Dept.,
501 Stanyan St.,
San Francisco, CA 94117

FAX: (415) 661-1979

Bernal Hill
Letter 157

RE: NATURAL AREA PROGRAM (NAP) & THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BERNAL HILL GRASSLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT

To Whom it May Concern:

I oppose the proposed fencing and restrictions of pedestrian and off-leash dog walking being recommended by the BERNAL HILL GRASSLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT as part of the City's Natural Area Program. A

I believe that efforts by the Natural Area Program to inform this community of the full extent of these plans have not been carried out with due diligence, and that there should be more opportunity given to this community to learn the facts of, and respond to, this issue. B

As more and more of San Francisco public parks ban off-leash dog walking, Bernal Hill is a SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY RESOURCE as an open-space, multi-use park, not only to the people of Bernal Heights, but to many dog owners and care-takers throughout the City. C

Walking with my dog(s) is important to me for my physical and mental health and for my sense of community. I hope you will consider how important this kind of resource is for a healthy, thriving urban population when making decisions about the most feasible and appropriate uses for this park. D

Sincerely,

Barclay Nicholson Date 7-26-05

SIGNATURE

Print Name KRISTIN JENKINS & BARCLAY NICHOLSON

Address 1635 YORK ST Zip Code 94110

Bernal Hill
Letter 158



"Glenn Mar" [redacted]
07/28/2005 06:02 PM

To <gavin.newsom@sfgov.org>, <Michela.Alioto-Pier@sfgov.org>, <tom.ammiano@sfgov.org>, <Chris.Daly@sfgov.org>,
cc
bcc
Subject NAP Comments

NAP is a threat to the off-leash dog area in Bernal Hill. Healthy dogs seem to be the latest persecuted minority in SF, and if we're all going to be forced to the few legitimate areas left, it makes no sense to reduce the space in those areas. A

In particular, the NAP plan converts the connecting paths around the hill to on-leash only, which is a serious blow. It might seem trivial to you, but believe me, it matters. B

I'm keeping it short. Nix the NAP.

Glenn Mar - Sr. Director of Product Management
"Honesty may be the best policy, but it's important
to remember that apparently, by elimination,
dishonesty is the second-best policy."
- George Carlin

Bernal Hill Letter 159

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07/25/2005 06:16 PM

To: lisa.wayne@sfgov.org, yomi.agunbiade@sfgov.org, margaret.miller@sfgov.org
cc: gavin.newsome@sfgov.org, tom.ammiano@sfgov.org
Subject: NAPMAP: Keep Bernal Hill Free!

I have reviewed the proposed plan for the Natural Areas Program in several parks, but I must protest the proposal to restrict dog play activities on Bernal Heights!

I am a 22-year resident of Bernal, a home owner, taxpayer, voter and dog guardian.

The most special and unique aspect of Bernal is not the grasses or supposedly sensitive native plants (which must be quite hardy to have survived all these centuries without this plan in effect) but the ability of dogs to roam and play freely.

The plan to fence off areas of the hills is untenable, over-reaching, unenforceable, and it will bring you more headaches than any benefit that could possibly be gained.

I have already heard peopkle say, "Those fences won't last a week." Why in the world would you want to invite such confrontations? A

I urge you to put a stop to this attempt to restrict off-leash dog runs on the hill. I also urge you to come up to Bernal and see how wonderful it is to watch these animal friends playing together and running across the landscape. B

If, for some reason, you don't get the chance, please see the attached illustration from my book "When Chelsea Came to Stay" drawn by Sophia Varcados. It is called "Dog Happy Hour" but I'm thinking of retitling it, "Keep Bernal Heights Free!"

This is the natural wonder we should be preserving. The plants have apparently been able to take care of themselves.

This proposal has been formulated without any type of scientific study or expert opinion. C

Please put a stop to this attempt to restrict dog runs on Bernal Hill.

You should also know that the Parks Web site that supposedly allows people to commment on the NAP plan only gives an error message when the comments are submitted. But then, maybe you don't really want to know.

--
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cc:
Subject: Re: Bernal Hill

07/27/2005 04:25 PM

Yeah, I looked at the report before I wrote my comments.

Who decides which trails are "redundant"? My dog and I use many of them.

Your "rustic" fences and signs are anything but natural.

This is a hill that's been developed for over 100 years; it used to be a place where goats were herded, for goodness' sake. There are remains of houses and a commercial quarry.

It's not Yosemite. Get real. Parks are for people and pets!

And the city's Web site for posting comments still doesn't work.

--
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> Dear Park Advocate
>
> Your comments regarding the Natural Areas at Bernal Hill have been received
> by the Department.
>
> It is important to the Recreation and Park Department that accurate
> information about the plan be disseminated to the public so that meaningful
> public input can be received on the Public Draft. It has come to our
> attention that the postings on Bernal Hill "prepared by
> Christine_Mcquiston@yahoo.com" of highlighted maps of Bernal Hill is
> presenting misinformation about the Natural Areas Draft Management Plan.
> The maps that were posted in the park were taken from a draft plan that was
> prepared in 2002 and modified to show changes in off-leash recreation and
> access. This information is incorrect as well as other information that
> was posted in the park. The Department encourages the public to view the
> accurate plan and maps for Bernal Hill located on the Recreation and Park
> Department website
>
http://www.parks.sfgov.org/wcm_recpark/SNRA50/Sections/6.21%20Bernal%20Hill.pdf.
>
> In summary, the Draft Management Plan
> does not propose any tree removal at Bernal Hill - see text box on map
> page 6.21-15
> does not propose cyclone fencing at Bernal or any of the designated
> Natural Areas

> mentions that fencing would be used as a last resort (only low rustic
> fencing) and in specific locations where erosion and safety are a
> concern - see page 6.21-7
> only proposes to close or re-reroute social trails that are unsafe, are
> short cuts or are redundant - see pages 6.21-8 and 6.21-15, which
> contains a map of trails to remain and be improved under the plan. For
> social trails proposed for closure, please see the pink trails on page
> 6.21-12
> does not propose to exclude people and dogs from Bernal Hill
> does propose to reduce the existing designated 21 acre off-leash area
> above the road to a 13 acre off-leash area. The remaining 8 acres would
> be on-leash. Off leash experiences will continue in the most heavily
> used off-leash areas including the paved road, the quarry, the entire
> central portion of the hill that extends from the radio tower to the
> east hairpin turn (and a trail that crosses hill's crest) (see attached
> map that was shown at public meetings regarding the Draft Management
> Plan)
>
> Again, the Department is interested in receiving public input on the
> proposed plan. Please review the accurate plan on RPDs website and make
> comments. The comment period ends Thursday July 28th at 5pm. Thank you.
>
(See attached file: proposed off-leash dog area changes.jpg)

----- Message from Lisa Wayne <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org> on Wed, 27 Jul 2005 23:08:42 +0000 -----

Subject: Bernal Hill



proposed off-leash dog area changes.jpg

Bernal Hill
Letter 160



"Wald, Johanna" [redacted]
07/28/2005 06:10 PM

To <gavin.newsom@sfgov.org>, <Michela.Alioto-Pier@sfgov.org>, <tom.ammiano@sfgov.org>, <Chris.Daly@sfgov.org>,
cc
bcc
Subject I am a NAP supporter

Dear Mayor Newsom, Members of the Board of Supervisors and others:

I am a strong supporter of San Francisco's Natural Areas Program and have both personal and professional familiarity with the program, its goals and the challenges facing its staff. Overall, I think the Management Plan that has been developed is sound, comprehensive and balanced -- reflecting a thoughtful response to the diverse interests and concerns of San Franciscans. If anything, the Program has erred on the side of being too accomodating of activities that can harm -- and are harming -- some of the City's natural treasures. One has only to visit Bernal Heights, for example, to see the widespread ecological damage that is resulting from intense use by off-leash dogs. A

I urge each and every one of you to support this important program and San Francisco's diverse natural ecosystems. Thank you.

Johanna H. Wald
[redacted]

Bernal Hill
Letter 161



07/27/2005 09:42 AM

To gavin.newsom@sfgov.org, Michela.Alioto-Pier@sfgov.org, tom.ammiano@sfgov.org, Chris.Daly@sfgov.org, Bevan.Dufty@sfgov.org, Sean.Elsbernd@sfgov.org,

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bcc

Subject NAP Comments

I'm so pleased with the restoration work the Recreation and Park Natural Areas Program has done on Bernal Hill. It's great that we have a park that's almost entirely off leash. I'd like if the department would put a water feature with a dog drinking fountain and a pool for my dogs to cool off in.

A

Table 3.25-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Balboa Natural Area.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Balboa Natural Area	1A	Mansfield, C.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Balboa Natural Area	1B	Mansfield, C.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-2
Balboa Natural Area	1C	Mansfield, C.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Balboa Natural Area	1D	Mansfield, C.	Trails	Reference	See MR-7
Balboa Natural Area	1E	Mansfield, C.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-7
Balboa Natural Area	1F	Mansfield, C.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Balboa Natural Area	1G	Mansfield, C.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Balboa Natural Area	1H	Mansfield, C.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Balboa Natural Area	1I	Mansfield, C.	Trees	Reference	See MR-4
Balboa Natural Area	1J	Mansfield, C.	Trails	Content	See MR-6
Balboa Natural Area	1K	Mansfield, C.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Balboa Natural Area	1L	Mansfield, C.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Balboa Natural Area	1M	Mansfield, C.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-7.

Balboa Natural Area
Letter 1

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NAP Management Plan Comment\s:
Balboa Natural Areas/ Parcel 4

Restoration

Restoration efforts to date have been excellent, and the proposed restoration plan will continue and enhance these efforts. However, sensitive plantings need protection from inattentive walkers and the many inevitable off-leash dogs, so temporary fencing should be deployed around all plantings and be left in place until the plants are well-established. Section should be added re intent of SF Rec/Park to work with GGNRA in removing invasive species and regulating social trail use in adjacent GGNRA owned land.

1a
1b
1c
1d

Recreation and Trails

Social trails should be closed as quickly as possible. There should be signage that dogs are required to be on leash and enforcement of leash laws.

1e
1f

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

See comments re Restoration. Also, consistent enforcement of the leash law are essential to reduce damage to sensitive plants and wildlife.

1g

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

Off-leash dogs are a problem. Strict, consistent enforcement of the leash law is essential. RPD staff should be deputized to enable them to write tickets.

1h

Trees

Plan should have more discussion of GGNRA's management plan for adjacent GGNRA property and plans to prevent recruitment of invasive trees.

1i

Grasslands/Wildflowers

Plantings need to be protected by educational signage and temporary fencing where needed.

1j

Social paths

need to be removed by barriers where they join to official trails.

1k

Damage from off-leash dogs needs to be handled by enforcement of the leash law

1l

Landscaped Areas

Yes but see previous comments.

Other Comments

Observed considerable trash and debris that needs to be removed on a regular basis. Consider starting regular volunteer work parties.

1m

Table 3.26-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Interior Greenbelt.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Interior Greenbelt	1A	Scudder, R.	Trails	Editorial	Corrected
Interior Greenbelt	1B	Scudder, R.	Plants	Editorial	Text is correct, no change required.
Interior Greenbelt	1C	Scudder, R.	Trees	Content	A new recommendation has been added to Issue GR-15 (GR-15h) in Sec. 5 which addresses the issue of tree pests
Interior Greenbelt	1D	Scudder, R.	Trees	Content	GR-15 has been revised
Interior Greenbelt	1E	Scudder, R.	Wildlife	Content	Species have been added to Appendix C-2
Interior Greenbelt	1F	Scudder, R.	Plants	Content	Figure 6.23-4 contains data on thimbleberry. A supplemental site survey indicates that no sensitive species are present in the area indicated by the commentor. Furthermore there is no remnant habitat in that area that would justify converting the area into a category MA-2. New text has been added to GR-13 regarding fire and safety. See GR-13 for a discussion of tree removal in areas adjacent to homes where trees may pose potential health and safety issues
Interior Greenbelt	1G	Scudder, R.	Creeks	Content	According to a supplemental site survey the area indicated by the commentor does not contain a remnant creek. However, there is a remnant creek nearby, a portion of which is proposed for restoration
Interior Greenbelt	1H	Scudder, R.	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Interior Greenbelt	1I	Scudder, R.	Trails	Content	See MR-7
Interior Greenbelt	1J	Scudder, R.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3
Interior Greenbelt	1K	Scudder, R.		Editorial	Property line data was provided by the San Francisco Department of Telecommunication and Information Services. Due to the angle of aerial photography and the curvature of the earth, some property lines may overlap houses. These data are not survey grade and are not intended to be used as such. Because property lines are intended to conform to other data layers of the City Geographic Information Services, the boundaries cannot be modified. Information regarding the accuracy of the City's GIS data is located at http://gispubweb.sfgov.org/website/sfshare/metadata.htm
Interior Greenbelt	1L	Scudder, R.	Safety	Content	GR-13 added to address safety and fire hazards.

Interior Green Belt

To:
Urban Forester
C/o Rec. & Park
Mclaren Lodge
Fell & Stanyan Streets
San Francisco, CA 94117
753-7127

22 October 1996

Call about walk through

Regarding:
Hazardous Trees in Sutro Forest between 17th Street and Woodland.

To whom it may concern,

Last Fall I spoke to Brian Spiegelman regarding the Eucalyptus trees along the back of my mother-in-laws's property, between 17th Street and Woodland Avenue. We discussed the work that needed to be done to "make safe" the trees that had been topped, now 14 years ago. He explained at that time that they had two other commitments prior to addressing that sector of Sutro Forest. Those two areas were worked on prior to the destructive storms in December of 1995.

As an arborist, I can understand the need to shift focus to higher use areas after the storms closed much of Golden Gate Park. However, when the crews started working on the trees along upper Stanyan Street a couple of weeks ago, I decided it was time to become more of a "squeaky wheel"! This is not our second request for work to be done to ensure safety for our property and children, but our sixth. In the past, we have simply called on the phone and been lost or forgotten for various reasons. We will not be forgotten any longer!

The work you have been doing to the NW and South of us is changing the wind dynamics in this area. This increases the likelihood that one or more of the topped trees will fail. We have had three near misses in the past two years. Furthermore, it is high time that you repair the fence that was damaged 14 years ago by falling eucalyptus trees and the subsequent topping work that was done by your crew(s). The fence openings between us and the forest have become a freeway for lost hikers, the homeless, and an access route for other uninvited visitors to our property. In addition, the brush accumulation along the forest edge is a potential fire hazard, and you are obliged to maintain at least a 10' buffer zone for our mutual protection.

How can we address these pressing issues in a timely and effective manner?

Here are some of my thoughts, short and long term!

1. Immediate hazard reduction. Remove topped trees and others that are likely to fail for any number of reasons.
2. Create a fire-break between residence properties and Sutro Forest.
3. Replace the approximately 300' of fencing along our property with an 8' chain-link fence with a service gate for maintenance of firebreak and other necessary maintenance.
4. Utilize the $ 7,500 from our area' recycling funds for park maintenance.
5. Work for a long-term species replacement in Sutro Forest.

Replace Eucs with Oaks! A Cooperative effort.

a. UCSF (their green belt trees should be replaced also)

b. Logging for pulp wood? Perhaps the trees can be removed at little or no cost by allowing a pulp wood operation to harvest the trees. Check with EBMUD regarding their initial proposal for removal of burned trees from the Oakland Hills Fire.

c. Community Service Reforestation. CNPS (California Native Plant Society) San Francisco Professional Gardeners' Association; l Public Schools, a way that kids can buy into the future. K-6 Oak curriculum materials available through the Oak Foundation.

Please call me with any questions and to schedule work for the protection of our outbuilding, my trucks and equipment.

Sincerely Yours.

R. S. Scudder

Notes: 7 June 2001

A lot has changed since this letter was drafted. Brian and "the crew" did some work after another phone call prior to this letter being sent. With promises of some follow up work when the schedule cleared and our discussion of the contents of this letter, prompted me to delay in sending it. Needless to say, we dropped back into business as usual. Only when I called with an immanent problem did the crew ever arrive. And shame on me, I never sent the letter. Again dissuade from transmitting the letter by "We have only one crew covering 'X, Y, & Z'".

The process began again in the fall of 2000. And as before, the promise to return in the Spring to reduce the hazards did not occur. It seems that only immanent loss or actual loss can get a crew. Brush-fire management, is not management. The losses that we have incurred from falling trees over the past twenty years could have been prevented for the most part if the City and its workers would desist from "pie-crust" promises and balance their work between immanent hazard response and scheduled hazard reduction and maintenance pruning. Perhaps we need another tree crew that only does scheduled work except in "EXTREME" emergencies.

Due to the event on Friday May 11th, 2001, I am including this draft as corroboration of the process and frequency of occurrences along our approximately 300' of exposure along the City owned portion of Sutro Forest.

Sutro Forest Tree Failure History;

Reiter Property impacts

1980-2001 rss compiled May 2001

YEAR	EVENT	EVENT RESPONSE	LOSS	REQUESTS	SUPPLEMENTAL INFO.
1982-83 possibly 1981-82	Euc. Failure	Removed downed tree(s) & topped others near garage/shed.	Property-line fences crushed or cut through in several spots. Stored cabinets crushed. No repairs or compensation.	Mrs. (Reiter) Cronander requested tree work preceding failures. Compensation for cabinets and fence repair.	Heavy Rain year. Despite posting for "No Trespassing" along forest etc. People continue to enter the property through the damaged fence to this day 2001.
1984					drought year ?
1985					drought year ?
1986					drought year ?
1987					drought year ?
1988					drought year ?
1989					drought year ?
1990					Polar Freeze
1991					
1992					

Sutro Forest Tree Failure History;

Reiter Property impacts

1980-2001 rss compiled May 2001

1993	Tree removals and severe topping NW of Reiter interface with Sutro Forest by City & Several trees along upper Stanyan above 17th Street were removed changing wind dynamics in the area.				
1994					
1995					
1996	Dead Tree failures and limb failures onto Reiter property access road.	Finally connected with Brian S.; crew revisited topping of several trees near shed that had been topped nearly 14 years ago	Further impacts to already damaged fence, minor damage to several trees along property line.	Calls to City and Drafted Letter regarding safety of trees, never sent, verbal overview with Brian S. of tree crew.	El Nino
1997					La Ninya

Sutro Forest Tree Failure History;

Reiter Property impacts

1980-2001 rss compiled May 2001

1998	Large Euc. Began progressive lean to East.	Removed City removed leaning Euc. Just South of garage/shed. And topped three others.	> Hawthorne tree lost.	Removal of other probable stump sprouts in same grouping. Verbal promise for another visit. Fence repair and fire break also requested. Advised to make separate contact with City, (? Don't they inspect City holdings?) Inter departmental communications?	High rain year
1999					Early Heavy rains; Spring drought.
2000	> Summer Limb/scaffold drop in forest behind garage/shed. > Fall Root Plate failure of Large Euc., suspended over garage/shed against other trees	Fall Euc. Failure cleared to just beyond property line. Two adjacent trees topped behind shed, (these had been topped previously).	> minor damage to plum trees near shed.	Removal of failing tree, topped trees, and other "At Risk" trees in the area behind garage/shed. Work deferred until Spring 2001, crew size cited along with lower target value.	"Normal rain year" > Do not recall inspection of root plate failure.

Sutro Forest Tree Failure History;

Reiter Property impacts

1980-2001 rss compiled May 2001

2001	> Large Euc. Stem failure at approx. 4' above grade. May 11th, 2:07 p.m.	> 30 minute response. Evaluation of needed crew, cleared damaged truck. > Monday May 14th, City crew removed Euc. From on top of garage/shed and damaged or destroyed trees (plums, plum-cot, and flowering cherry)	> Garage/Shed roof and attic destroyed; foundation wall damaged; contents of garage not known at this time. > 1986 Ford Truck with rack and tool boxes considered a total loss by insurance company.	> Reiterated the regular use of the area by three families, the changed wind patterns due to removals to the North West several years before, the recent losses, and the removals along upper Stanyan and at the UC housing area. > Stressed the need to evaluate this area and mitigate hazard potentials. > Fire break & fence repair requested. > Poison Oak & Ivy reduction also asked for.	> Week preceding failure had High winds. Tops of trees were moving 40+' from side to side. > Temperatures in the 80's also preceded the failure. > Calm warm day when tree failed.
2002					

Sutro Forest Tree Failure History;
Reiter Property impacts
1980-2001 rss compiled May 2001

				Notation: Between 1993 and 2001, R. Scudder would discuss needed work with Brian S. at tree failure conferences and at other seminars whenever both were in attendance. The lament of crew size and other priorities, along with we will get to you after these things are cleared up sum up our conversations. No independent action was ever initiated by Brian or other City representatives. Although all easy access to the area is locked and controlled by the Reiter family members, a phone call the week or day before intended work would unlock the way.	

Interior Green Belt
Letter 1

Interior Green Belt

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6-24-2005

Page 6.23-1

- General Description and Location:
  - To my knowledge Stanyan is a "Street" not a "Boulevard" Please correct this. I-10
- Geology, Hydrology, and Trails
  - Seasonal Creek
    - Flows often begin as early as the middle of November and have continued as late as the first of May in wet years. As monitored along the sump/stormdrain system that collects the water along the Northern Boundary and carries it to Stanyan Street Storm System under the homes near Rivoli Street.

Page 6.23-2

- Vegetation
  - Cape Ivy is also known as German Ivy (Senecio mikanioides) I-6
  - Eucalyptus globules – Blue Gum: Removals & General Stand Concerns
    - Removals
      - Leaving Stumps may lead to several management issues
        - Stump Sprouts
        - Insectory for pests
        - Suggestions – When stumps cannot be removed
          - Spray (treat) with glyphosate & an insecticide rated for wood borer
      - In areas of habitat modification/restoration, the removal of larger trees may be of greater benefit than removing understory tree.
        - May reduce wind-through issues
        - Maintains shade – and easier removals later as replacements establish.
      - An argument for Clear-cutting some areas.
        - Replacement trees may grow very slowly because of root competition for water and other resources under thinning programs vs. clear-cutting
        - Provides a successional system analogous to a fire.
    - General Forest Health I-10
      - 20+ Pests of Eucalyptus are currently known in California, including:
        - Eucalyptus Longhorned Borer
        - Various Lerp psyllids
        - An unidentified fungal pathogen on the Stanford Campus
        - Armillaria, Ganoderma sp., and Phytophthora cinnamomi will also attack Eucalyptus that are stressed or damaged.
      - Leaf size and color along the Northern edge of the Interior Green Belt has change.
        - Smaller leaves
        - Off color, dull, even yellowing
      - Inspection of trunks and root flares for near ground level causes is impossible in this area due to Algerian Ivy and Poison Oak growing thickly up the trunks.
      - I am concerned that the general stand decline mentioned in Dr. J. Clark's, HortScience, report to UCSF Open Space Report of several years ago is indeed the case and that dramatic failures may be in our future.

I-C

- Mammals/Reptiles/Amphibians/Invertebrates] 1e
  - Mammals
    - Those listed **DO** use the Northern End of the IGB as verified by our regular encounters with them at the IGB interface.
    - Mole (Scapanus latimanus), meadow vole (Microtus sp.), and imported tree squirrel (Sciurus niger?) are also in this area.
  - Amphibians
    - Taricha torosa – CA Newt may also be in this area as they have been found around the homes on Stanyan Street

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- Management Areas
  - Suggest a MA-2d management area along the Northern end of the IGB. Why?
    - Frequency of failures along this interface
    - Declining habitat for
      - Ferns – were abundant under the Eucs just a few years ago (?Woodwardia fimbriata) – Tentative ID by Christopher Campbell, NAP
      - Heuchera micrantha – Alumroot may also be in this area - Tentative ID by Christopher Campbell, NAP
      - Thimbleberry – Rubus parvaflorus may also be in the area.
      - Vetch sp.
    - Hedera caneriensis (Algerian Ivy) & Poison Oak create massive green columns to 60+ feet into the Eucs increasing shade, rat habitat, and making monitoring Euc Trunk health very difficult.
    - Terminus of Creek as it enters the Storm System] 1g
    - Northern Boundary of the IGB is the foot of the chimney and needs more active vegetation management to reduce the risk of fire that would compromise all of Sutro Forest.
    - Social Trails bring hikers and the homeless into the backyard areas of all of us along the Stanyan-Woodland IGB Boundary

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- Wildlife
  - Monitoring of Wildlife populations?
    - Monitoring of Habitat and Animal populations is important
    - Reassessing management goals based on the carrying capacity of each Natural Area and UCSF Open Space is crucial to maintaining animal and human health.
    - At some time we may NEED to become the PREDATOR in order to maintain a SUSTAINABLE balance within our limited resources.

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- Map
  - Eastern Boundary seems to be miss drawn. A triangular section incorporates the back yards of several homes at the Southern end of Stanyan Street.
  - Proposed MA-2d Zone approx. 140' x 560' along the Northern edge of the IGB
- Chart Insert

Mgmt Area	Action
MA-2d	• Remove Approx. 20-40 Eucs – Using general health & structure as a guide. • Remove selected volunteer species such as Flowering Plum, Abutilon, Clematis, etc. • Remove Algerian Ivy from the area & reduce poison oak to ground • Replace damaged fence along Northern boundary with 8' chainlink. Include two access gates for management in cooperation with neighbor. • Maintain Firebreak of at least 10' along fence line. • Enhance Creek habitat • Monitor re-establishment of desired species of plants – augment if necessary • Monitor Vertebrate Populations, manage as needed.



Jobsite Awareness: The Dangers of Wild and Feral Animals

by Gretchen Scudder

Wild and feral animals living in or near your jobsite can be a danger to you, your clients and their pets. Just as you concern yourself with proper tool use and pruning technique for your safety and the quality of your work, you should pay attention to natural factors on your jobsite that can affect you as well.

Although we don't think about it very often, the threat of contact with rabies is very serious. Most people are only aware of the transfer of rabies through a bite from an infected animal to another animal or human; however, this is not the only mode. Scratches and open wound contact with fluids from an infected animal can also result in contracting rabies. The obvious signs of rabies include the infamous foaming mouth, a rough coat, staggering, weakness, paralysis, and starvation. Animals that have rabies often become either much more docile or approachable than would be expected; or become irritable and aggressive. Most notable is abnormal daytime activity of normally nocturnal animals. Despite these marked signs, an infected animal may show no warning signs, or very few. The best course of action is to avoid wild animals as much as possible. If there is one of concern to you acting abnormally on your job site, do not try to handle the situation yourself—call the local animal control.

Infected wild and feral animal populations obviously hold the most threat for outdoor pets, especially in the case of feral cats. The diseases these animals may carry are contagious, and can be deadly to a house pet with which they come in contact. The most notable of these are Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) and feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV). Even if a feral cat population near you or your job site does not seem to be an imminent threat, and you wish the animals to remain wild, they should be trapped to be spayed or neutered and tested for FeLV and FIV. Neither FeLV nor FIV can be contracted by a human, but they can be contracted by pets and will cause suffering and eventually death. Unfortunately all stray cats infected with FeLV and FIV must be put down, as releasing them will continue the epidemic in the feral population and adoption would put other pets in danger.

One of the most overlooked dangers is fecal matter. Animal feces can be very dangerous and should be disposed of immediately. It is imperative that feces be disposed of properly and never be touched with bare hands. Any reusable materials, such as gloves that are used in feces disposal, need to be fully cleaned, and contact with them before cleaning should be as minimal as possible. Raccoons like to leave their scat in places such as tree crotches where it is not highly visible. Although rare, serious and debilitating diseases can be contracted from direct contact with wild animal scat. If you come in contact with it, make sure to wash thoroughly and monitor yourself for any abnormalities in your health. Be aware: the dangers posed by animal fecal matter are not unique to wild animals, and precautions such as wearing gloves should be taken when working in a yard that your client uses as their pet's toilet.

The most common problems encountered by people who work out of doors are caused by parasites. Undoubtedly you know about fleas and ticks that can be picked up from plant material with which their previous host has come in contact. These are not the only threats, as worms, lice and other parasites can either feed on you, or use you as a vehicle and infect your pet. Lice and some worms are usually only transferred through direct contact, while other worms must be ingested or can be transferred by contact with fecal matter. These worms are microscopic and oftentimes are not visible or are transferred in their even smaller, larval form. As mentioned previously, proper disposal of scat and leaving contact to trained professionals is advisable to help protect yourself. Make sure to put work clothes directly into the laundry where they will be separated from you and your pets. And check for ticks and fleas regularly, especially if you've been working in an area with dry grasses and a deer population, as deer are one of the most common sources of ticks.

Now that you are aware of the dangers feral and wild animals can pose to you, use this knowledge to your advantage. Don't fear animals, but take the precautions necessary to protect yourself. Remember; leave animal contact to the professionals. If you have any questions about the viruses, diseases and parasites animals can pass to you or your pets, don't hesitate to ask your veterinarian.

Gretchen Scudder is currently completing her final units for a Veterinary Assistant's Certificate, and is certified in Small Animal Care by the Randall Museum.

Editor's note: In 1998 a friend's two-year-old boy became very ill after ingesting raccoon feces while playing in their Pacific Grove yard. The boy suffered severe brain damage and blindness due to a roundworm that is found in raccoon scat. Although a statistically rare occurrence, it was devastating for the child and family. For further information on this specific case and details behind it, please refer to the following URLs: http://www.carmelpinecone.com/040102-5.html and http://www.biosci.ohiostate.edu/~parasite/baylisascaris.html .—TG



Submitted by Bob Scudder on 6/28/05 with his comments on 9 Interior Greenbelt.

Table 3.27-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Dorothy Erskine Park.

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Dorothy Erskine Park	1A	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Dorothy Erskine Park	1B	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Dorothy Erskine Park	1C	Anonymous	Plants	Content	See MR-2
Dorothy Erskine Park	1D	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Dorothy Erskine Park	1E	Anonymous	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Dorothy Erskine Park	1F	Anonymous	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Dorothy Erskine Park	2A	O'Leary, A.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Dorothy Erskine Park	2B	O'Leary, A.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Dorothy Erskine Park	2C	O'Leary, A.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-2
Dorothy Erskine Park	2D	O'Leary, A.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-2
Dorothy Erskine Park	2E	O'Leary, A.	Trails	Content	See MR-2
Dorothy Erskine Park	2F	O'Leary, A.	Trees	Project Merits	See MR-4
Dorothy Erskine Park	2G	O'Leary, A.	Plants	Content	See Mr-6
Dorothy Erskine Park	2H	O'Leary, A.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Dorothy Erskine Park	2I	O'Leary, A.	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Dorothy Erskine Park	2J	O'Leary, A.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Dorothy Erskine Park	2K	O'Leary, A.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-11

Dorothy Erskine
Letter 1

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form

Natural Area Site Name:_____ Park:_____

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Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

DE is at risk of disappearing because noone has paid any-1a
attention to it & dogs own it.

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

It's a private dog toilet for dog owners who 1b
live right there. Let them improve trails / entry

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Last on NAP list. Dogs killed off the last 1c
of any wildlife long ago.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

It's already a private dog area 1d

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

Get Serious! Either make this the off-leash dog place for the entire area - Glen Park, up/down hill or make NO-DOG so that what little remains can be saved.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

There were orchids there once - wild orchids if

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

Name/Affiliation(s) *(if any):* _____

Phone: _____

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Dorothy Erskine
Letter 2

Subject: Fw: NAP-MAP: Dorothy Erskine

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Hello NAP, Lisa:
Regarding DOROTHY ERSKINE - either restoration work needs to be started with some earnest soon or we might as well get it off the list and make it the next dog run. Right now it is nothing more than a toilet for the dog owners who live right off it.

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| Management Plan. The new deadline for comments is July 28, 2005 at 5:00 pm.
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| This website has the comment form available for on-line response; however, some users have encountered difficulty submitting comments on line. |
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Please provide comments in each relevant subject area BY PARK. Please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue. (5 = Exceeds Expectations and 1 = Does Not Meet Expectations). Please note this is not a survey. Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be as specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on any topic covered by the plan in any relevant manner.

Site:

- [ ] 15th Avenue Steps
- [ ] Balboa Natural Area / Parcel 4
- [ ] Bay View Park
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- [ ] Corona Heights
- [X] Dorothy Erskine Park
- [ ] Duncan / Castro
- [ ] Edgehill Mountain
- [ ] Fairmount Park
- [ ] Glen Canyon
- [ ] Golden Gate Heights
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- [ ] Grand View Park
- [ ] Hawk Hill
- [ ] India Basin Shorline Park
- [ ] Interior Green Belt
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- [ ] Lake Merced
- [ ] Lakeview / Ashton Mini Park
- [ ] McLaren Park
- [ ] Mt. Davidson Park
- [ ] O'Shaughnessy Hollow
- [ ] Palou / Phelps
- [ ] Pine Lake Park
- [ ] Rock Outcropping
- [ ] Sharp Park
- [ ] Tank Hill
- [ ] Twin Peaks

Restoration

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below.

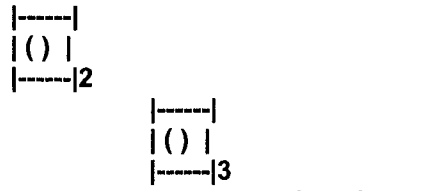
None being done F26

Recreation and Trails

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Only if you are a dog F2C

Sensitive Species/Wildlife



Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.

Only a stupid wild critter would survive the dogs there 2d

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife



Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain below

No more than a PRIVATE DOG TOILET for the people who live right off the place 2e

Trees



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Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

Eucs are going to fall on someone's head soon 12 f

Grasslands/Wildflowers

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Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.

Only weeds, invasives live there 12 9

Landscaped Areas

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Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected?
If not, please explain below.

The only improvements to entrance were done for dogs - bag dispenser and trash bin for the tons of dog crap

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Other Comments

This place is a dog toilet for the people who live right there - nothing more. Either some concerted effort is going to be made to restore or
just give it over to the dogs and get them our of Glen Park and Sunnyside 2i

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that
would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Older resident said there used to be a wild orchid there - dogs have trampled over long ago 2j

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital
improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

Restore it or give it up 2k

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below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent)

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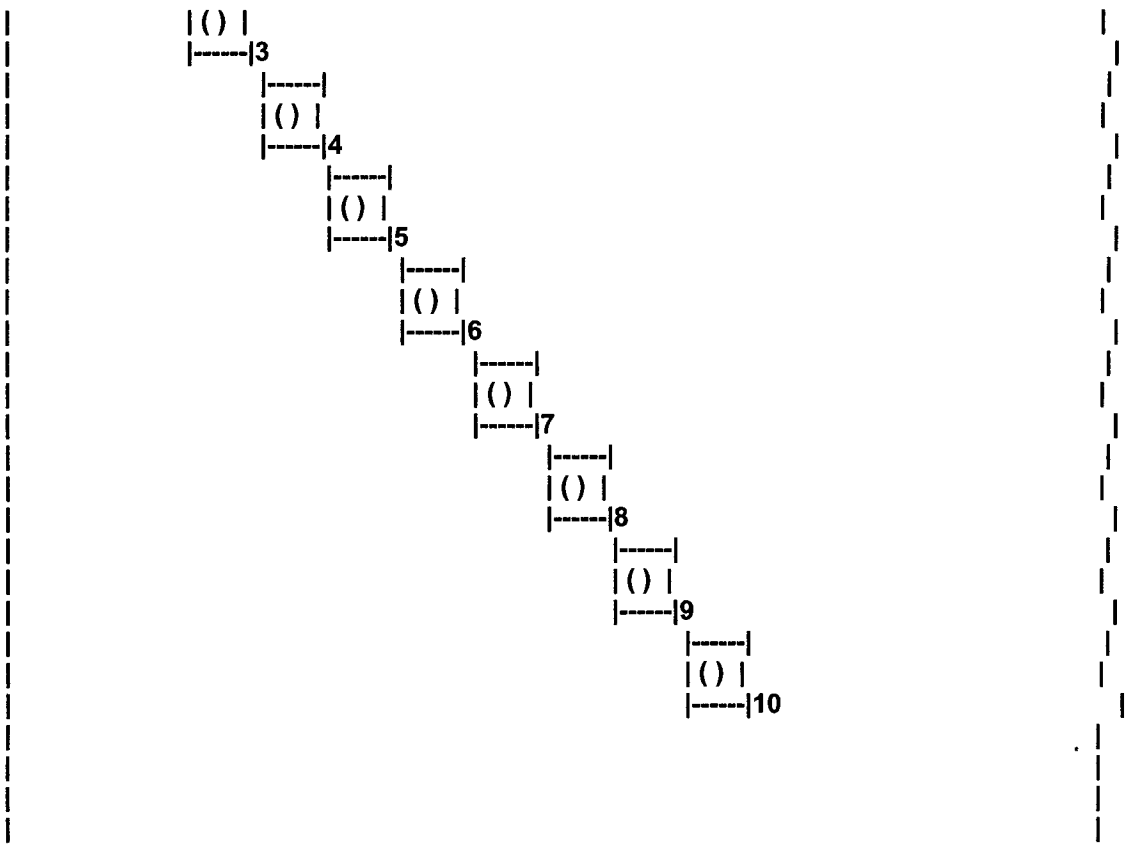

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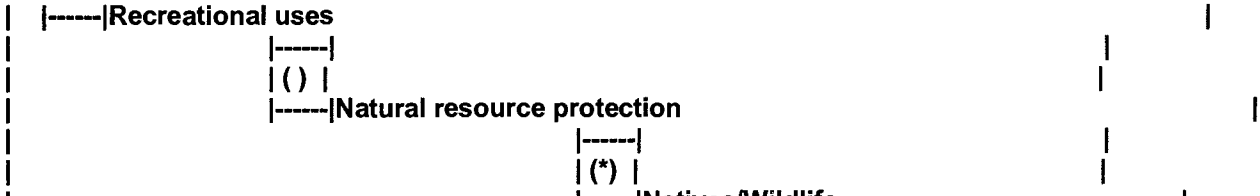

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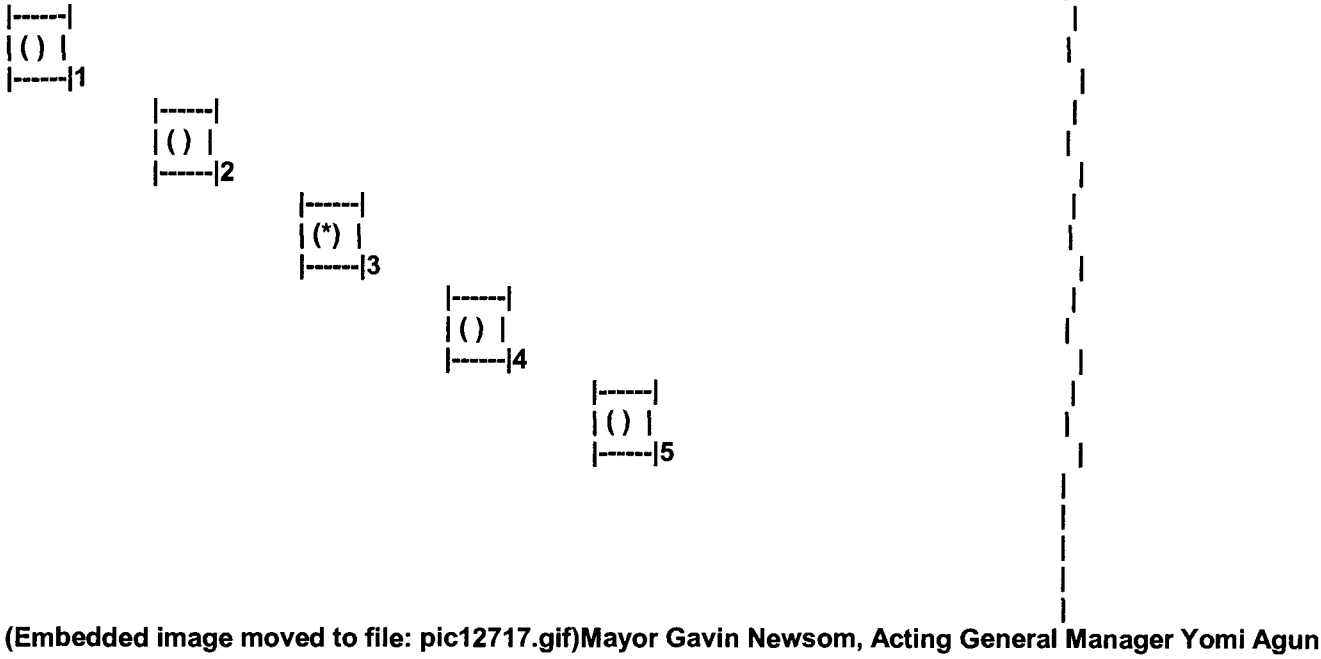
How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?



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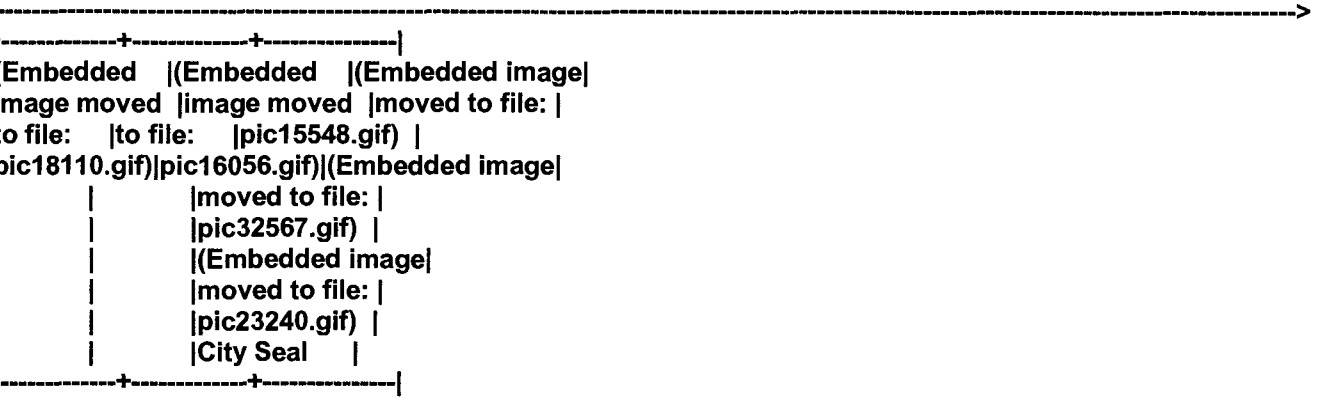

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Table 3.28-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to Edgehill Mountain.

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Edgehill Mountain	1A	Anonymous	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11.
Edgehill Mountain	1B	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-7.
Edgehill Mountain	1C	Anonymous	Trails	Content	See MR-1 and MR-7.
Edgehill Mountain	1D	Anonymous	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Edgehill Mountain	1E	Anonymous	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11.
Edgehill Mountain	1F	Anonymous	Trails	Content	No houses will be built within the Natural Area.
Edgehill Mountain	3A	Johnson, H.	Wildlife	Content	No specific sighting information was provided with the comment. Location of the reported fox is unknown and therefore not added to the species list for this Natural Area.
Edgehill Mountain	3B	Johnson, H.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11.
Edgehill Mountain	3C	Johnson, H.	Trails	Content	Trail access currently exists from Kensington and will remain. See Figure 6.25-5.
Edgehill Mountain	2A	Kaufman, S. and Reitan,	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11.
Edgehill Mountain	2B	Kaufman, S. and Reitan,	Trails	Content	See MR-6 and MR-7.
Edgehill Mountain	2C	Kaufman, S. and Reitan,	Trees	Content	See MR-4. Additionally, saplings under 15-feet tall can be removed by Natural Areas staff.
Edgehill Mountain	2D	Kaufman, S. and Reitan,	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-11.
Edgehill Mountain	2E	Kaufman, S. and Reitan,	Trails	Content	See MR-7.
Edgehill Mountain	2F	Kaufman, S. and Reitan,	Trails	Content	See MR-7.

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Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Edgehill Mountain	2G	Kaufman, S. and Reitan,	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Edgehill Mountain	2H	Kaufman, S. and Reitan,	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1
Edgehill Mountain	2I	Kaufman, S. and Reitan,	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Edgehill Mountain	2J	Kaufman, S. and Reitan,	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1 and MR-6.
Edgehill Mountain	2K	Kaufman, S. and Reitan,	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Edgehill Mountain	2L	Kaufman, S. and Reitan,	Trails	Content	See MR-7.
Edgehill Mountain	2M	Kaufman, S. and Reitan,	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-1

Edgehill Mountain
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Restoration 1 2 3 4 (5)

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

These folks have done great job & are on right track 1A

Recreation and Trails 1 (2) 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

NO MORE new trails - will just become another access for dogs to ruin what work has been done. 1B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Keep dogs OUT - slopes too vulnerable & must be a NO DOGS site 1C

Trees 1 2 (3) 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Remove more EUCS 1D

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Continue present progress 1-E

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

None

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

Keep houses open + retain open 1-F to sky

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

Name/Affiliation(s) (*if any*): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? _____ Site(s) of interest: _____

Edgehill Mountain
Letter 2

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form

Natural Area Site Name: Edgehill Mt Park: Edgehill Mt

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration 1 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Restoration efforts to date have been excellent, and the proposed restoration plan will continue and enhance these efforts. 2A However, sensitive plantings need protection from inattentive walkers and the many inevitable off-leash dogs, so TEMPORARY FENCING should be deployed around all plantings and be left in place until the plants are well-established. 2B Recommendation EM-1b should be changed to permit tree removal from MA-2a; there are a number of smaller blue gum that need to be eliminated. 2C

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

A trail down to Kensington has long been desired by Friends of Edgehill Mt Park. 2D We also want to see conservation easements (or similar revenue-neutral mechanism) to gain access through the lower lots north of the park to allow creation of a trail that connects with Vasquez Ave. 2E A trail up to Edgehill Way is also a great idea, but has a lower priority than the other two directions. 2F

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

See comments re Restoration. Also, consistent enforcement of the leash law are essential to reduce damage to sensitive plants and wildlife. 2G

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

Off-leash dogs are a problem. Strict, consistent enforcement of the leash law is essential. RPD staff should be deputized to enable them to write tickets. 2H

Trees **1 2 3 4 5**

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Invasive tree species -- notably blue gum -- are a big problem. Even Adolph Sutro planned to remove the blue gum once the pine and cypress grew big enough -- but then he died before this was accomplished. Retaining some large specimens of blue gum is OK, but there should be aggressive removal of most blue gum in order to open up the understory to foster more appropriate tree species, like oak, as well as the more appropriate plant formations like coastal scrub. 2I

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Plantings need to be protected by TEMPORARY FENCING. Social paths need to be removed by barriers where they join to official trails. Damage from off-leash dogs needs to be handled by enforcement of the leash law.

2J

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

N/A

Other Comments

2K 2M 2L

Temporary fencing around plantings; barriers across closed social trails; enforcement of leash law. Signed responses to this public comment survey should be weighted FAR more than unsigned responses. Responses from current NAP volunteers should be weights MOST OF ALL, as we're contributing to the parks, not simply consuming them, as are the NAP opponents.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

I have seen red-shouldered and red-tail hawks at Edgehill Mt on many occasions.

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

More benches. Kiosk signage. Trail building down to Kensington, up to Edgehill Way, and across to Vasquez.

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 **3** 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – **Natives /Wildlife**

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Yes_ Site(s) of interest: Edgehill Mt, Mt D, Corona Heights - already volunteer at all three locations

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan? 1 2 3 4 **5**

Except for this: the online form remained broken during the comment period. The RPD let the NAP staff down in a MAJOR way because of this.

Edgehill Mountain
Letter 3

Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Helen Johnson - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - Edgehill Mountain

Restoration Score - 4
Restoration Comments -

Recreation & Trails Score - 4
Recreation & Trails Comments -

Sensitive Species Score - 4
Sensitive Species Comments -

Dogs & Cats Score - 5
Dogs & Cats Comments -

Trees Score - 5
Trees Comments -

Grasslands Score - 4
Grasslands Comments - Does it take into consideration the red fox that has been recently observed on the KEnsington hillside 3-3a

Landscape Score - 3
Landscape Comments -

General Comments - Children like to climb on the areas, this is a wonderful place for safe exploring in nature that is nearly lost! 3-3b

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments - Trails access from Kensington Way 3-3c

Plan Score - 9
Low Plan Rank Undervalue -

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Volunteering Comment - Edgehill Mountain

Staff Score - 5

Table 3.29-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to the entire Natural Areas System (Systemwide).

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Systemwide	66A	Adler, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6 and GR-14 (Sec. 5).
Systemwide	66B	Adler, J.	Sensitive Species	Editorial	The executive summary has been changed to reflect the edit suggested in this comment.
Systemwide	66C	Adler, J.	Dogs - On-leash	Content	See MR-1.
Systemwide	66D	Adler, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Systemwide	39A	Albright, R.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Systemwide	39B	Albright, R.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Systemwide	102A	Asher, P.	Trails	Content	See MR-7.
Systemwide	102B	Asher, P.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Systemwide	107A	Ayers, K.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	40A	Bakker, C.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	40B	Bakker, C.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Systemwide	40C	Bakker, C.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	40D	Bakker, C.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	100A	Benrubi, D.	Dogs - On-leash	Content	See MR-1.
Systemwide	100B	Benrubi, D.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	119A	Bermudez, L.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	119B	Bermudez, L.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10.
Systemwide	119C	Bermudez, L.	Wildlife	Reference	In general removal of non-native reptiles, amphibians and mammals is not recommended. Removal of non-native bullfrogs is the exception which is recommended to protect populations of endangered species. Periodic control introduced turtles at Lake Merced could help maintain a viable western pond turtle population.
Systemwide	119D	Bermudez, L.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	119E	Bermudez, L.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	119F	Bermudez, L.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	119G	Bermudez, L.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	41A	Blair, C.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11

Systemwide	41B	Blair, C.	Trails	Reference	See MR-6. Additionally, the only fencing proposed as part of this project is associated with steep slopes of Bernal Hill. No lakes are proposed to be fenced off as part of this Management Plan.
Systemwide	41C	Blair, C.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	41D	Blair, C.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Systemwide	41E	Blair, C.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Systemwide	92A	Blash, L.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	92B	Blash, L.	Dogs - On-leash	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	92C	Blash, L.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	92D	Blash, L.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	92E	Blash, L.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	4A	Blumen, R.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	29A	Bose, R.	Plants	Content	See MR-6 and MR-10.
Systemwide	29B	Bose, R.	Project Merits	Content	Fire risk has been addressed with the addition of GR-13. Efforts required for routine trash removal is being discussed within SFRPD.
Systemwide	29C	Bose, R.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3.
Systemwide	29D	Bose, R.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	29E	Bose, R.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Systemwide	29F	Bose, R.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	85A	Brastow, P.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	115A	Breakey, A.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	115B	Breakey, A.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10.
Systemwide	115C	Breakey, A.	Wildlife	Reference	In general removal of non-native reptiles, amphibians and mammals is not recommended. Removal of non-native bullfrogs is the exception which is recommended to protect populations of endangered species. Periodic control introduced turtles at Lake Merced could help maintain a viable western pond turtle population.
Systemwide	115D	Breakey, A.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	115E	Breakey, A.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	115F	Breakey, A.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	115G	Breakey, A.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	2A	Cameron, C	Plan Costs	Project Merits	See MR-11

Systemwide	2B	Cameron, C	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	2C	Cameron, C	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	2D	Cameron, C	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3.
Systemwide	2E	Cameron, C	Trails	Content	See MR-7.
Systemwide	2F	Cameron, C	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	2G	Cameron, C	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	105A	Campbell, C.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	14A	Chiang, R.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	6A	Cleland, M	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	6B	Cleland, M	Trails	Content	See MR-7.
Systemwide	6C	Cleland, M	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	6D	Cleland, M	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Systemwide	48A	Crain, D.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	48B	Crain, D.	Cats	Editorial	See MR-5.
Systemwide	48C	Crain, D.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	114A	Dalby, T.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	114B	Dalby, T.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10.
Systemwide	114C	Dalby, T.	Wildlife	Reference	In general removal of non-native reptiles, amphibians and mammals is not recommended. Removal of non-native bullfrogs is the exception which is recommended to protect populations of endangered species. Periodic control introduced turtles at Lake Merced could help maintain a viable western pond turtle population.
Systemwide	114D	Dalby, T.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	114E	Dalby, T.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	114F	Dalby, T.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	114G	Dalby, T.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	122A	Danziner, R.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	122B	Danziner, R.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10.

Systemwide	122C	Danziner, R.	Wildlife	Reference	In general removal of non-native reptiles, amphibians and mammals is not recommended. Removal of non-native bullfrogs is the exception which is recommended to protect populations of endangered species. Periodic control introduced turtles at Lake Merced could help maintain a viable western pond turtle population.
Systemwide	122D	Danziner, R.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	122E	Danziner, R.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	122F	Danziner, R.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	122G	Danziner, R.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	65A	De Silva, P.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	49A	Dierauf, E.	Dogs - On-leash	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	15A	Dwyer, D.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	67A	Feinstein, A.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	108A	Fieldhouse, M.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	96A	Franklin, A.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	3A	Freidman, S.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	81A	Frey, M.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	81B	Frey, M.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	81C	Frey, M.	Dogs - On-leash	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	110A	Friese, C.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	110B	Friese, C.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10.
Systemwide	110C	Friese, C.	Wildlife	Reference	In general removal of non-native reptiles, amphibians and mammals is not recommended. Removal of non-native bullfrogs is the exception which is recommended to protect populations of endangered species. Periodic control of introduced turtles at Lake Merced could help maintain a viable western pond turtle population.
Systemwide	110D	Friese, C.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	110E	Friese, C.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	110F	Friese, C.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	110G	Friese, C.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	71A	Gemmill, A.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	71B	Gemmill, A.	Dogs - On-leash	Project Merits	See MR-11

Systemwide	21A	Gibson, R.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Systemwide	21B	Gibson, R.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	21C	Gibson, R.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	78A	Golub, S.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	78B	Golub, S.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	78C	Golub, S.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	111A	Gomez, L	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	111B	Gomez, L	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10.
Systemwide	111C	Gomez, L	Wildlife	Reference	In general removal of non-native reptiles, amphibians and mammals is not recommended. Removal of non-native bullfrogs is the exception which is recommended to protect populations of endangered species. Periodic control introduced turtles at Lake Merced could help maintain a viable western pond turtle population.
Systemwide	111D	Gomez, L	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	111E	Gomez, L	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	111F	Gomez, L	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	111G	Gomez, L	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	88A	Greenwald, S.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	99A	Grosjean, B.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	120A	Guntli, C.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	120B	Guntli, C.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10.
Systemwide	120C	Guntli, C.	Wildlife	Reference	In general removal of non-native reptiles, amphibians and mammals is not recommended. Removal of non-native bullfrogs is the exception which is recommended to protect populations of endangered species. Periodic control introduced turtles at Lake Merced could help maintain a viable western pond turtle population.
Systemwide	120D	Guntli, C.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	120E	Guntli, C.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	120F	Guntli, C.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	120G	Guntli, C.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	45A	Hadris, R.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	45B	Hadris, R.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.

Systemwide	32A	Hamilton, B.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	53A	Harrison, J.	Dogs - On-leash	Content	See MR-1.
Systemwide	7A	Heisler, K.	Trails	Content	See MR-7.
Systemwide	7B	Heisler, K.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8.
Systemwide	38A	Hoffman, M.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	38B	Hoffman, M.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	38C	Hoffman, M.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	38D	Hoffman, M.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	38E	Hoffman, M.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	38F	Hoffman, M.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	126A	Hu, K	Plan Costs	Project Merit	See MR-11
Systemwide	126B	Hu, K	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Systemwide	126C	Hu, K	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Systemwide	126D	Hu, K	Plan Costs	Project Merit	See MR-11
Systemwide	126E	Hu, K	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8
Systemwide	126F	Hu, K	Cats	Content	See MR-5 and GR-7. The plan recommends working with the SFSPCA
Systemwide	126G	Hu, K	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-11 and Sec. 1-7 for a discussion of scientific review
Systemwide	126H	Hu, K	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Systemwide	126I	Hu, K	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2 and Sec. 1-7 for a discussion of scientific review
Systemwide	126J	Hu, K	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Systemwide	126K	Hu, K	Project Merit	Content	See Sec. 1.7 for a discussion of scientific review
Systemwide	126L	Hu, K	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	Comment noted
Systemwide	60A	Irish, J.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	60B	Irish, J.	Dogs - Off-leash	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	60C	Irish, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Systemwide	60D	Irish, J.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	60E	Irish, J.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	90A	Irish, J.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	33A	Jones, P.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	103A	Kaufman, S.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	113A	Kearney, J.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	113B	Kearney, J.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10.

Systemwide	113C	Kearney, J.	Wildlife	Reference	In general removal of non-native reptiles, amphibians and mammals is not recommended. Removal of non-native bullfrogs is the exception which is recommended to protect populations of endangered species. Periodic control introduced turtles at Lake Merced could help maintain a viable western pond turtle population.
Systemwide	113D	Kearney, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	113E	Kearney, J.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	113F	Kearney, J.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	113G	Kearney, J.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	13A	Kefauver, L.	Trails	Content	See MR-7.
Systemwide	13B	Kefauver, L.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10.
Systemwide	13C	Kefauver, L.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	13D	Kefauver, L.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	13E	Kefauver, L.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	13F	Kefauver, L.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	13G	Kefauver, L.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	13H	Kefauver, L.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Systemwide	13I	Kefauver, L.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	10A	Krefting, S.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	109A	Kushner, P.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	83A	Lai, J.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	83B	Lai, J.	Trees	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	83C	Lai, J.	Plan Costs	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	35A	Lansdown, V.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	34A	Lee, J.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	34B	Lee, J.	Cats	Content	See MR-5. Note- attached letter from M. Hoffman was not coded as comments from this author (see Systemwide-38).
Systemwide	36A	Lindgren, J.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	104A	Love, R.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	104B	Love, R.	Plan Costs	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	104C	Love, R.	Trails	Content	See MR-7.
Systemwide	44A	Lowman, K.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	117A	MacMillan, M,	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	117B	MacMillan, M,	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10.

Systemwide	117C	MacMillan, M,	Wildlife	Reference	In general removal of non-native reptiles, amphibians and mammals is not recommended. Removal of non-native bullfrogs is the exception which is recommended to protect populations of endangered species. Periodic control introduced turtles at Lake Merced could help maintain a viable western pond turtle population.
Systemwide	117D	MacMillan, M,	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	117E	MacMillan, M,	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	117F	MacMillan, M,	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	117G	MacMillan, M,	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	123A	Mancini, Franco	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8 and MR-6. The Natural Areas staff estimates that over 50 percent of their plantings survive.
Systemwide	123B	Mancini, Franco	Trails	Content	See MR-7. Trails that will remain are presented on the Management Areas and Trails Plan figure within each section (6.1-6.26).
Systemwide	123C	Mancini, Franco	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8.
Systemwide	123D	Mancini, Franco	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Systemwide	123E	Mancini, Franco	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	123F	Mancini, Franco	Project Merits	Content	See MR-6 and MR-11
Systemwide	123G	Mancini, Franco	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Systemwide	97A	Mansfield, C.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	5A	Maxwell, L.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	59A	May, N.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	59B	May, N.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	59C	May, N.	Cats	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	19A	McQuiston, C.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10.
Systemwide	19B	McQuiston, C.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	19C	McQuiston, C.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11
Systemwide	62A	Medal, T.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	101A	Meyers, P.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	31A	Miller, B.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	31B	Miller, B.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	72A	Miura-Raffa, D.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	26A	Mooney, M.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	63A	Mugglestone, L.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11

Systemwide	132A	Munz, J	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Systemwide	8A	Murdock, E.	Project Merits	Content	See MR-11. Additionally, these areas are outside of the Natural Areas and therefore the scope of this Management Plan.
Systemwide	8B	Murdock, E.	Project Merits	Reference	See Sec. 1 Future Changes In Use Of Natural Areas, and Sec. 1 Acquisitions Policy
Systemwide	8C	Murdock, E.	Dogs - On-leash	Reference	As discussed in GR-8, the Natural Areas Program will continue to work with the Dog Advisory Committee and the Recreation and Park Commission as appropriate to manage dog access to Natural Areas.
Systemwide	8D	Murdock, E.	Plants	Content	Wetlands management is identified for those Natural Areas that support this resource. No change is necessary.
Systemwide	8E	Murdock, E.	Wildlife	Content	The Management Plan specifies vegetation management practices and set-backs to protect nesting raptors and other birds. No change is required.
Systemwide	8F	Murdock, E.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8.
Systemwide	8G	Murdock, E.	Wildlife	Content	See MR-3.
Systemwide	8H	Murdock, E.	Trails	Content	See MR-7. Also, there is information about types of trails, found on two figures within each section of the report.
Systemwide	8I	Murdock, E.	Trails	Reference	Native plants are identified for use in erosion control projects. See GR-12.
Systemwide	8J	Murdock, E.	Dogs - On-leash	Content	See MR-1.
Systemwide	8K	Murdock, E.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	8L	Murdock, E.	Wildlife	Reference	Snags are recommended for retention in GR 6a and discussed again in Appendix F.
Systemwide	79A	Murphy, D.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	79B	Murphy, D.	Dogs - On-leash	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	124A	Murphy, D	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-11
Systemwide	124B	Murphy, D	Dogs-On-leash	Content	See MR-1
Systemwide	124C	Murphy, D	Dogs-On-leash	Content	See Sec. 1.7, an environmental review will be conducted once this document if finalized
Systemwide	124D	Murphy, D	Trees	References	See GR-6

Systemwide	124E	Murphy, D	Wildlife	Content	Text added to GR-4b
Systemwide	124F	Murphy, D	Wildlife	Content	Wildlife buffers based on consultant experience and conversations with regulatoray agencies. Also see Issue LM-3 (Sec. 6.1) and GR-4
Systemwide	76A	Murphy, J.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	76B	Murphy, J.	Dogs - On-leash	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	17A	Nakagawa, M.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	17B	Nakagawa, M.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	17C	Nakagawa, M.	Cats	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	17D	Nakagawa, M.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	17E	Nakagawa, M.	Dogs - On-leash	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	17F	Nakagawa, M.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	116A	Needeli, M.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	116B	Needeli, M.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10.
Systemwide	116C	Needeli, M.	Wildlife	Reference	In general removal of non-native reptiles, amphibians and mammals is not recommended. Removal of non-native bullfrogs is the exception which is recommended to protect populations of endangered species. Periodic control introduced turtles at Lake Merced could help maintain a viable western pond turtle population.
Systemwide	116D	Needeli, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	116E	Needeli, M.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	116F	Needeli, M.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	116G	Needeli, M.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	125A	Noakes, P	Project Merit	References	See Sec. 1.2 for a definition of Natural Areas
Systemwide	125B	Noakes, P	Trees	Content	See MR-4 and GR-15
Systemwide	125C	Noakes, P	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Systemwide	125D	Noakes, P	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10, MR-6 and Sec. 5.3 Erosion Control
Systemwide	125E	Noakes, P	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10
Systemwide	125F	Noakes, P	Project Merit	Content	See MR-11
Systemwide	125G	Noakes, P	Plants	Content	See MR-6
Systemwide	125H	Noakes, P	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Systemwide	98A	O'Leary, A.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	87A	Paphitis, G.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11

Systemwide	30A	Patterson, A.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	30B	Patterson, A.	Trails	Content	See MR-7.
Systemwide	30C	Patterson, A.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Systemwide	16A	Peabody, M.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	55A	Pede, J.	Plan Costs	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	55B	Pede, J.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	55C	Pede, J.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	64A	Pellletier, C.	Trails	Content	See MR-7.
Systemwide	27A	Perreault, L.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10.
Systemwide	27B	Perreault, L.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8.
Systemwide	27C	Perreault, L.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	27D	Perreault, L.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	27E	Perreault, L.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	27F	Perreault, L.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	12A	Pfister, C.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	12B	Pfister, C.	Dogs - On-leash	Content	See MR-1.
Systemwide	93A	Phillips, E.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	89A	Plater, B.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	73A	Rhoads, J.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	91A	Robertson, D.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Systemwide	91B	Robertson, D.	Trails	Reference	Refer to GR-15 and Appendix F for information about forest recruitment in MA-3 areas. Additional information about planting recommendations can be found in MR-6.
Systemwide	24A	Schlund, C.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Systemwide	24B	Schlund, C.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	56A	Scoular, A.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	56B	Scoular, A.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	56C	Scoular, A.	Plan Costs	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	47A	Scoular, N.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	47B	Scoular, N.	Sensitive Species	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	47C	Scoular, N.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	46A	Scudder, R.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Systemwide	46B	Scudder, R.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	50A	Scudder, R.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Systemwide	121A	Seaman, L.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	121B	Seaman, L.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10.

Systemwide	121C	Seaman, L.	Wildlife	Reference	In general removal of non-native reptiles, amphibians and mammals is not recommended. Removal of non-native bullfrogs is the exception which is recommended to protect populations of endangered species. Periodic control introduced turtles at Lake Merced could help maintain a viable western pond turtle population.
Systemwide	121D	Seaman, L.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	121E	Seaman, L.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	121F	Seaman, L.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	121G	Seaman, L.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	68A	Severy, D. and B.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	70A	Shapiro, J.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	70B	Shapiro, J.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	70C	Shapiro, J.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	1A	Shopes, S.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	1B	Shopes, S.	Plan Costs	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	1C	Shopes, S.	Plants	Content	See MR-6. Also, the Management Plan has been subject to scientific review. Please see Section 1 Plan Participants
Systemwide	1D	Shopes, S.	Dogs - Off-leash	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	1E	Shopes, S.	Plan Costs	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	1F	Shopes, S.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	28A	Sigg, J.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	57A	Smith, D.	Cats	Reference	GR-7 does not require the removal or killing of cats. It requires that if a relocation is proposed that it be done in writing and approved by the Recreation and Park Commission.
Systemwide	57B	Smith, D.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	57C	Smith, D.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	75A	Smith, N.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	118A	Smith, W.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	118B	Smith, W.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10.

Systemwide	118C	Smith, W.	Wildlife	Reference	In general removal of non-native reptiles, amphibians and mammals is not recommended. Removal of non-native bullfrogs is the exception which is recommended to protect populations of endangered species. Periodic control introduced turtles at Lake Merced could help maintain a viable western pond turtle population.
Systemwide	118D	Smith, W.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	118E	Smith, W.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	118F	Smith, W.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	118G	Smith, W.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	18A	Soto, C.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	112A	Steele, L.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	112B	Steele, L.	Plan Costs	Content	See MR-10.
Systemwide	112C	Steele, L.	Wildlife	Reference	In general removal of non-native reptiles, amphibians and mammals is not recommended. Removal of non-native bullfrogs is the exception which is recommended to protect populations of endangered species. Periodic control introduced turtles at Lake Merced could help maintain a viable western pond turtle population.
Systemwide	112D	Steele, L.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	112E	Steele, L.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	112F	Steele, L.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	112G	Steele, L.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	43A	Stephens, S.	Dogs - Off-leash	Reference	The 100 acres of sensitive habitat is established in the Dog Policy as adopted by the Recreation and Park Commission.
Systemwide	43B	Stephens, S.	Dogs - Off-leash	Reference	Sensitive habitat areas as defined within the Dog Policy are subject to restriction. See GR-8.
Systemwide	43C	Stephens, S.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	43D	Stephens, S.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	74A	Straus, C.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	94A	Stringer, L.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11

Systemwide	51A	Strobel, J.	Dogs - On-leash	Reference	See MR-1, MR-2 and GR-8. Dogs within Natural Areas that are not designated DPAs are supposed to be on-leash and on-trail.
Systemwide	51B	Strobel, J.	Dogs - On-leash	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	86A	Subbiono, D.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	95A	Szablewski, T.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	95B	Szablewski, T.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.
Systemwide	82A	Thoi	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	22A	Thompson, A.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	22B	Thompson, A.	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	22C	Thompson, A.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	22D	Thompson, A.	Dogs - On-leash	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	127A	Tiernan, V	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Systemwide	127B	Tiernan, V	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Systemwide	127C	Tiernan, V	Dogs-Off-leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Systemwide	127D	Tiernan, V	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Systemwide	127E	Tiernan, V	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Systemwide	127F	Tiernan, V	Dogs-Off-leash	Content	See MR-2
Systemwide	127G	Tiernan, V	Plants	Project Merit	See MR-6
Systemwide	127H	Tiernan, V	Dogs-Off-leash	Project Merit	See MR-11
Systemwide	69A	Torres, N.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	61A	Ukrainiec, N.`	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	61B	Ukrainiec, N.`	Trails	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	61C	Ukrainiec, N.`	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8.
Systemwide	61D	Ukrainiec, N.`	Dogs - On-leash	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	61E	Ukrainiec, N.`	Trees	Reference	Refer to GR-15 for information about forest recruitment in MA-3 areas.
Systemwide	61F	Ukrainiec, N.`	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	80A	Ukrainiec, N.`	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	106A	Ulbrich, B.	Dogs - Off-leash	Content	See MR-2.
Systemwide	77A	Valente, S.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	128A	Veilleux, P	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Systemwide	25A	Vulpe, C.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	129A	Wade, I	Project Merit	Project Merit	The comment period was extended for two weeks. The total comment period was six weeks. See Sec. 1.7
Systemwide	20A	Wadell, M.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	20B	Wadell, M.	Sensitive Species	Content	See MR-8.

Systemwide	20C	Wadell, M.	Trails	Content	See MR-7.
Systemwide	130A	Wald, J	Project Merit	Project Merit	See MR-11
Systemwide	9A	Weaver, D.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	37A	Wheeler, S.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	42A	Wheeler, S.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	54A	Wheeler, S.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	23A	Wilcoxen, K.	Project Merits	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	52A	Yacobucci, L.	Cats	Content	See MR-5.
Systemwide	58A	Yeager, J.	Cats	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	11A	Zeiger, F.	Plants	Content	See MR-6.
Systemwide	84A	Zuckert, S.	Plants	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	84B	Zuckert, S.	Dogs - Off-leash	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	84C	Zuckert, S.	Plan Costs	Project Merits	See MR-11
Systemwide	1A	Houillion, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.

Subject: final revisions for monitoring program

Will

I haven't heard from you in a while. Hope you are well. We are going to be producing a final document in September. I have included in this email major comments from the Management Plan team (Demian, Deb, Randy). Also, I have a hard copy with lots of little comments for you as well. To what address shall I send those? Please coordinate with Demian the project manager at EIP to get modified sections into the report. I will also send Demian a copy of our marks up. Thanks. Lisa

Major Comments

Like many local governments, The City of San Francisco's GIS data is in CA State Plane Projection - specifically California State Plane, Zone III, NAD

83, feet. NAP Staff use certain data layers from the city as well as the RPD Capital Planning Division which is also working in CA State Plane Zone III NAD 83.

The imagery and baseline data collected for the management plan (veg_series, geology, management areas, natural areas, trails, important bird habitat, and sensitive species data) are all in CA State Plane, Zone III, NAD 83, feet.

To go forward, the protocols in the monitoring plan probably should reflect

the current NAP GIS data projection and units.

The pictures in the document do not come through - either convert them to jpg or remove them entirely

The details of the computer programs do not need to be spelled out in the management plan. they are not as important as the survey information and how to incorporate into a database. Also programs change - delete superfluous information.

MOST IMPORTANT - The animal monitoring information, for example, birds needs to be included in the plan - describe PRBO protocols and butterfly

RPD would like to get a copy of one of your data files (Excel) for reference - please send to Randy and Deb

Annual monitoring of restoration sites and species may not be realistic.
Please give alternatives.

Mission blue butterfly monitoring does not necessarily correspond to egg laying time. Remove reference to lupine flowering.

Please list the special status categories in table 7-1.

Add Fritillary to list in table 7-1.

The annual counting of plants seems excessive - does it need to be this much? what if populations are stable.

Systemwide

Subject: Fw: naprapper inflammatory lies - NAP Comments

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Subject: naprapper inflammatory lies - NAP Comments

Did the publishers of naprapper read the NAP draft management plan?
There are many inaccuracies that intentionally misguide the reader.

NAPRAP state the following misinformation on fencing:
1. The text refers to a "cyclone fences" in the (Parcel 4 article).

2. It implies that fencing is widespread instead of isolated: "Natural areas also require protection from public access (fencing off), as native plants are not hardy, and traffic by people or animals can bring seeds from non-native plants into the Natural Areas which will grow and choke out the native plants." (FAQ section).

3. It misrepresents the fencing plans: "Yet, the NAP proposes to exclude access to the Natural Areas by perimeter fencing and the elimination of many trails utilized by the public. Lakes such as Pine Lake, and Lake Merced will have fencing surrounding the water so that the shore is not accessible. Children will wait 3-5 years or more to feed the ducks again." (FAQ section).

4. States that there will be many fenced trails at Bernal: "Visitors to the park will be restricted to the fenced trails NAP has designated."

(Your Park - Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. No cyclone fences will be used
2. Fencing will be used only as a last resort and when other mechanisms have been tried and failed.
3. Pine lake access to the water will be allowed. The perimeter trail will remain open to people and dogs.
4. Fences will only be used at Bernal as a last resort and to reduce erosion caused by access up steep slopes.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to request the publisher of this document to come forward.

Dear Lesa —

I submitted my comment last week, but I have since learned that someone at McLaren Lodge told me to take it to the wrong place.

So — to make sure it gets there, here is a copy of what I submitted.

Sincerely,

Martha Hoffman
387-1433

City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

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For On-line version See Significant Natural Area Tab in right Corner Blue Bar Center Page! Then select Comment Form on next screen.

NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, 2005 Thursday

Natural Area Site Name: All Parks Park: All Parks

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration 1 2 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

I tried to submit my comments online. My comments were rejected. My public comment is attached.

Trees 1 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments Written public comment should not take the place of spoken comment. There should be a public forum & city wide - not separated by neighborhood. This spoken public comment should occur BEFORE as well as after writing a final draft. I think that the Rec & Park commission should witness the public comment.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

Name/Affiliation(s) *(if any)*: Martha Hoffman

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Email:

Address: 1750 Waller St San Francisco, Ca 94117

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? _____ Site(s) of interest: _____

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NAP Mgmt. Plan - Items for comment

Italics are the sections I'm commenting on. If a part is underlined, that is the part I am commenting on. If there's no underlining then I'm commenting on the entire section. ~~Strike thrus are suggested deletions.~~

Plain Texts are my comments or suggested rewording.

Section 6.4 Sharp Park

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Recommendation SP-1a: *Woody and herbaceous invasive plants such as French broom, iceplant, hemlock, Cape ivy, radish, ~~radish~~, European grasses, mustard inareas shall be reduced in all MA-1 and MA-~~3~~ 2 areas (Figure 6.4-5).....*

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Wildlife

Wildlife issues at the Sharp Park Natural Area focus on habitat.

p. 6.4-14

Recommendation SP-4a: *The Laguna Salada Resource Enhancement Plan (PWA 1992) provides .....*

- *Restore Sanchez Creek, including deepening the channel and expanding the creek corridor upstream, creating suitable breeding habitat for frogs, foraging habitat for San Francisco garter snakes, and buffer zones to limit human disturbance (see Issue SP-8).*

Sanchez Creek is not at all defined on the maps (Figures 6.4-1 thru 5).

This part here is just about the only place that the creek is mentioned. Does this creek have no importance? This paragraph seems to suggest that it does. Why is it virtually ignored in the rest of the Plan?

p. **6.4-16**

Soils, Erosion, and Public Use

The erosion and public use issues at Sharp Park generally relate to public use

This is a redundant statement.

Recommendation SP-9b: *Work in coordination with golf course maintenance staff, CDFG, and USFWS to establish a vegetation management plan for the canal connecting Laguna Salada and Horse Stable Pond that would allow channel maintenance without affecting the forktail damselfly, California red-legged frog, or San Francisco garter snake (MA-1d to MA-1f).*

Why isn't the canal made part of the Natural Area?

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NAP Mgmt. Plan - Items for comment

SHARP PARK

This is an adaptation of a paper that Phil Hoehn and I submitted to the NAP and to the Park Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC) in January 2004, as a result of a PROSAC field trip to the site in which we participated.

This SNRA has by far one of the largest formally dedicated non-environmental uses in any SNRA, the Archery Range. Much of the Archery Range area is not designated as part of the SNRA. At the same time the Archery Range usage isn't confined to the non-SNRA areas but does extend into areas designated as SNRA. Thus, these two usages overlap and are intertwined. This would perhaps seemingly create a conflict between these two usages. However, we suggest that this might not be so, and propose instead that a partnership of cooperation and mutual benefit be formed to enhance both the SNRA and the Archery Range.

Further toward the ocean lies the site of the former gunnery range. The top levels of the soil here are said to be contaminated with materials from the gunnery range. There has been a debate about whether to bury the contaminated soil on site or remove it to another location. Beneath the surface flows, through culverts, Sanchez Creek. In view of the buried creek we think it essential that the contaminants at least be removed from anywhere near the creek. The creek should be opened and appropriate native vegetation be restored along its banks and surrounding area.

Along with the gunnery range contaminants there are dumped debris at various locations along the road leading through this area and concentrated in an area just east of the golf course. These should also be removed and these areas should be restored with native vegetation or put to other viable use.

The creek as it flows through the golf course should be put into the SNRA and restored, including opening it up where it has been culverted underground.

A proposal has been made to increase the use of Sharp Park by establishing hiking trails, campsites and other amenities. While favoring increased use of some parts of the Park, we see the relatively low use of the Archery Range as a benefit to the SNRA. We do not favor a great increase in use of this area.

We do favor:

1. Having NAP staff and volunteers survey areas dominated by non-native species and come up with a long-range plan for gradually replacing much of them with native vegetation.

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Appendix F & Section 5, GR-14
Forestry/Tree Removal

There is a perceived conflict between the need for tree removal in the native habitat areas and the need for tree retention for the benefit of the urban environment. Both are real needs. Both can be satisfied to the mutual enhancement of each other.

Should all trees be removed from MA-1 areas? No. For example, there are numerous Coast Live Oaks appearing, through natural processes, in MA-1 areas of Corona Heights and other NAP sites. Should the natural succession from grassland to shrubland (chaparral) to woodland be allowed to be fulfilled? No, because the amount of territory that remains for native habitat has shrunk so dramatically, nearly to the point of nonexistence relative to the natural state prior to human intervention. We must, as best we can, regenerate and preserve full ecosystems. All three succession levels are necessary for the existence of full ecosystems. When dealing with very small areas, as we are in our urban environment, we therefore are forced to artificially intervene and not let the natural succession proceed unchecked, eliminating the previous succession levels. We need to manage and yet maintain all three levels in proximity to each other, a microcosm of what would occur on a much larger scale naturally. In the intact natural state all three levels coexist as "mosaic" to one degree of intensity or another, depending on natural occurrences such as fire or unusually heavy or light rainfall.

It is possible to satisfy both the needs of the native habitats and the needs of the surrounding urban areas. Naturally occurring indigenous trees can be left to exist in MA-1 and MA-2 areas in a way that doesn't undermine other native species, especially the species that are struggling to survive, but rather in a way that enhances their survival. In the preponderance of instances, "mosaic" of one sort or another is the natural state along the California Coast.

Additionally, aside from the "Urban Forests" of the MA-3 areas, we can install on the periphery of the Natural Areas (either inside the Natural Area or immediately adjacent to it) denser stands of trees (and shrubs), consisting of species and locations non-detremental to, and perhaps actually beneficial to, the wildlife species inside the Natural Areas. Ideally, these species would be native to San Francisco or areas immediately adjacent to us. This would preserve, and probably increase, the number of trees in existence. Creating this kind of buffer zone would enhance both the urban and NAP areas on a visual and environmental level.

Systemwide Letter 1

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July 27, 2005

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Natural Areas Director
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Dear Ms. Wayne,

I have reviewed the Draft Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan, dated June 2005, and while I support efforts to improve habitat values and restore native and rare plants in the city's parks I have a number of concerns about the Plan's proposals for Bernal Hill and McLaren Park. I find no technical basis for the Plan's statements about the impacts of off-leash activity and I am not convinced that the Plan has had sufficient scientific review. I am also concerned about the Plan's costs and have serious doubts about its feasibility. Finally, I am concerned that the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) has curtailed public comment at recent meetings on the plan in violation of the Sunshine Ordinance. A B

The Plan's statement that there will be "no substantial change in access or allowed uses" (pg. 6.21-5) is inaccurate. People walking their dogs constitute the overwhelming majority of the users of Bernal Hill and the off-leash portions of McLaren Park. Off-leash exercise is not an optional luxury for dog owners. It is necessary part of pet care, and for that reason the dog walkers are there day in and day out, rain or shine. The Plan states that off-leash areas will be reduced by 17% (and likely more) at Bernal Hill and by 14% at McLaren Park. To state that the proposed reduction is not a substantial change indicates that RPD is disregarding the needs of these parks' main users.

In general, the Plan's presentation of the proposed reduction of the existing dog play areas (DPAs) is unclear. Furthermore, the Plan's characterization of the proposed changes to the DPA at Bernal Hill is misleading. The plan states that the off-leash area would be reduced by 17% ***if*** an optional area south of Bernal Heights Blvd. were added to the DPA. The plan should state what percentage of the DPA would be lost if the optional area is ***not*** added to the DPA. The Plan's figures should clearly show which areas are proposed for conversion to on-leash areas.

The plan states that off-leash dog activity "...causes erosion and loss of plant habitat at Bernal Hill" (pg 6.21-8). On what evidence is this assertion based? What analysis has been done to identify dog-related erosion as opposed to erosion from other causes? Based on my observations during daily walks on the hill, the main causes of erosion appear to

be: 1) trails that run directly up and down slope 2) extensive gopher mounding on steep slopes; and 3) areas of concentrated human and dog activity causing loss of vegetation. Other erosive influences such as mountain bikes skidding down the steep trails and cliff areas should also be considered. I agree that the trails running up and down slope should be closed off and that the steep cliff areas should be avoided. However, the plan's only proposal for addressing erosion of the hillsides is to curtail off-leash dog activity. I question the assertion that dog activity is causing significant erosion of the steep north slope of the hill, and am afraid that the Plan's incomplete analysis of the problem will result in unfairly penalizing dog-walkers without solving the erosion problem. Furthermore, the proposed reduction of the DPA is likely to increase erosion in the remaining DPA. Currently dog and human activity is dispersed over the whole park; concentrating most of that use into a considerably smaller area is likely to decrease vegetative cover in that area and may cause a significant increase in erosion.

Has the Plan undergone sufficient scientific review? Prior to the expenditure of significant amounts of money and effort in an attempt to restore native plants in heavily used city parks, the main factors limiting the plants' establishment should be identified and addressed. The Plan appears to make the assumption that dog activity is the primary limitation on rare plant reintroduction and no specific proposals are made to address othe limiting factors such as the prevalence of non-native grasses and other invasive plants. Successful restoration of native plants typically requires extensive maintenance at least in the first three to five years after planting. The Plan should indicate how native plantings will be maintained and should demonstrate that the plantings can be maintained and will survive to a degree that justifies the expense of planting them.

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Who will enforce the new leash rules? The RPD's approach to implementing this plan (exemplified by actions such as refusing to take verbal comments at the June 30th meeting) has done little to engage the support of park users. Without public cooperation the new rules will be impossible to enforce unless significant resources are devoted to policing the parks. It is irresponsible to expand the SFPD's role in enforcement of leash policies to protect rare plants when there are many serious crimes that would be a better focus for their efforts. Given the sad state of the city's budget, I believe it is also misguided to create a new enforcement situation that will further tax the RPD's resources. Further, funding enforcement efforts through application of heavy fines on the traditional users of the parks seems patently unfair.

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How much will the NAP cost? No cost information is provided in the Draft Management Plan or on the RPD's web site. Before any decisions are made, the estimated cost of the program, including preparation of the EIR/S, implementation of the Plan's recommendations, monitoring, maintenance, and enforcement should be presented to the public.

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Finally, the RPD has made it difficult to review and comment on the Draft Management Plan. Noticing for public meetings to present the Plan was scanty and inconspicuous. The RPD web site's listing of upcoming public meetings did not carry an announcement of the meetings. I finally found a mention of the public meetings buried on the second page

of the NAP "FAQs", although the addresses of the meeting places were not given. RPD staff refused to accept verbal comments at the June 30th meeting, which I believe is in violation of the Sunshine Ordinance. I appreciate the fact that the RPD has extended the comment period twice, but I believe that the Plan is generating a large number of comments in spite of, rather than because of, the RPD's public outreach efforts.

In summary, I am concerned that the basis for the Plan's recommendations is more ideological than technical, and that the public process surrounding NAP implementation is flawed and unaccountable. I am concerned that the NAP is proposing undue restrictions on off-leash dog activity at Bernal Hill and McLaren Park that will unfairly penalize the park's main users without adding significant habitat value. These are city parks, and the city has a responsibility to respect the needs of park users. Without the support of park users the Plan is likely to fail. At a time of huge city budget shortfalls requiring closure of schools and fire station "brownouts" it is irresponsible for the city to expend an undisclosed amount of money to enact this ill-conceived and unpopular program.] F

Sincerely,

Sean Shopes

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Systemwide Letter 2

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July 28, 2005

NAPMAP
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VIA FAX: (415) 661-1979
Attn: NAPMAP

Dear Ms. Wayne and NAP:

I am a San Francisco resident, homeowner and taxpayer. Please accept the following comments to the Natural Areas Program Management Areas Plan (NAPMAP).

Address the public's concerns.

I frequent several parks that have designated Natural Areas, including Stern Grove/Pine Lake Park, Golden Gate Heights Park, McLaren Park, and I occasionally visit Bernal Hill and Glen Canyon. I attended NAP Community workshops. I am very concerned that NAP failed to incorporate the public's concerns regarding this unpopular program. The public has made its concerns known to NAP and Ms. Wayne at numerous meetings, including the few community meetings that were held in response to the public outcry, San Francisco Board of Supervisors hearings, Board of Supervisors' committee meetings, and PROSAC meetings. Ms. Wayne and NAP are fully aware of the public's concerns and wishes. My comments apply to all the Natural Areas in the San Francisco parks.

Tax dollars should be used first for park maintenance and recreation programs.

The cost of this unpopular program is unsupportable when compared to the unmet needs of San Francisco residents. I have found NAP to be evasive when questioned about the cost. Nevertheless, NAP has been unable to totally obscure the cost to the public. I understand that the budget for 2005-2006 is close to one million dollars. Ms. Wayne and the Volunteer Coordinator are each paid $93,000 plus benefits. Eight gardeners have been assigned to NAP. In addition to this enormous amount, acquisitions and habitat restoration work can use the Capital Projects program. I understand $3.4 million was spent on Parcel 4. I also understand that the part of NAP within the Capital Project has authorization to hire 16 gardeners. A

San Francisco residents expect that their tax dollars will be used to maintain recreation areas in our parks and fund recreation programs for children and seniors. As any visit to any of our parks will clearly reveal, we need more gardeners to maintain our parks. The enormous funds that NAP is taking from our park maintenance and recreation programs needs to be severely reduced and curtailed.

Do not introduce new species into our parks.

I am particularly concerned that NAP can introduce "sensitive species" even if there is no record that they ever existed at the site. In addition, "sensitive species" should only be defined by Federal and State statues on endangered species, not by private groups such as the California Native Plant Society, the Audubon Society and the Sierra Club. These groups have their own agendas that are not necessarily the same as the interests of the residents of San Francisco who pay the taxes and use the parks. The introduction of such "sensitive species" will undoubtedly curtail recreational access. I had understood that NAP was designed to save native "remnants", not create new areas by planting new species and taking over areas that are merely "naturalistic". I strongly object to the introduction of either Lessingia or Gumplant in any Natural Area..

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Do not remove non-native wildlife and plants.

The diversity of plant and wildlife is San Francisco is greater now than when Europeans arrived. The diversity of trees and plants have created a habitat for birds and butterflies that have migrated here. Migration of plants, birds, and animals is the history of the planet. Migrations and change doesn't stop at one isolated moment, the day Europeans arrived. San Franciscans love the diversity here and they love the trees. They do not want the tress taken out, even if they are non-native.

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Do not cut off public access in the Natural Areas, including MA1 and MA2 areas.

I, and other members of the public, have repeatedly (at public hearings and in written comments) pointed out that San Francisco is an urban area of very high density. The few parks and open space areas that we have need to be available to the public for recreation. **The first priority of the San Francisco Department of Parks and Recreation is, and must remain, parks and recreation for the public.** I strongly object to the restriction of public access (and fencing) around Pine Lake and in parts of McLaren Park.

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I also strongly object to the removal of the social trails in Golden Gate Heights Park. I, and many other residents, enjoy trail walking in this area. The portion of Golden Gate Heights Park designated a Natural Area is not a remnant, it is "naturalistic" and not appropriate for the a Natural Areas designation. The proposed trail does not compensate for the lack of open space access. True open space access means a place to walk and play and wander. Restricting the public to a few (NAP acceptable) trails takes needed open space away from the public's use.

Do not limit off-leash dog walking recreation in existing DPA and de facto areas.

Off-leash dog walking recreation and native remnants have co-existed for decades. San Franciscan families love their dogs and off-leash dog walking is a beloved San Franciscan tradition The NAP proposed changes to existing off-leash areas is highly controversial among residents. Adopting NAPMAP in its current form will not end this controversy.

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I strongly, object to the to following provisions of NAPMAP with respect to off-leash dog walking:

- Bernal Hill DPA reduction from 21 acres to 13 acres
- McLaren Park DPA reduction from 60 acres to 51 acres
- Pine Lake no access zone
- restrictions on de facto off-leash dog walking areas in Glen Canyon
- restrictions on de facto off-leash dog walking trails area of Golden Gate Heights Park

Do not adopt General Recommendation GR-7 (removal of cats).

The SPCA Feral Fix Program has been successful in reducing the number of feral cats. If NAP traps cats it may well include roaming pets of San Francisco families. In addition, and cats that are trapped are unlikely to be adopted and thus will be killed.

The City of Ventura trapped and eliminated feral cats at Ventura Beach and discovered that it had created an enormous problem with respect to rats. The feral cats had kept the rat population in check and when the cats were trapped and killed the rat population exploded. NAP may be unaware that San Francisco already has a rat issues in many neighborhoods. Should the number of feral cats be significantly reduced it is likely that the rat population in San Francisco will greatly increase.

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Thank you for considering my comments to NAPMAP.

Sincerely,

Christy Cameron

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cc: Mr. Yomi Agunbiade, Acting General Manager
Ms. Margaret Mc Arthur, Park and Recreation Committee Liaison

Systemwide
Letter 3

July 27, 2005

San Francisco Recreation & Park Department
501 Stanyan Street
SF, CA 94117

Re: July 28th GGNRA Rule Making Committee Meeting – OFF-LEASH PARKS

Dear SF Recreation & Park Department:

This is a letter in response to shrinking the off-leash areas of the Bernal Heights Hill. I reside at 119 Nevada Street in Bernal Heights and I love and value our neighborhood; especially the off-leash Bernal Hill Park and Holly Park for my dogs. Furthermore, I protest the upcoming July 28th meeting agenda which proposes to reduce off-leash rights for people and their dogs in regard to the Bernal Heights Hill Park and all other off-leash parks in the city of San Francisco. **Keep the Bernal Heights Hill a COMPLETELY off-leash area to dogs.** Dog owners in Bernal Heights and the city of San Francisco are responsible pet owners.

While you are in the process of finalizing your significant natural resource area management plan, please take these comments into consideration regarding off-leash areas in San Francisco Parks, including Alamo Square, Alta Plaza Park, **BERNAL HEIGHTS**, **HOLLY PARK**, Brotherhood Way, Buena Vista Park, Corona Heights, Crocker Amazon, Dolores Park, Douglass Park, Eureka Valley Park, Golden Gate Park dog training area, GG Park Northeast, Southeast, and South Central, Jefferson Square, Lafayette Park, Lake Merced, McLaren Park, McKinley Square Park, Mountain Lake Park, Potrero Hill Mini-Park, St. Mary's Park, Stern Grove Park (2 sites), Upper Noe Park, and many others. A

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

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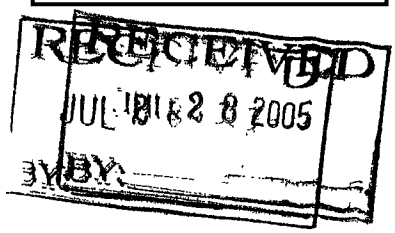
Systemwide Letter 4

To: Lisa Wade.
cc: Amber Evans



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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

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Letter 5

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Re: Natural Areas Program Management Area Plan

I commend the Department's plan to restore native plants to our parks. Many city dwellers never get to see how beautiful and interesting are California's original vegetation and wildlife. Here is an opportunity to provide nearby samples of that original flora and fauna. I hope that dog owners will not override the plan. It's a proposal that can benefit everyone; there's room for everyone in the parks. I often walk in McLaren Park with a friend who lives near it. A

Sincerely,

Lawrence Maxwell

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Systemwide Letter 6

7/11/05

San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
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Dear Recreation and Park Department:

I am writing to voice my disapproval of the far reaching "native plant" restoration plan in the park system and in particular in the Pine Lake Park area. A

I understand from the Chronicle article on July 1, 2005 that you intend to "restore more than two dozen parks with native plants" and the stated purpose for this restoration is "to create a habitat for wildlife and provide a glimpse of how the area looked in the pre- Gold Rush days." From what I have read and seen, I believe the direction you are going is to take existing parks that are currently being "used" by the public and ultimately turn portions and in some cases all of the parks into areas that and not only unusable for public use and recreation, but also in some cases completely deny public access. B

If your goal truly is to "provide a glimpse of how the area looked in the pre-Gold Rush days," why not buy some land and make <u>one</u> native plant park as a "living museum" with public viewing areas that are designed to not disturb the wildlife. With this "one park/living museum" approach the goal of educating the public and providing "native habitat" can both be accomplished with the additional benefit that and existing parks can be maintained for public use. The reason I mentioned "buying" land is that my guess is that no one (with the exception of a very few "back to nature" people) actually want their existing neighborhood parks to be taken over and turned into unattractive places that they will no longer be able to enjoy and in some cases not even be welcome to enter. C

I "currently" enjoy and use the Stern Grove / Pine Lake Park. I have seen what has been done so far by the "native plant restoration plan" in the Pine Lake portion of the park and it is certainly not pretty. This area would be greatly served if the lake itself was cleaned out, but this has not been done. Instead ugly (sorry – no other way to describe them) "scrub plants" have been planted and what appears to be tree limbs have been laid down to outline paths and create habitat. If anything else has been done, I cannot see it. The area not only looks unkept and unattractive, but now also looks like a fire hazard. If this area was located in the Berkeley Hills, the Fire Department would be demanding that it be cleaned up. I cannot imagine that the residents that live up the hill are pleased with the possible fire danger it presents.

The Chronicle also stated that you intend to "remove" 3,400 trees from parks. I would hazard a guess that your real plan (under the disguise of saying they are "old, diseased or *might* fall) is to remove the vast majority of the lovely eucalyptus trees that shelter Pine Lake Park from the wind and make it a comfortable place to enjoy. I also would not be surprised to learn that your *real* plan for this area is to cut off foot traffic completely.

Systemwide Letter 7

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July 19, 2005

Recreation and Park Department
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San Francisco CA, 94107

SUBJECT: Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan – Draft, June 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

I have the following comments on the June 2005 draft of the Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan. Most of my comments relate to Bernal Hill.

Please clarify the seeming inconsistency between the statement under Grassland on p. 6.21-2 that "native plants represent 51 percent of the grassland cover," and the statement under Invasive Plant Species on p. 6.21-3 that indicates that wild oat grassland – one of six "vegetation series dominated by invasive species" – covers more than 19 acres of the 24-acre Natural Area (80 percent of the total). It would seem that if wild oat grassland covers the vast majority of the hill, as shown in Figure 6.21-3, it would be impossible for more than half of the grassland cover to be composed of native plants.

I don't think it is accurate to state (pp. 6.21-2) that the trails are worn "through the thin soil and into the underlying bedrock" on Bernal Hill. The entire hillside is covered with highly folded and fractured rock (mostly chert), and there are small fragments of rock and stone everywhere, both on the trails and on the remainder of the hillside. I know that the trails remain primarily soil-covered, particularly around the north side of the hill, because during the rainy season, the trails are slippery due to the clay soil cover.

I am afraid that the notion that the Dog Play Area could be expanded to the area below Bernal Heights Boulevard is somewhat disingenuous. First, the entire hill, including the area below the road on the north side of the hill, is effectively an off-leash area now, meaning that the proposed addition would provide no real benefit to dog owners. Secondly, this area is the least desirable off-leash area precisely because it is below Bernal Heights Boulevard, and therefore is exposed to existing streets. It is the area above the road that provides the safety of being away from traffic, separated by the flat expanse of Bernal Heights Boulevard – and provides the benefit of being isolated from those who don't want to be bothered by off-leash dogs.

Finally, and more generally, I strongly object to the concept of the Significant Natural Areas Program to the extent that it proposes that existing well-used areas of our city parks be restricted as to that use. Furthermore, I find the fact that the draft Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan uses such a broad definition of "sensitive species," including mostly plants that are not listed by state or federal agencies, but only deemed "locally significant" by the California Native Plant Society, to be overreaching on the part of the Department. A B

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Hi Lisa,

Please use this attached version for our comments, and thank you again.

Tara Zuardo
Golden gate Audubon

-----Original Message-----
From: Elizabeth Murdock [mailto:emurdock@goldengateaudubon.org]
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Elizabeth Murdock

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Subject: Re: Reply requested ....if you wish and can....

Sorry all, forgot the copy of Jake's e-mail on my other message. Dan

Special urgency has now been given to the July 28 deadline for comments to the Natural Areas Program management plan.
Because of the
creation of a new Web site giving negative, inaccurate, and misleading information--and because there is an icon to press on that Web site that will send your message to all parties:
NAP director
Lisa Wayne, the Mayor, all Supervisors on the Board of Supervisors, R-P Commission, and general manager Yomi Agunbiade--the anti-NAP folks have been flooding recipients with harsh, untrue, and negative comments about NAP.

http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/index.html

Please visit this site, click 'comment' section at the top, then clickthe icon at the bottom of the page that will send your message to all parties, and make comments supportive of the Natural Areas Program IN YOUR FIRST SENTENCE (bear in mind that Supervisors aides will be unable to read all of the message, so get the favorable comments in right up front. Avoid negativity, but point out incorrect statements. When you click the icon, a blank email from your own computer will pop up, so it is like a regular email.
You might
delete the bcc (blind copy) to naprapper@yahoo.com.

Possibly the site was purposely titled naprap so people could easily confuse it with NAP. BE VERY CLEAR THAT YOU REFER TO THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM or THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN (spell it out) when that's what you mean.

I am providing background information below for your understanding and guidance. If possible please use your own thoughts and language.
The web site focuses on a few parks in particular:
Bernal Hill.
Please send positive comments on Bernal--unless you think that the NAP is giving away too much on Bernal, as I do.

These comments will be considered as part of the public comment and review for the management plan and will be considered along with input received on comment forms and letters. It's critical that you get your comments in by 5pm Thursday July 28.

Even a short positive comment is better than none at all.

--- Elizabeth Murdock <emurdock@goldengateaudubon.org>
wrote:

> Hi, All -
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> Sorry - a quick turn around on this. If anyone is online and wishes to
> offer a few comments on the NAP COMMENTS, feel free. I will post them
> online at 4 pm today.
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> Thanks especially to Dan Murphy, Matt Zlatunich and
> Jacqui Smalley for their
> tremendous contributions to this process!!
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> Please keep these internal to the committee for now,
> in case we make
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San Francisco Recreation & Parks
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RE: Comments and Support for Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Significant Natural Areas Resource Areas Management Plan. Founded in 1917 and representing roughly 6,000 members and supporters, Golden Gate Audubon is dedicated to protecting Bay Area birds, other wildlife and their natural habitats. We conserve and restore wildlife habitat, connect people of all ages and backgrounds with the natural world, and educate and engage Bay Area residents in the protection of our shared, local environment.

Golden Gate Audubon applauds the efforts of the San Francisco Department of Recreation & Parks to restore and preserve the natural areas of San Francisco. We offer the following comments that we hope will help produce the best plan possible.

1. The NAP Plan encompasses only a small portion of San Francisco's total parks. It is important to remember that there are many other areas of natural value in the city. For example, the Chain-of-Lakes in Golden Gate Park provide vital bird habitat, but exist outside of the NAP Plan. In addition, there are other small parks, parts of large parks and golf courses that remain important avian habitats. These outside areas should not be allowed to suffer or be impacted by exotic plantings, overuse or development. A

2. We also urge the Recreation and Parks Department to ensure that flexibility exists within the Natural Areas Management Plan to conserve, restore and protect additional key habitat areas in the city, if additional information becomes available and indicates a need to protect natural resources in areas not currently identified in the plan. (For example, western bluebirds were observed nesting in The Presidio this year—the first known nesting of these birds in the City in roughly 70 years. Should these birds begin to nest in other areas, the Natural Areas Program should have the flexibility to conserve this natural resource.) B

3. We commend the plan for restricting dog access in the most sensitive habitat areas (e.g., MA-1 and MA-2 areas). We understand that ongoing work on dog access and dog play areas will be facilitated in large part through the Dog Advisory Committee. It is critical that the NAP staff work closely with other City committees and agencies on this process, C

to ensure that natural areas are adequately protected as dog areas are developed to meet dog-play needs. C cont.

4. The NAP does not contain a marsh management plan. Such a plan would be an important tool to create and manage new and continuing habitat for wildlife. D

5. It is important that the Plan incorporate an element to preserve large stick nests, such as those created by owls, hawks, ravens, herons and cormorants. Unused nests should be left undisturbed after they become uninhabited, because all of these birds reuse nests. If a tree with such a nest is scheduled for removal, there should be at least a two-season window before it is cut. Red shouldered hawks nest widely in San Francisco. Their stick nests are small and deep, making it very difficult to determine if they are in use. A specific protocol needs to be developed for application to that species. E

   Additionally, protocols to determine distances that human impacts should be kept away from these nests should be developed with scientific support. For example, the distance people should stay from the heron and cormorant nests at Lake Merced should be researched in ornithological literature. Distances should be based not solely on this literature, but should be gauged taking into account the specific site features at Lake Merced and other key sites. Moving boats within comfort zones of these nests should be taken into account and restricted and controlled accordingly. Raptors, owls and other creators of stick nests must be included in this study.

6. In order to restore as much of the City's native ecosystem as possible, work should be staged so that easily restored elements of habitat and species are introduced first, and more difficult species or elements introduced thereafter. F

7. Treatment of mammals in the document is incomplete. The Plan should aim to restore native fauna where possible in the City, in order to recreate native ecosystems that have been lost. Many of these native ecosystems (and native species) have suffered serious declines within recent history, and efforts should be undertaken to restore species and habitats in key areas. Brush rabbits, long-tailed weasels, ground squirrels and opossums have disappeared from areas such as Lake Merced. G

8. Information regarding types of recreation and specific information on trails is not covered in the Plan. There should be an appendix directing the reader to other documents or references. This will result in a final document that is full and complete. H

9. Erosion at Lake Merced is so significant that it threatens the entire infrastructure on site. Erosion control throughout the NAP Plan area is a significant issue that should have an overall plan for control. Native plants can hold banks, even in unstable areas, and must be considered part of any erosion control plan. I

10. Dogs create havoc with wildlife. Especially in lakes such as Lake Merced, where dogs swim near the concrete bridge and at the fishing beach by the Boathouse daily. Dog owners encourage their dogs to swim in the lake and to chase waterfowl. Dogs add to J

erosion problems on slopes and dig up plantings. Fences need to be placed around new plantings until they are established. It is important that dogs are restricted and controlled. Control needs to be enforced through ticketing by parks personnel. If there continues to be an absence of enforcement by Recreation & Parks of regulations to restrict and control dogs in open water then a full Environmental Impact Report should be done to demonstrate there is no impact on protected wildlife or water quality. J cont.

11. Cat colonies result in widespread mortality among wildlife such as birds, frogs and turtles. Cat colonies should be restricted to areas near parking lots, if they must be included at all. Cat colonies at Lake Merced near the wood bridge and the mesa west of Sunset Circle need to be removed. K

12. There is no mention of a snag policy in the NAP Plan. Standing snags are necessary in wooded areas. The standard is three per acre in forests. While this may or may not be appropriate for natural areas in the Plan, it should provide a guideline for snag density. Snags provide cavities for nesting birds, roosting birds and all the insects and fungi that make up the ecosystem of the branch of tree. Their retention should be in areas where they won't endanger people or property, such as paths or roads. L

One of Golden Gate Audubon's San Francisco bird experts has volunteered to be available to provide specific information about birds and other wildlife within the NAP Plan. His name is Dan Murphy, (415) 564-0074, murphsf@comcast.net. The members of the Natural Areas Program should feel free to contact him whenever they need specific information. In addition, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (510) 843-9912 for additional resources.

Thank you again for this opportunity to comment on the formation of this valuable plan for San Francisco's natural areas.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

Systemwide Letter 9

Subject: Fw: I SUPPORT THE NATURAL AREASPROGRAM.

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Subject: I SUPPORT THE NATURAL AREASPROGRAM.

Dear Mayor, Supervisors, et al:

I SUPPORT THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM.
I volunteer for the NAP at Brooks Park in the OMI. I know the issues, and I think the Program is doing an excellent job with exceedingly small staff, and in the face of great difficulties. The NAP is the best thing that has ever happened at Brooks Park and the Orizaba-Lakeview rocks natural area. The NAP is the catalyst of community efforts to revitalize the OMI's finest natural resource areas. Its Management Plan is straight-forward and well-balanced, accommodating the many diverse interests and needs of San Franciscans.

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Subject: Fw: Strong support for NAP

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Subject: Strong support for NAP

Dear Mr. Mayor, Honorable Supervisors and Recreation and Park officials:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Recreation and Parks Departments Natural Areas Program. As a long time resident of San Francisco, it has been most disheartening to see the recent attacks on one of the best programs the City has going. Preservation and enhancement of our remnant areas of natural habitat is not only beneficial for current residents as well as native wildlife, it is also our duty to future generations of San Franciscans.

I have lived in Bernal Heights for over ten years and in that time I have seen major deterioration of my favorite portion of Bernal Hill park - namely the Northwest section with its abundant populations of native wildflowers. This area is in desperate need of protection. A couple of trails ten years ago have grown to an erosive network of paths that run vertically up the hill face as well as horizontally across the hill. I have witnessed dogs off leash busily digging up the soil in native habitat areas while their guardians stand by. People regularly throw balls up the hill from the road so their dogs can race up and down this steep, sensitive hillside. Naturally, this causes severe erosion.

I treasure the natural areas in this and other parks in the City. It is unfortunate that a few individuals have been able to successfully spread so much misinformation about this vital program. The plan that has been proposed is reasonable, well researched and documented and necessary. I wish it went farther. I would rather see no dogs at all in the sensitive area of Bernal Hill, rather than just making it an on-leash area. There are many similar compromises in the plan that I wish weren't there. Yet to off-leash advocates, no compromise seems to be good enough. A

Thank you for your attention to this.

Best Regards,

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Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

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Subject: NAP Comments

Comment regarding Pine Lake Park:
I think what was omitted from the June 28th public meeting was the potential consequences to Pine Lake Park users which would result from the introduction of rare plants listed on the Federal Species of Concern List and particularly, the deprivation in park use resulting from the introduction of the threatened Western Pond Turtle. I question the ethic not to fully reveal to the public what effect these two issues would have on the public's future use of Pine Lake Park. Literally hundreds of people go to this park on a daily basis beginning from the first light of dawn until nightfall. Many walk with their dogs and/or children for the healthy exercise and savor this time as a respite from the noise, traffic and stress of city life. The tax paying public fund RP and RP/NAP. Must we be affronted with the absurdity of paying to have our park taken away from us?
We were told at the meeting there was no plan to alter the current public use of Pine Lake Park while at the same time, and it would seem behind our back, plans to include threatened plant and animal species is proceeding which could permanently alter public use of this park. I am vigorously opposed to the placement of any threatened animal or plant species into Pine Lake Park.

Regarding erosion and "native" plants:
NAP wants to remove the Nasturtium and Ivy from Stern Grove/Pine Lake Park hillsides. The hillside property owners surely will not appreciate their homes slipping down the hill because "native" plants do not have the strength to stop erosion. Consider what has happened with the NAP Ice Plant removal at Great Highway. Now the city (read: the taxpayers) must spend money removing windblown sand on the road because the native plants are useless protection. None of the NAP expensive mistakes and/or often unappealing results seems to have any effect on halting their suctioning up of taxpayer dollars which is sorely needed in so many other ways. Pine Lake Park needs staff: gardeners, janitors, accessible bathrooms and bathroom repair, benches in the meadow. There's rarely any staff to be found and no one to help if any safety issues arise. These are issues park users care about and how they'd like their tax dollars spent rather than millions of their dollars pouring into the NAP Plan. Native plants are a nonexistent priority for people who actually use and cherish San Francisco public parks.

Regarding balancing recreational uses and the Natural Areas Plan:
No balance is possible if threatened species are introduced into public parks. If there's anything "invasive" (as

the present tree and plants are labeled by NAP) in the public parks, it isn't the vegetation, it's the NAP Plan. Why is the San Francisco General Plan's mandate that the public parks are meant for recreational use only ignored? Native plant and animal "museum" parks and/or nature preserves cannot truthfully be considered recreational. Appropriate areas of non-public parkland is what should be used for experimenting with "restoring" so-called native plants. Though sand dunes was what was orginally the landscape in the western part of the city. Taking over multiple acres of public recreational parks and the destruction of "nonnative" trees, plants and wildlife is going forward unchallenged because of public unawareness. The public needs to be informed and have a vote regarding the NAP plan. It's public tax money and public parks that are at stake. It's wrong for the NAP to plan and prevail behind closed doors.

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Subject: Fw: The Natural Areas Program Draft Management Plan

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Subject: The Natural Areas Program Draft Management Plan

Dear Sir/Madame:

I am very much in favor of the NAP Draft Management Plan. A

I am very concerned that the Natural Areas Program (NAP) is being falsely disparaged through misleading information at the NAPRAP web site (<http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/index.html >http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/index.html).
I am supportive of the plan and the goals of the NAP. My main concern is that not enough area is being protected from off-leash dogs. Please implement the plan and expand the restrictions on off –leash dogs wherever possible, especially at Bernal Hill and Pine Lake Park. B

See below for a summary of the misleading information provided by NAPRAP. You should discount much or all of what they say. Their tactic of

flooding you with emails does not represent the feelings of the majority of

the community,

Sincerely,

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SUMMARY OF MISLEADING STATEMENTS MADE BY NAPRAP

There are many inflammatory and misleading statements throughout the NAPRAP. A few are summarized here.

Fencing:

What NAPRAP says:
1. The text refers to a "cyclone fences" (Parcel 4 article).
2. It implies that fencing is widespread instead of isolated: "Natural areas also require protection from public access (fencing off), as native plants are not hardy, and traffic by people or animals can bring seeds from

non-native plants into the Natural Areas which will grow and choke out the native plants." (FAQ section).
3. It misrepresents the fencing plans: "Yet, the NAP proposes to exclude access to the Natural Areas by perimeter fencing and the elimination of many trails utilized by the public. Lakes such as Pine Lake, and Lake Merced will have fencing surrounding the water so that the shore is not accessible. Children will wait 3-5 years or more to feed the ducks again."

(FAQ section).
4. States that there will be many fenced trails at Bernal: "Visitors to the

park will be restricted to the fenced trails NAP has designated." (Your Park"Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. No cyclone fences will be used
2. Fencing will be used only as a last resort and when other mechanisms have been tried and failed.
3. Pine lake access to the water will be allowed. The perimeter trail will

remain open to people and dogs
4. Fences will only be used at Bernal as a last resort and to reduce erosion caused by access up steep slopes.

Vegetation:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Ignores the plan"s incorporation of non-native trees to remain for wildlife and aesthetics: "NAP advocates envision natural areas as areas where all non-native plants have been removed, and only native plants are replanted." (FAQ section)

What the plan says:
1. Non-native trees and other vegetation are protected in the plan including most of the urban forest and other non-native plants important to

native wildlife

Original Habitat:

What NAPRAP says:
1. States that there are not sensitive species at Bernal, fencing will be installed, and wildlife will be destroyed: "A detailed evaluation of the specific plan for Bernal Heights reveals that there is little or no original habitat there, and there are no threatened, endangered, or sensitive species (by definition of State or Federal agencies) there. On the contrary, NAP intends to destroy the current ecosystem and introduce species some members of the local native plant society and the local Audubon society personally consider "sensitive". In doing so, they will limit public access and fencing will be installed to confine park visitors to the walkways they have chosen for you. The changes in the ecosystem will have an unknown effect on the wildlife currently in this area. And in

fact, NAP plans to destroy wildlife that interferes with their plan here and at all "Natural Areas"." (FAQ section) 2. Refer to species as random: "To allow a few individuals from local special interest groups to define a random species as "sensitive" and destroy parkland to find a place for that "sensitive" species is a violation of the public trust." (FAQ section) 3. Untruthful statements: "There is little or no "original habitat" on Bernal Hill." (Your Park"Bernal Section)

What the plan says:

1. There are sensitive species at Bernal. Bernal has significant and important plant habitat and populations.
2. The delineation of sensitive species is not random. It was based on an evaluation of the distribution of plants

around the city, the identification of plant species with three or fewer populations and identification of species that may soon go extinct from San Francisco.
3. There is abundant native habitat on Bernal Hill

Erosion:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Ignores the erosion control measures and trail safety in the plan: "The NAP proposal acknowledges that erosion in the park properties endangers the

public safety. Yet, repeatedly, the NAP plans to remove non-native plants and trees that are proven superior to resist erosion and replace them with native plants. Native plants are inferior in resisting erosion. NAP planners are not deterred." (FAQ Section) 2. Claims to know which plants are superior for erosion control: "Native plants are inferior to non-native plants in controlling erosion " as was evidenced by the failure of Natural Areas at Fort Ord, along Great Highway,

and at Fort Funston. Ice plant is the proven solution to sandy slopes which

must resist erosion. Nasturtium grow readily as well as ivy in the Pine Lake area. All of these plants would be superior in erosion control to preserve the health of the lake." (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. Erosion control measures are presented in Chapter 5. After land is exposed as part of restoration efforts, erosion control measures are implented 2. The assertion that native plants are less adept at controlling erosion is unfounded. In fact, non-native trees that tear down hillsides and iceplant are probably some of worst species for controlling erosion.

Recreational Use:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Claims that certain areas are not habitats: "Other parks where NAP intends to make aggressive changes are Stern Grove/Pine Lake and Lake Merced. Neither of these areas are currently habitats, and the creation of

such in heavily utilized urban parks such as these reflects a basic lack of

concern for the recreational park user by SFRPD) planners." (FAQ Section) 2. Ignores recreational uses such as bird watching, walking, and everything

other than dogs swimming in the lake: "The Natural Areas Program does NOT foster recreational access. There is no pressing reason to create a Natural Area at Pine Lake. Restoration of water quality and the lake"s health can easily be accomplished without creating a Natural Area." (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. There are natural areas at Pine Lake. There are not plans to restrict public access on the trail around the lake 2. The plan attempts to improve recreational access in all natural areas

Trees:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Implies that all eucs will be removed at Pine Lake and that there will be no windbreak (Your Park " Pine Lake Section) 2. Implies all the trees will be removed: "Removing eucalyptus trees as NAP

proposes will hasten erosion. Additionally, the destruction of eucalyptus trees at Stern Grove (merely because they are non-native) is another violation as the Operational Plan requires arboreal maintenance and reforestation of all SF parks. Because the eucalyptus dominates the landscape at Stern Grove, reforestation would not be possible without removing ALL the eucalyptus. Certainly destroying healthy eucalyptus trees

does not qualify as arboreal maintenance!" (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:

1. and 2. The plan proposes no eucalyptus removed at Pine Lake

Cats:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Plan recommends killing feral cats and other wildlife: "This would refer

to the killing of feral cats and any other wildlife NAP deems unacceptable." (Your Park " Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. The plan does not include killing of cats. The recommendation for feral

cats says that removal and relocation of predators may result in death and other unintended negative consequences. Therefore the proposed removal or relocation must be submitted in writing to SFRPD for review and recommendation. In each case the Department will consult with SFSPCA to determine whether relocation or removal is feasible and if so how best it can be done.

Dogs:

What NAPRAP says:
1. "A large portion of the hill will be changed to on-leash;
essentially off-leash dogs will be limited to the paved pathways and flat areas only." (Your Park " Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. More than two thirds of the hill top will remain off-leash. The proposed on-leash section is largely steep hillsides. Dogs will still be allowed on leash is this areas.

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Subject: Fw: Comments on Natural Areas Program plan

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Public comments on NAP MAP

I have several general concerns about the NAP MAP and I hope and trust that NAP's staff will honestly weigh the public concerns.

In general the plan proposes a massive reduction in the amount of parklands available to all San Franciscans. A
The scope of the plan has no identifiable budget, besides the stated 1 million dollars a year.
So essentially, if approved, Rec. & Park will be asking San Franciscans to write NAP a BLANK CHECK for the stated 20 years. B

I can't approve of a program that has such power to take a way "up to 100 acres of the Dog Play Areas" that the dog community has fought so long and hard to establish. San Franciscans in good faith negotiated with Rec. & Park for these areas with no idea that another Rec. & Park program would be allowed to override the decisions of the Dog Advisory Committee and the Rec/Park Commission. Furthermore NAP's plan says it can take these acres C

without review by the DAC or this Commission. E cont.

There is disagreement whether the current total DPA acreage is as much as 124 acres. NAP MAP's potential grab of "up to 100 acres" would eliminate almost all of the measly DPA acreage.

These are my recommendations to NAP.

San Francisco recreational needs should receive a priority – people before plants in urban parks. Nap must provide a detailed long-term plan that states the funding, staff and volunteer hours and other resourced need to create, maintain, and monitor each site. Because Rec. & Park. D

NAP needs to remember that it was designed to protect remnants of species in our parks, not to recreate nature preserves. After all you cannot turn a city into a series of nature preserves. Non-native wildlife, trees & plants can co-exist with native species. So do not remove them. E

Nap should not be permitted to remove feral cats from any of these parks.
So, delete General Recommendation GR-7 from the plan. F

Additionally, off leash dog recreation and the native remnants have co-existed for decades. There should be no restrictions until there is scientific evidence documenting a detrimental impact of off-leash recreation and until other measures like trail border & erosion controls have been tried. G

Do not slaughter any more trees in the city's parks. Several areas of
Glen Park resemble a logging site. H
Do not use herbicides in the Natural Areas. I

Specifically at Pine Lake area of Stern Grove:
Do not create a Western Pond turtle habitat especially when you don't even know that it exists there.
Do not remove other turtles, or any natural predators because if they exit there, then it proves that it can co-exist with the mix at Pine Lake.
Do not sacrifice any more eucalyptus trees for a nature preserve.
Do not introduce rare plant species such as SF Gum plant or Lessingia.
And do not restrict dogs from going into the lake. Dogs have been wading there for as long as the lake has existed.

Specifically at Bernal Hill & Glen Park Canyon off-leash areas:

NAP proposes to reduce the existing Bernal Hill DPA by about 20%.
The plan states that "off-leash activities should be limited to the flat areas..." these being the roads and remnants of a dumpsite.
The plan proposed that leashes be required on the steep slopes (Bernal) and trails (Glen Canyon) because some of these slopes/trails contain plants which the California Native Plant 'Society deems "sensitive."
It Is important to know these plants are not considered rare b Federal or State Endangered Species regulations.

Do not slaughter any more trees in the city's parks. Several areas in
Glen
Canyon resemble logging sites.

The very existence of several native plant species on Bernal Hill & Glen Canyon indicates that these plants can successfully co-exist with off-leash dog recreation. It does not make sense to create a new nature preserve in these high-use recreational areas.

Respectively,

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Subject: SUPPORT Natural Areas, PLEASE

> Fellow San Franciscans:
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> The Natural Areas Program in Glen Canyon Park should convince everyone that it is not only compatible with other recreation, but that it actually enhances the outdoor experience!
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> The origin of Islais Creek (ending way down in the Bayview) is in Glen Canyon Park, but its flow had been reduced to a trickle by thirsty Eucalyptus trees and its winter water reduced to mud by desultory hikers.
The NAP replaced the Eucs with willows and myrtles and created a meandering wooden path that elevated visitors' feet above the mud. The result?
Winter water area that remains wet in summer so that folks can travel over with their dogs and enjoy the setting AND the return of lots of insects and birds sheltered in the willows and myrtles that flit around for all to see, including my favorite--dragonflies! And now there is more fresh water flowing into the ground to emerge in the Bayview to cleanse Islais Creek.
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> Please support the Natural Areas Program. As with everything else in > San Francisco it advocates a gradual process of improvement and, over time, should continue to be responsive to the needs of the general public. Thank you.
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> Sincerely,
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> Robin Chiang
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> FRIENDS OF ISLAIS CREEK
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Systemwide Letter 15

Subject: Fw: Natural Areas Program (NAP) Comments

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I apologize in advance if you receive this email twice. I initially tried sending it through the NAP RAP Web site email link and received an error.

Greetings,

I am a graduate student at San Francisco State University (SFSU) in the Department of Geography. One of my advisors, Dr. Jerry Davis, introduced me to NAP, and I accepted a position through SFSU's Institute for Geographic Information Science to work on GIS and the maps for the Significant Natural

Resource Areas Management Plan. Through this experience, I have come to understand what NAP does.

I am a long-time resident of San Francisco and currently live in District 7. I appreciate and applaud the Recreation and Park Department for having a Natural Areas Program. I support NAP's efforts to preserve and enhance natural areas that exist within the city's park system.

As you know, San Francisco adopted Policy 2.13 of the Recreation and Open Space Element of its General Plan in 1991. This policy states that the city should preserve and protect significant natural resource areas. Within the city, many of these natural areas exist on Recreation and Park Department property. It
seems logical for Rec Park to have developed a program to follow these guidelines.

I have read the 1995 RPD Staff Report that was adopted by the Recreation and Park Commission in early 1995. NAP has followed the public review process as set forth in that report. It should not take the heat if the community now

believes a different process should have been defined. In addition, once the current public comment process has been completed and a final NAP management plan is finished, there will be a formal environmental review process under

California State guidelines with additional opportunities for the public to be heard.

No one benefits from the spread of misinformation. I am aware that people at Pine Lake Park and Bernal Hill are being given incorrect information about what NAP does and what its future management plans are. My understanding is NAP

recognizes that as part of the Rec Park Department there needs to be balance between human recreational use of these areas and the preservation and enhancement of natural areas. For example, at Bernal Hill NAP does not intend to prohibit access to the park for dog or people. However, in some places,

people will be required to stay on designated trails and keep their dogs
on-
leash in those areas. Yes, the off-leash area will be decreased.
However,
there is also discussion in the management plan of creating off-leash linkages between those areas and expanding the DPA in another area at Baernal Hill.

Please see the draft management plan. Yes, the trail system will be modified to include fewer feet of trails. A primary reason for these changes relates to soil erosion problems that have already and will continue to create public hazard areas in that park. There will still be a trail system that allows people and their dogs access to the park. These ideas do not seem unreasonable to me.

I became aware of the NAP RAP Web site today. In reviewing this Web site, I see several points that I would like to comment on to support NAP and its current draft management plan:

Among other things, recreation may also include enjoyment of nature. Bird watching, photography of native wildflowers, walking or running on designated trails through natural park land, and participating in efforts to restore natural areas by planting or weeding are examples of recreational activities available in SF natural areas. As a San Francisco resident, I have enjoyed

participating in all of these activities (except bird watching) in various natural areas and hope to continue to do so in the future. As someone that

doesn't own a car, I appreciate the opportunity to pursue these activities within the city.

I am not a member of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), but through my studies am familiar with the work that they do. I disagree with the NAP RAP Web site's representation of CNPS as one of the "groups [that] are not scientific organizations, nor are they democratic." CNPS is an organization that believes in promoting collection of scientifically sound information regarding the status of California's native flora. Its membership is comprised of amateurs and professionals (formally trained biologists, ecologists, botanists, natural resource managers, and others).
http://www.cnps.org/activities/aboutCNPS.htm Anyone with an interest in native CA flora is welcome to join this organization – How is that not democratic?

In addition, California Department of Fish and Game's Habitat Conservation Planning Branch (DFG) is informed by CNPS' Inventory of Rare and Endangered

Vascular Plants of California when determining the protection status of the

State's plant species. Clearly, CNPS' work is valued and approved of by the State of California. For more information, please see DFG's Web site at:
http://www.dfg.ca.gov/hcpb/species/t_e_spp/nat_plnt_consv.shtml

I'll reiterate that I support NAP's efforts to preserve and enhance natural

areas that exist within the city's park system. Thank you in advance for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Debra Dwyer

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San Francisco

Systemwide Letter 16

Subject: Fw: San Francisco Natural Places

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:51 AM -----

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07/28/2005 02:27 PM

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cc: damien raffa <miuraraffa@earthlink.net>
Subject: San Francisco Natural Places

Dear Mayor and Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support and admiration of the city's Natural Areas program. I'm a Bernal Heights resident, and love the natural and wild open space that tops our hill, which serves as the rich magnetic center of our entire district.

I have been so touched by living in the shadow of this special place, that I have been inspired to make a film about it, (in progress) entitled, Bernal Hill—Still Wild At Heart.

I also take frequent walks there will my children, to introduce them to the beauty, the feel, and the natural laws of wild spaces, plants, and animals. We visit and enjoy other natural areas in the city as well, including Glen Park Canyon, the Presidio, and the area south of Ocean Beach.

These places and the natural lives that survive and thrive in them depend on our sense of stewardship and the quality of our care. They are so important to those of us who live and raise our families here!
They make San Francisco utterly unique.

Please don't let them slip away or become ravaged and overrun through lack of care and lack of resources. Without them, San Francisco would be a much narrower, poorer, and less interesting place to live.

Sincerely,

Melissa Peabody
& the Wasney Family

Systemwide Letter 17

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:40 AM -----

Monique Nakagawa <mayanak@sfsu.edu> 07/28/2005 01:12 PM

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cc:

Subject: NAP Comments

To the Honorable Mayor Newsom and Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of the Recreation and Parks Department's Natural Areas Program. I believe it is important to preserve and to maintain flora native to the San Francisco peninsula, and that such preservation efforts carry wide benefits, from supporting native fauna to sensitising the general public to the native environment in which we live. A

Contrary to the opinions of certain opposition groups, I do not believe that recreational needs deserve priority over environmental needs.
Sometimes city parks are an urban dwellers' only opportunity to experience nature. To promote native flora is to encourage and to educate individuals to the natural environment in which they truly live.

I also support use of the definitions of "sensitive species" by the Audobon Society, CNPS, and the Sierra Club. I do not believe that "sensitive species" should only be defined by federal and state statutes, which are often subject to politics and private interest lobbying. B

I support the removal of feral cats from the parks. As a San Francisco native, I recall the days when one could find California quail in Golden Gate Park. That the quail population has been decimated by feral cats demonstrates the damaging impact of feral cats on our native ecosystem. C

I support the removal of non-native plants and wildlife. The "existing ecosystem" of non-native plants and wildlife does not work fine. We have witnessed the elimination of quail from our parks. Blue gum eucalyptus create soil conditions unfavorable to native chapparal. Blue gum eucalyptus are also highly flammable, creating significant fire dangers in dense urban areas, as we have seen in the Oakland hills fire. Non-native grasses, which cover our hillsides and are responsible for California's "golden hills", also create annual wildfire hazards, particularly at McLaren Park. D

I do not believe in a need to conduct studies at park sites prior to implementation of native area practices. Native

area practices are based on sound science. Scientific method requires that findings be replicable across common conditions and contexts. To require that "scientific studies"
be carried out at each park is, in fact, not to trust science, and thus hypocritical. To require regular evaluations of practices is more reasonable.

I support limits on off-leash dog recreation. Dogs and sensitive wildlife areas do not coexist well. Dogs can significantly disrupt the breeding cycles of sensitive wildlife. The fact that the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, a federal agency, has found cause to limit off-leash dog recreation is testament to the negative impacts that dogs may have on the natural environment. E

I support the limited use of herbicides in our parks. The precautionary principle advises that one select the safest option to the best of one's knowledge. The research to date on glyphosate (also known as Round-Up) indicates that with certain methods of application, the herbicide is environmentally safe. The use of glyphosate as a last resort is an accepted practice of integrated pest management (IPM) and is widely adopted as a best practice in weed management. F

Thank you for your time and attention.

Regards,
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Subject: Fw: NAP Comment

---- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:40 AM -----

"Carol Soto" <csoto@stanlyinsurance.com> **To: <lisa.wayne@sfgov.org>**
cc:
Subject: NAP Comment
07/28/2005 12:46 PM
Please respond to csoto

Dear Lisa,

I belong to Sierra Club, plant native plants in my garden in Noe Valley and generally support restoration of native habitat.
That said, I would like to request that NAP is thoughtful of all uses in restoring those San Francisco parks like Bernal Hill, Pine Lake, Glen Park that are heavily used for recreation. It is a difficult balance you face but restoration will have the best chance to florish in those places that are not used that much for recreation. Alternatively, you might consider fences--though they do not create "natural looking" spaces, they would keep dogs and people out of those areas you are restoring. A

Because San Francisco is so small, we need to be sure that recreation and restoration can co-exist rather than one trumping the other.

Thank you,

Carol Soto

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Subject: Fw: NAP comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:34 AM -----

Christine McQuiston <christine_mcquiston@yahoo.com>
07/28/2005 11:35 AM

To: Lisa Wayne <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org>
cc: margaret.mcarthur@sfgov.org, Yomi.Agunbiade@sfgov.org
Subject: NAP comments

Lisa,
Thank you for that information. Again, the onus is on the RPD to provide accurate and up-to-date information, not to rely on individuals to call your office and spend their own money on materials to inform the public. It's called DUE DILIGENCE, and I'm almost sure there is money in your budget for PR, so spend it.

Regarding the comments that have been sent to NAP so far, there are still many "meaningful" concerns to be weighed regarding the entire NAP endeavor, despite some inaccuracies about Bernal Hill specifically, including fiscal accountability, the lack of sound ecological science, the lack of public input, and the mission of the RPD to preserve RECREATIONAL areas for recreation. These comments should not be disregarded.
A B C
Your own comments in yesterday's Examiner article are very telling.
When you go to Costa Rica to see the rain forest landscape, do you look for it in the city of San Jose's public recreational areas? Would you take away what the pineapple plantations provide to the people so that you could see a nice "landscape" when you're on vacation?

In my opinion, and this is for the public record, the best thing the Parks Commission could do for the City of SF is to help you look for another job and invest your salary, and the entire NAP budget, into programs that actually serve the public interest.

Christine McQuiston

On Jul 28, 2005, at 9:24 AM, Lisa Wayne wrote:

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> Christine
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> You need to go to the RPD website to directly to the link that has
> been provided.
>
> http://www.parks.sfgov.org/site/recpark_meeting.asp?id=1896.
>
> This site should answer your questions and give you the information

> you need to comment on the plan.
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> Each search engine is different and will come up with different
> results.
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> In the future, please contact the department to verify that the
> information you post is accurate or with questions. We are seeking
> comments on the current proposals in the plan. Thank you. Lisa
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> Christine McQuiston
> <christine_mcquiston To: Lisa Wayne
> <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org>
> @yahoo.com> cc:
> margaret.mcarthur@sfgov.org, Yomi.Agunbiade@sfgov.org
> Subject: Re: Bernal
> Hill
> 07/28/2005 09:03 AM
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> Dear Lisa,
> I have had a chance now to go back to the SFgov/Rec&Park website. I
> wanted to see how easy it was to find the updated 15-page Bernal Hill
> plan you gave me the link to. What I found was interesting. When I
> entered "Bernal Hill" in 'enter a key word to search the Recreation &
> Park web site' search box, I found several obscure documents of
> meeting minutes, but not the 15-page document you referred me to;
> searching SFGOV for "Natural Areas Plan" brings up, at the top of the
> list, the DLA report criticizing NAP for its "flawed public process"
> which I quoted to you in my last email. Finally, searching "Natural
> Areas Bernal Hill", the top document that comes up is the 12-page 2002
> "Bernal Hill 6.21" from which I gathered the "misinformation" for the
> flyer I put together to alert my community to the public comments
> deadline, but not the 15-page document you referred me to. This seems
> like the most likely way a citizen hearing rumors and wanting to find
> out facts would go about doing so.
> If, as you said,
>> It is important to the Recreation and Park Department that accurate
>> information about the plan be disseminated to the public so that
>> meaningful public input can be received on the Public Draft.
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> then why is it so hard to find? In the past month I have talked to
> hundreds of people on Bernal Hill, asking what they knew about these
> plans. MOST had never heard of NAP or anything about changes on
> Bernal, some had heard vague rumors, and the rest were apparently
> "misinformed". The onus is on SFRPD and NAP.
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> On Jul 27, 2005, at 4:07 PM, Lisa Wayne wrote:
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>> Dear Park Advocate
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>> Your comments regarding the Natural Areas at Bernal Hill have been
>> received by the Department.
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>> It is important to the Recreation and Park Department that accurate
>> information about the plan be disseminated to the public so that
>> meaningful public input can be received on the Public Draft. It has
>> come to our attention that the postings on Bernal Hill "prepared by
>> Christine_Mcquiston@yahoo.com" of highlighted maps of Bernal Hill is
>> presenting misinformation about the Natural Areas Draft Management
>> Plan.
>> The maps that were posted in the park were taken from a draft plan
>> that was prepared in 2002 and modified to show changes in off-leash
>> recreation and access. This information is incorrect as well as
>> other information that was posted in the park. The Department
>> encourages the public to view the accurate plan and maps for Bernal
>> Hill located on the Recreation and Park Department website
>> http://www.parks.sfgov.org/wcm_recpark/SNRA50/Sections/
>> 6.21%20Bernal%20Hill.pdf.
>>
>> In summary, the Draft Management Plan
>> does not propose any tree removal at Bernal Hill - see text box on
>> map
>> page 6.21-15
>> does not propose cyclone fencing at Bernal or any of the designated
>> Natural Areas
>> mentions that fencing would be used as a last resort (only low
>> rustic
>> fencing) and in specific locations where erosion and safety are a
>> concern - see page 6.21-7
>> only proposes to close or re-reroute social trails that are
>> unsafe, are
>> short cuts or are redundant - see pages 6.21-8 and 6.21-15, which
>> contains a map of trails to remain and be improved under the plan.
>> For
>> social trails proposed for closure, please see the pink trails on
>> page
>> 6.21-12
>> does not propose to exclude people and dogs from Bernal Hill
>> does propose to reduce the existing designated 21 acre off-leash
>> area
>> above the road to a 13 acre off-leash area. The remaining 8 acres
>> would
>> be on-leash. Off leash experiences will continue in the most
>> heavily
>> used off-leash areas including the paved road, the quarry, the
>> entire
>> central portion of the hill that extends from the radio tower to
>> the
>> east hairpin turn (and a trail that crosses hill's crest) (see
>> attached
>> map that was shown at public meetings regarding the Draft
>> Management
>> Plan)
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>> Again, the Department is interested in receiving public input on the
>> proposed plan. Please review the accurate plan on RPDs website and
>> make comments. The comment period ends Thursday July 28th at 5pm.
>> Thank you.
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>> (See attached file: proposed off-leash dog area changes.jpg)<proposed
>> off-leash dog area changes.jpg>
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Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:28 AM -----

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cc:

Subject: NAP Comments

I am 100% against the NAP program. It is bad for park users, dog owners, kids, and represents an attempt by a very small minority to overtake a disproportionately large area of public land. A

The bias against alien species has its roots in xenophobic and racist attitudes. As part of children's school curriculum here in San Francisco, students will be asked 'what non-native invasive species threaten your native plant?' A chilling question when it gets applied elsewhere.

There is no reliable ecological or biological method that can distinguish between aliens and natives. Sensitive species designation should be limited to plants identified by Federal and State statutes on Endangered Species. Instead, private organizations such as local chapters of the Audubon Society, California Native Plant Society, and the Sierra Club have been allowed in the NAP to define which plants are native, and which are "sensitive species". These groups are not scientific organizations, nor are they democratic. Ultimately, these decisions are made by a handful of hobbyists and activists. Their decisions will result in families and their pets losing access to almost a thousand acres of park property. B

NAP will restrict access of the public and their pets to our parklands.
Attempting to keep nature 'pure', 'wild' and alien free may be impractical, impossible or even undesirable. Humans have existed with nature for tens of thousands of years. Dogs accompanied the Ohlone, the indigenous people of San Francisco, in the 1700s and they resided along with the "native plants". There is no scientific basis for excluding people, their pets, and wildlife from the Natural Areas. The theory that the presence of people, dogs, and wildlife hastens the demise of native plants is unsupported. Yet, the NAP proposes to exclude access to the Natural Areas by perimeter fencing and the elimination of many trails utilized by the public. Lakes such as Pine Lake, and Lake Merced will have fencing surrounding the water so that the shore is not accessible. No more kids feeding ducks. C

There are a hundred other reasons why NAP is bad for a grand majority of San Francisco residents. Please consider working to shelve this insane and ridiculous program.

Michael Waddell
Lower Haight

Systemwide Letter 21

Subject: Fw: NAP comments - please respond

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:27 AM -----

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Please respond to Ryan*PC Gibson

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc: margaret.mcarthur@sfgov.org, info@sfdog.org
Subject: Re: NAP comments - please respond

Dear Lisa Wayne:

I would like to provide my feedback on the NAP proposal. As an environmentalist, and a dog owner I believe that the proposal is too extreme. I have read the documentation, and attended a meeting at Glen Park Recreational center in an effort to try and understand the proposal.
The information provided so far is not clear enough on the impact the changes would have on many users of the park. I find that the maps are unclear, and explanations inadequate. The form provided online does not work, so I am providing my comments here. A

When certain sections of Bernal Heights are proposed to be marked off limits, how will this impact the ability of citizens with their dogs from enjoying the park? Bernal Heights has a very dramatic topography, which means that the full area is not passable, because they are too steep. My concern is that the selection of areas in Bernal Heights will fragment the passable areas in such a way that it is not possible to walk along a path for any length of time. Right now, it is possible to walk 40 minutes to an hour at a normal pace without retracing your steps. This is the reason we visit Bernal Heights; for this type of walking, and panoramic vista viewing. I would like to see this type of "use case" taken into consideration for proposed changes.

From reading the documentation, I do not believe that dog owners are being considered enough in some of these areas. Dog owners are not marginal users of Glen Park, GGP and Bernal Heights but essential members of the park community. People with dogs use the park year round and in all weather, providing citizen-stewardship and watchful eyes to the area.
While there may be a small minority of dog owners that do not act responsibly, the same could be said of many other groups including children. It would be unthinkable of banning children from our parks. By rendering large portions of the park inaccessible to people with dogs, NAP could in effect be banning us from these parks. B

The proposal does not provide scientific evidence that dogs negatively impact the environment. I would argue that this idea goes against common sense. Without the protection of shoes and clothes, a dog's natural instinct is to tread carefully. My observations are that dogs walking with their responsible owners have negligible environmental impact. Dogs seem like a natural part of the landscape, as opposed to introducing new species of plants (as NAP proposes).

I would like to add as a final comment, that the mass destruction of feral cats seems barbaric. What research C

provides evidence that feral cats are threats to endangered species? How are the judgments being made that the life of one type of creature is of greater than another? C CONT.

Thank you for your time considering my comments.

Ryan Gibson
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Systemwide Letter 22

Subject: Fw: I support the Natural Areas Program (NAP)

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 10:42 AM -----

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cc:

Subject: I support the Natural Areas Program (NAP)

Dear Mayor Newsom, Supervisors and SFRPD Management,

I support the Natural Areas Program. As a geomorphologist at SFSU preparing a study on erosion and sedimentation effects of eucalyptus trees (specifically Eucalyptus globulus) in coastal California, I appreciate the City of San Francisco's efforts to preserve our natural heritage. I consider NAP and the parks department in general a very worthwhile use of my tax dollars! A

Individuals opposed to NAP would try to have you believe that the program wants to deny the public access to our parks by putting up cyclone fences, etc. This is just silly. Fencing put up by NAP is designed to keep people and pets out while new plantings get established, and in any event, given NAP's measly budget I don't think they could afford a cyclone fence. Think of NAP fencing as similar to what the sports program uses when reconditioning turf on athletic fields. NAP doesn't want to take parkland out of public circulation; on the contrary, they encourage public participation and restoration of our native plant communities to improve the outdoor experience. Once established, native plants require less water and maintenance than introduced plants while providing habitat for rare butterflies and other species. Any assertion that native plants lead to more erosion that introduced plants is highly suspect, a question that I intend to answer with my scientific research. B C

To me, most criticisms of NAP look like thinly-veiled attempts by off-leash dog advocates to open up all parks, playgrounds, beaches and natural areas to off-leash dog access. Dogs are swell and dogs have their place in our city, but so do kids, native plants and plant enthusiasts. As a father of a six year old (Rebecca will tell you 6 & 3/4!), I like having safe places for her to play where she won't step in dog doo or get threatened by aggressive dogs. I think we have plenty of opportunity to accomodate all park users' needs; for example, I support making grassy areas and the .33 mile dirt road in Glen Park legally open to off-leash dog walking while enforcing on-leash for the rest of the park for the sake of restoration efforts. Please consider sound science and reject baseless assertions when making your decisions! D

Thank you,
Arnold C. Thompson

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Systemwide Letter 23

Subject: Fw: Comments in support for NAP

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 10:42 AM -----

Wilcoxen.Katy@epamail.epa.gov 07/28/2005 10:21 AM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Comments in support for NAP

Lisa,

Please ensure this public comment is submitted into the public record.
Thank you,

To: San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department;

I am writing to strongly support implementation of The Natural Areas Program as outlined in the current plan. Native plants and wildlife bring a richness to city life that only make San Francisco a more attractive and healthy place. I am not a member of the California Native Plant Society but a city resident interested in improving the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. A

Restoration of native plants and wildlife habitat in public spaces in San Francisco, such as Crissy Field, Buena Vista Park and Lake Merced have been wildly successful. The restoration of Crissy Field, the most prominent project, has opened up an underutilized area to many more people, for running, bicycling, dog walking, and visiting. It is magnificently beautiful and provides a link to the indigenous landscape of the Bay. It is a refreshing to have a public investment in beauty that also has public benefit. I applaud the effort to create more native niches in the City. A critical companion effort will be the addition of more park rangers who are necessary to protect the parks and everyone who use the parks.

Finally, the off-leash dog advocates are a well-organized and vocal single interest group that historically has shown very little willingness to compromise their interests for the greater good. Please resist their hard lobbying efforts to weaken or eliminate the NAP Areas Program.

Sincerely,
Katy Wilcoxen
Duboce Triangle

Systemwide Letter 24

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

---- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 09:29 AM ----

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cc: "SchlundAtHome" <claus@hellgatemodels.com>

Subject: NAP Comments

Hi,

I'm writing because I'm converned about the current situation w/ regard to SF Parks & REc NAP program.

While I'm entirely for PRESERVATION of existing wild areas, I'm entirely AGAINT restoration of non-native areas back to their "native" condition. It just seems unnecessary, costly, and just plain silly to remove mature trees and their existing natural beauty simply due to the idea that these plants were not present in that area 200 years ago.

We will be tearing out
existing plant life which is doing well and replacing it with something that will require MAINTENANCE in the future. Obviously if the non-native plants have pushed out the natives in a given location, these non-native plants will do so again unless the area is subject to constant maintenance.

Chopping down a majestic eucalyptus simply for the sake of "plant racial purity" seems illogical, and even has the taste of a near-criminal act against nature.

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Furthermore, restriction of areas available to dog owners for off-leash recreation appear to be a part of the NAP plan.
In case it's unclear, there are a LOT of dog owners in the city, and the number is growing, not declining. To suggest that less park land be available for this enjoyable and healthy form of recreation seems to run against all common sense.

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In my local area, under the current plans, Bernal Hill park will have a reduction in area available for off-leash dogs. Yet this is not the entire story - not only will the area be reduced, but this reduction includes the "trade", giving off-leash dogs of some undesirable areas of the park (the steep slopes skirting the periphery) in trade for the more usable areas. Thus the reduction is actually far worse than the numbers suggest, because much of the new area will not be suitable for dog recreation.

I'm hoping each of you will consider the sanity of the current NAP plan.

Thanks for listening.

Claus Schlund
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Systemwide Letter 25

Subject: Fw: Support for THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM

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cc:

Subject: Support for THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM

To whom it may concern,
I am writing in support of the THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM . I think it is a reasonable and will restore a small part of San Francisco to some semblance of its natural state. I would urge support of the plan. I am concerned about some misleading statements that have been put forward by NAPRAP which is opposed to its implementation. I would urge our city leaders not to be mislead by these inaccurate statements. A

Fencing:
What NAPRAP says:
1. The text refers to a "cyclone fences" (Parcel 4 article).
2. It implies that fencing is widespread instead of isolated:
"Natural areas also require protection from public access (fencing off), as native plants are not hardy, and traffic by people or animals can bring seeds from non-native plants into the Natural Areas which will grow and choke out the native plants." (FAQ section).
3. It misrepresents the fencing plans: "Yet, the NAP proposes to exclude access to the Natural Areas by perimeter fencing and the elimination of many trails utilized by the public. Lakes such as Pine Lake, and Lake Merced will have fencing surrounding the water so that the shore is not accessible. Children will wait 3-5 years or more to feed the ducks again." (FAQ section).
4. States that there will be many fenced trails at Bernal: "Visitors to the park will be restricted to the fenced trails NAP has designated." (Your Park"Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. No cyclone fences will be used
2. Fencing will be used only as a last resort and when other mechanisms have been tried and failed.
3. Pine lake access to the water will be allowed. The perimeter trail will remain open to people and dogs 4. Fences will only be used at Bernal as a last resort and to reduce erosion caused by access up steep slopes.

Vegetation:
What NAPRAP says:

1. Ignores the plan"s incorporation of non-native trees to remain for wildlife and aesthetics: "NAP advocates envision natural areas as areas where all non-native plants have been removed, and only native plants are replanted." (FAQ section)

What the plan says:
1. Non-native trees and other vegetation are protected in the plan including most of the urban forest and other non-native plants important to native wildlife

Original Habitat:
What NAPRAP says:
1. States that there are not sensitive species at Bernal, fencing will be installed, and wildlife will be destroyed: "A detailed evaluation of the specific plan for Bernal Heights reveals that there is little or no original habitat there, and there are no threatened, endangered, or sensitive species (by definition of State or Federal agencies) there. On the contrary, NAP intends to destroy the current ecosystem and introduce species some members of the local native plant society and the local Audubon society personally consider "sensitive". In doing so, they will limit public access and fencing will be installed to confine park visitors to the walkways they have chosen for you. The changes in the ecosystem will have an unknown effect on the wildlife currently in this area. And in fact, NAP plans to destroy wildlife that interferes with their plan here and at all "Natural Areas"." (FAQ section) 2. Refer to species as random: "To allow a few individuals from local special interest groups to define a random species as "sensitive" and destroy parkland to find a place for that "sensitive" species is a violation of the public trust." (FAQ section) 3. Untruthful statements: "There is little or no "original habitat" on Bernal Hill." (Your Park"Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. There are sensitive species at Bernal. Bernal has significant and important plant habitat and populations.
2. The delineation of sensitive species is not random. It was based on an evaluation of the distribution of plants around the city, the identification of plant species with three or fewer populations and identification of species that may soon go extinct from San Francisco.
3. There is abundant native habitat on Bernal Hill

Erosion:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Ignores the erosion control measures and trail safety in the plan:
"The NAP proposal acknowledges that erosion in the park properties endangers the public safety. Yet, repeatedly, the NAP plans to remove non-native plants and trees that are proven superior to resist erosion and replace them with native plants. Native plants are inferior in resisting erosion. NAP planners are not deterred." (FAQ
Section)
2. Claims to know which plants are superior for erosion control:
"Native plants are inferior to non-native plants in controlling erosion " as was evidenced by the failure of Natural Areas at Fort Ord, along Great Highway, and at Fort Funston. Ice plant is the proven solution to sandy slopes which must resist erosion. Nasturtium grow readily as well as ivy in the Pine Lake area. All of these plants would be superior in erosion control to preserve the health of the lake." (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. Erosion control measures are presented in Chapter 5. After land is exposed as part of restoration efforts, erosion control measures are implented 2. The assertion that native plants are less adept at controlling erosion is unfounded. In fact, non-native trees that tear down hillsides and iceplant are probably some of worst species for controlling erosion.

Recreational Use:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Claims that certain areas are not habitats: "Other parks where NAP intends to make aggressive changes are Stern Grove/Pine Lake and Lake Merced. Neither of these areas are currently habitats, and the creation of such in heavily utilized urban parks such as these reflects a basic lack of concern for the recreational park user by SFRPD) planners." (FAQ Section)
2. Ignores recreational uses such as bird watching, walking, and everything other than dogs swimming in the lake: "The Natural Areas Program does NOT foster recreational access. There is no pressing reason to create a

Natural Area at Pine Lake. Restoration of water quality and the lake"s health can easily be accomplished without creating a Natural Area." (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. There are natural areas at Pine Lake. There are not plans to restrict public access on the trail around the lake 2. The plan attempts to improve recreational access in all natural areas

Trees:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Implies that all eucs will be removed at Pine Lake and that there will be no windbreak (Your Park " Pine Lake Section) 2. Implies all the trees will be removed: "Removing eucalyptus trees as NAP proposes will hasten erosion. Additionally, the destruction of eucalyptus trees at Stern Grove (merely because they are non-native) is another violation as the Operational Plan requires arboreal maintenance and reforestation of all SF parks. Because the eucalyptus dominates the landscape at Stern Grove, reforestation would not be possible without removing ALL the eucalyptus. Certainly destroying healthy eucalyptus trees does not qualify as arboreal maintenance!" (Your Park " Pine Lake Section)

What the plan says:
1. and 2. The plan proposes no eucalyptus removed at Pine Lake

Cats:

What NAPRAP says:
1. Plan recommends killing feral cats and other wildlife: "This would refer to the killing of feral cats and any other wildlife NAP deems unacceptable." (Your Park " Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. The plan does not include killing of cats. The recommendation for feral cats says that removal and relocation of predators may result in death and other unintended negative consequences. Therefore the proposed removal or relocation must be submitted in writing to SFRPD for review and recommendation. In each case the Department will consult with SFSPCA to determine whether relocation or removal is feasible and if so how best it can be done.

Dogs:

What NAPRAP says:
1. "A large portion of the hill will be changed to on-leash;
essentially off-leash dogs will be limited to the paved pathways and flat areas only." (Your Park " Bernal Section)

What the plan says:
1. More than two thirds of the hill top will remain off-leash. The proposed on-leash section is largely steep hillsides. Dogs will still be allowed on leash is this areas.

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Systemwide Letter 26

Subject: Fw: Thinking Globally Acting Locally

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cc:

Subject: Thinking Globally Acting Locally

My name is Mike Mooney and I am a strong supporter of the Natural Areas Program and the new proposed management plan. I have both volunteered for and been paid (by the California Native Plant Society) to help restore some of the natural areas. The one I know best is Glen Park. I love doing this kind of work and advocacy because it allows me to help maintain biodiversity right in my own backyard. A

The Glen Park Natural Area is awesome for many reasons, but the one thing I like best is Islais Creek. It is one of two uncovered creeks in the City. It offers habitat to many native plants and animals and serves as an opportunity for urban folks to appreciate and support its natural aspects and values.

The proposed management plan for Glen park is well done and reasonable.
If anything, in my opinion, it does not go far enough to protect the natural resources. Nonetheless, I strongly support the plan because it offers a realistic approach to protecting a lot of the native habitat while also striking a balance with other competing uses of the park.

Please support the Natural Areas Program.

Thanks, Mike Mooney
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Systemwide Letter 27

Subject: Fw: NAP comments - please respond

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Subject: Fwd: NAP comments - please respond

Dear Ms Wayne,

I would like to submit my comments on the NAP proposal for your consideration. My husband, dog and I have recently returned to San Francisco after a few years of living abroad. The ability to enjoy beautiful parks while still living in an urban area is one of the main reasons we have chosen to make San Francisco our permanent home. In particular, we are frequent visitors to Golden Gate Park, Glen Park and Bernal Heights Park.

There are a few issues of concern with the proposal that I would like to bring to your attention.

1. Cost of NAP

- **NAP currently costs almost $1,000,000/year, and receives additional funding through the Capital Projects division of Rec and Park.**
- **The cost, in dollars, staff and volunteer time directly competes with other Park and Rec programs such as athletic fields, day camps, and maintenance of buildings, restrooms, trash cans and lawns.**
- **Many NAP sites have already been planted, but have not been cared for and are now overgrown, neglected and weedy plots.**
- **NAP must provide detailed long-term plans that state the funding, staff and volunteer hours, and other resources needed to create, maintain and monitor each site.**
- **NAP states that "future grants" will help with funding, but these are not a reliable source of income.**
- **Until these long-term plans are available, the sites should remain as open space and not as designated NAP areas.**

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2. "Sensitive" species

- **Do not introduce new species into the park. NAP was designed to protect remnants, not to recreate nature preserves.**
- **Sensitive species" should be defined only by Federal and State statues on Endangered Species, not by private clubs such as the**

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Audubon Society, CNPS and the Sierra Club.

3. Removal of cats

* Delete General Recommendation GR-7 (removal of cats) from the Plan. The studies cited in the proposal have not been peer-reviewed and are not scientifically sound. Cats may well benefit the ecosystem by keeping rodents in check.

4. Removal of non-native wildlife and plants

* Non-native wildlife and plants can co-exist with native species. Do not remove them.

5. Reduction in off-leash recreation in legal and de facto Dog Park Areas dog play areas

* Do not reduce the off-leash recreation areas.
* Bernal Hill and McLaren parks will be particularly hard hit by the proposal.. Do not reduce off-leash recreations areas in these important parks.
* Off-leash dog recreation and the native remnants have co-existed for decades. Dogs tread lightly on the earth, and owners can play a part by picking up and removing dog waste, and keeping the dog under close voice control. Dog owners can be great stewards of parks - do not alienate them.
* Measures such as the creation of trail borders and erosion controls can be used to lessen impact.

6. Herbicides

* Do not use herbicides in the Natural Areas.

This proposal could significantly reduce my enjoyment of the parks that belong to me and all residents of San Francisco. Urban parks play an important role in the quality of life for people living in the city and the needs of people must come before the needs of plants. I urge you to heavily weigh public concerns to the revised NAP Management Plan and to be transparent in your decision-making process.

Please confirm that you have received my comments, and that the issues I raised will be addressed.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Perreault
551 Duboce Ave

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Subject: Fw: Natural Areas Program Comments - I SUPPORT THE PROGRAM.

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cc:
Subject: Natural Areas Program Comments - I SUPPORT THE PROGRAM.

Dear Mayor, Supervisors, et al:

I SUPPORT THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM.

I volunteer for the NAP in many parts of the city, I know the issues, and I think the Program is doing an excellent job with exceedingly small staff, and in the face of great difficulties. Its Management Plan is thorough, thoughtful, and well-balanced, accommodating the many diverse interests and needs of our citizens.] A

If I have any criticism of the Program, it is that they are being too generous to aggressive promoters of private recreational interests.
For example, Bernal Heights, which contains a rich native biological community, is becoming degraded because of heavy use by off-leash dogs. The dogs dig holes, they defecate, and they trample. The result is either no vegetation at all in some areas, or thistles and other unpleasant, unsightly weeds.

Jake Sigg
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Subject: Fw: NAPMAP comment

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Dear Lisa

Recent press coverage of NAPMAP gives the impression that only dog-owners criticize the Plan. Not so. I am a dogless member of the Nature Conservancy

and a concerned San Franciscan.

The Plan means to:
- close 10 miles of "social" trails (ones that are there because people use them, not because someone built them) and add 1 mile of trail;
- cut down 18,400 trees;
- and block dog access to areas at Pine Lake, Mc Laren Park, and 33 acres of Sharp Park (which is in Pacifica).

In some areas, eucalyptus trees, blackberry and ivy will be removed. Native

plants will be put in. These areas will be maintained as native habitat.

What the plan has not emphasized is the resources required. Eucalyptus woods with an understory of blackberry and nasturtium require no management. They

can be left alone for decades. In this form, they are relatively inaccessible, esthetically pleasing, and form a habitat for many birds and small animals.

Once they become a "native area", they need intensive management to prevent

invasive species from taking over. MA-1 areas are small islands in a space filled with exotics: People, plants, fauna. Left untended, they would quickly revert to weedy wastes, overgrown with non-native grasses, oxalis, wild mustard, dandelion, ivy and blackberry. They need inputs of manpower and weed-killer, and in some cases,

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actual efforts to plant lupins and sticky monkey-flower and other preferred species. A cont

Recs and Parks is not known for its depth of financial resources. Even with

help from idealistic and enthusiastic volunteers – and it's to SF's credit that there are many of these – it would seem unlikely that 31 areas will be

maintained.

There's the esthetic consideration. As soon as an area becomes an open area, trash tends to blow through. Plastic bags. Beer cans. Bottles. Rags. In eucalyptus woods, the undergrowth conceals them. Open areas – if they're trafficked – tend to become messy. Who will provide daily trash pick-up? B

For some areas, there are concerns about fire-risk. In SF's cool and foggy climate, Monterey pine and eucalyptus woods with blackberry understories aren't a fire-threat. Grasslands, which dry out much faster and therefore act as tinder, could be. There was a recent grass fire within city limits.
Besides being easily flammbale from the usual causes - smokers, unauthorized campfires - it becomes an easy target for vandals. For people whose homes are contiguous with MA-1 and MA-2 areas, this can be a worry.

Many of these areas – MA-1,2, and 3 – are already animal and bird habitats.

Though some Native Plant fanatics have said that eucalyptus and blackberry do not support native animals and bird, the evidence is they do. Great horned owls nest within SF city limits in eucalyptus trees. Hawks use them as hunting perches. Flickers build nesting holes in eucalyptus branches.
Blackberry bushes provide cover for a lot of small animals, and nesting areas for birds. Berries provide food. Native animals have adapted to this landscape. Removing trees and bushes destroys habitat for animals and birds C

that live there.

Adding weed-killer probably doesn't do much for them, either. Though it's clear that the quantum of weedkiller to be used is much less than Recs and Parks commonly uses in its parks and other maintained areas, it still introduces these chemicals into a space where they were not in use before. D

While Recs and Parks have clearly acknowledged the value of urban forests, the plan still calls for cutting down 3,400 trees in SF. These are not necessarily diseased trees. (That's a separate issue – diseased and unsafe trees do need removal, but that has nothing to do with Natural Areas.) The 3,400 trees mentioned are those that are to be removed primarily from MA-2 areas. In addition, 15,000 trees are to be removed from Sharp Park in Pacifica. The plan therefore calls for the removal of 18,400 trees. That's a lot of trees. E

There is no evidence – except perhaps in habitats along bodies of water – that native habitats do anything to preserve native species. In fact, in the San Francisco setting, they appear to be impoverished habitats, with little

or no cover or food. Birds and animals are quite common in gardens full of non-native species, and in roadside trees.

A Recommendation

Do the taxpayers really want to pay for this flawed vision? F

Instead of reaching beyond any realistic use of resources, Recs and Parks should rethink this idealistic but inadequate draft plan.

Rather than focusing on 31 areas scattered through two cities, they should focus on perhaps 2-3 habitats, where they can do existing fauna the most good.

I commend your government for opening up this debate. Framing it as "Dog-owners vs. Nature-lovers," does us all a disservice.

Sincerely,

Rupa Bose

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Subject: Fw: NAP MAP - Andrea Patterson - REQUESTS CONTACT!.

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NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - 15th Avenue Steps

Restoration Score - 1
Restoration Comments - I do not like the rare local palnts. I much prefer the trees which give shelter from the wind and rain than the barren wind-swept landscape that is the end result of the restoration. A

Recreation & Trails Score - 1
Recreation & Trails Comments - No! They limit access to trails and plays to find a little solitude in the urabn environent. We need more areas that are completely accessible.

Sensitive Species Score - 1
Sensitive Species Comments - No! Again there are roped off areas limiting public access. B

Dogs & Cats Score - 1
Dogs & Cats Comments - No! Specifically Bernal Hill. There is not enough room now for people and dogs to recreate. Roping off the top of the hill will be a disaster. It wil cause gross overcrowding of the trails that are not closed. There will be nowhere to get away from lots of people and dogs.

Trees Score - 1
Trees Comments - No! WE need all of our tre es. If a tree has to be replaced for some valid reason it should be replaced with another tree.

Grasslands Score - 1
Grasslands Comments - No! This means more fenced off areas that are badly needed by the people of San Franciso for recreation and relaxation.

Landscape Score - 1
Landscape Comments - No. Again it is too restrictive. C

General Comments - Re: Bernal Hill especially - This is a very small area to begin with and already overcrowded.

Further restrictions will ruin it.
Again, we San Franciscans and our dogs need every inch of space we have. We need more space for hiking and other recreational activities.

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments -

Plan Score -
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

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Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 2

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Letter 31

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To: LISA WAYNE

July 21, 2005

City and County of San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
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Attn: Lisa Wayne, Natural Areas Director
Yomi Agunbiade, Acting General Manager
Margaret McArthur,Park and Recreation Liaison
Re: NAP MAP Draft, specifically: #5 System-wide Management Actions and Practices

I am writing you to express my concerns about this draft. There are frequent references to feral cats as predators and the major reason why the bird population is diminishing. This is misinformation and fosters an anti-cat attitude throughout the draft. Old studies done in other states are used to support this misinformation, ignoring other predators such as humans and other birds, and the pervasive use of toxic weed-killers and pesticides on our city lawns and flowers and shrubs. These certainly have an effect on our bird population. As I read through the draft, there seems to be a scape-goating of the feral cat as THE reason for declining bird populations. It serves no useful purpose to pit one animal species against another. A

Although the plan does recognize the wonderful work being done by the SF SPCA with it's very successful TRAP NEUTER RETURN program, there seems to be a recommendation to drop the RETURN portion of this program. This is NOT acceptable. To eliminate the RETURN part of the program means certain death for these ferals. This plan ignores San Francisco's proud tradition as a "NO KILL city. It is human irresponsibility that created the feral cat populations. To vilify caring volunteers "artificially feeding" these cats, as if these caring people are part of the problem, is indeed very cruel. The TRAP NEUTER RETURN program is the humane way to gradually phase out the feral cat populations through attrition.
These are my recommendations:
Remove all references to cats in GR7 and GR13 because the general attitude is "anti-cat". Any wording regarding cats should have the approval of SF SPCA.
Include in GR13c education regarding use of alternatives to toxic pesticides and chemicals . B

Thank you,
Barbara J. Miller

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: ~~July 14~~, 2005 Thursday July 21st

Natural Area Site Name: System wide Mgmt Actions Parks Practices

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration 1 2 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

See attached letter

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

See attached letter

Trees 1 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

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Letter 32

TO: LISA WAYNE

July 15, 2005

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Dear Mr. Agunbiade:

One of the most controversial elements of the RPD's Natural Areas Program Draft Proposal is the targeting of feral cats for removal from all natural areas in order to prevent presumed predation of birds and small mammals by the cats. This translates as mass slaughter of these cats, since there is no safe or humane way to relocate large numbers of homeless cats and no place to rehome what are essentially unadoptable, wild animals.

Much of the basis for this specific proposal is the infamous "Wisconsin Study." I urge you to read a critique of this study at http://www.straypetadvocacy.org/html/wisconsin_study.html. As one of the authors of the study said, "Those figures were from our proposal. They aren't actual data; that was just our projection to show how bad it might be." Even a layman like me can see that statistics compiled from anecdotes rather than using the scientific method (i.e., with control groups) and with such a wide range of predation assumptions (from 7.8 million to 219 million birds killed by cats) are virtually meaningless. A

Another major environmental factor rarely considered by those who draft such proposals is man's displacement of the birds' and mammals' most common feline predators: mountain lions, bobcats, North American lynxes and other native wild cats. Besides these formerly flourishing cat species, modern urban growth in San Francisco has displaced the habitats of most or all wolves, foxes, coyotes and other avian predators. So what have modern human residents replaced almost all the carnivorous bird-eaters with? House cats. Not that anyone's keeping score, but it appears that the birds are much better off now.

And you don't hear many environmentalists, restoration advocates or RPD leaders clamoring for the re-introduction of mountain lions, etc. into our city's natural areas -- to restore the natural balance of the populations of birds and other critters. Nor do you hear many calls for the eradication or "removal" of pigeons, avian foreigners who brazenly and successfully compete with native birds for food, or the now-famous, non-native "wild parrots of Telegraph Hill." No, homeless cats have become the sole scapegoat of most bird lovers. Surely, a re-evaluation of this proposed policy is in order.

Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioner Bonilla:

I am writing to you to ask that you extend the period of public comment for the Natural Areas Management Plan, for the following reasons:

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My wife and I have lived in the Sunset District for 30 years; she is a lifelong resident of the City. I and my daughters have worked as volunteers on natural areas program projects. We are not dog owners, and we contribute to many environmental organizations. We believe in the intent of the natural areas effort, but we feel the plan is totally unconnected to fiscal and social realities. We believe it is overambitious, ill-thought-out, and wasteful. In our opinion, the plan needs to be scaled back to an achievable, affordable level. We know at least 25 residents who share our beliefs who have been unable to offer their views for consideration. A

Please extend the deadline and direct the natural areas staff to create real opportunities for resident input.

Thank you.

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cc: Yomi Agunbiade, Acting General Manager

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Ms. Margaret McArthur
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Dear Ms. Wayne, Mr. Agunbiade and Ms McArthur:

I am a volunteer with the SFSPCA Feral Cat Program, and am writing to submit my opposition to your Draft Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan, specifically Issues GR-7 and GR-13. A

Enclosed is a copy of Martha Hoffman's public comment dated July 8, which I assume was a public meeting that she attended. I agree with her comments wholeheartedly. Your recent draft is following the same old verbiage that the Audubon Society implemented into the Plan at one of the first meetings with the ACC Commission re the SPCA Feral Cat Program's TNR program where the Audubon Society attacked the TNR program. Their (Audubon's) same verbiage was also included in the previous Management Plan. All the Audubon Society can say and do is blame feral cats for killing wildlife, when we know there are other predators! (Coyotes and foxes kill cats!) GR-13 Educate the public? Transfer of diseases? How? With false, inaccurate information? (This would include other than feral cats I assume?) Release of animals (you are inferring the cats here again as the only predators), which impact native wildlife because they are released. Again, cats are not the only predators! Cats are part of the wildlife because humans are irresponsible. B

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Jennie C. Lee Jennie Lee
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NAP MAP Public Comment from Martha Hoffman July 8, 2005

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7/20/05

Dear Sir,
I am writing in regard to the Natural Areas Program re-drafting of their proposals. As a daily park user, I am appalled by the flagrant disregard of this program for the will and concerns of the taxpayers who fund the activities of the employees of your department.

How is it, that this program can use funds to further such an elitist agenda that would displace hundreds, if not thousands of people who use the parks every day. Closing trails, removing trees, restricting activities should not be a priority of your department. A

How is it, that the department has funds for an agenda that serves such a narrow interest over the broader reaching needs of the population it is supposed to serve.

How is it, that NAP proposes to hire more people (i.e. park rangers), when the regular gardeners are so horribly short-staffed.

How is it, that time and time again, the proponents of NAP ride rough shod over the express wishes of the various committees which have had in-put through the entire process of constructing this program.

And yet, they still have the money and the power to do as they will.

As a homeowner, tax-payer, and user of San Francisco's parks, I am outraged.

Please do what you can to see that these people are held accountable.

Sincerely,

Victoria Lansdown

CC: Mayor Gavin Newsom, Sup. Tom Ammiano, Ms. Margaret McArthur,RPD Commission Liaison, Lisa Wayne, Director, Natural Areas Program

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TO: LISA WAYNE

Dear Mr. Agunbiade:

I am very concerned about the element of the RPD's Natural Areas Program Draft Proposal that targets feral cats for removal from all natural areas in order to prevent their **presumed** predation of birds and small mammals. This translates into mass slaughter of homeless cats. There is no safe or humane way to relocate large numbers of feral and stray cats and no place to relocate what are essentially unadoptable wild animals.

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I understand that the basis for this proposal is the "Wisconsin Study." If you will read the critique of this study at:: http://www.straypetadvocacy.org/html/wisconsin_study.html you will find it has no basis in fact. One of the authors of the study stated that "...Those figures were from our proposal. They aren't actual data; that was just our projection to show how bad it might be." Statistics compiled from projections rather than scientific methodology with a wide range of predation assumptions (from 7.8 million to 219 million birds killed by cats) are literally worthless.

It is also important to consider the fact that habitat loss plays a major role in the decline of bird populations as does the use of pesticides and herbicides.

If environmentalists, restoration advocates or RPD leaders really wish to restore "the natural balance of the populations of birds and other wildlife", why aren't they promoting the re-introduction of mountain lions, foxes, etc. into our city's natural areas? Why aren't they calling for the eradication or "removal" of pigeons, those avian foreigners who brazenly and successfully compete with native birds for food. Unfortunately, homeless cats have become the sole scapegoat for most bird lovers.

I strongly urge you and the RPD to educate yourselves as to the true feral cat situation and provide the cats with protection, not elimination.

Sincerely,

Jean Lindgren

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SF/SPCA Volunteer
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Letter 37

Mr. Yomi Agunbiade,
Acting General Manager
Department of San Francisco Recreation and Parks
Mc Laren Lodge
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June 28, 2005

T. LISA WAENZ

Dear Mr.: Agunbiade

Recently, I attended the first of three meetings having to do with the implementation of the Natural Areas Program in San Francisco. I appreciated seeing you there, having last seen you when you came to the Sharon Arts Studio in Golden Gate Park where I take classes. At that time we were all very impressed that you had taken the time to fully acquaint yourself with our program.

While I know you are working hard to come to grips with the very long and complicated Natural Areas Draft Document, I would like to draw your attention to one section that may have escaped your close attention. This is section GR-7. Unfortunately, it is devoted to vilifying the City's homeless cats. It identifies them and them alone as the predators that should be removed from the City's Natural Areas and the surrounding areas. In the original compromise worked out on the 'Quail' Commission and reflected in the Natural Areas Draft of 2002, it was agreed that cats could not be singled out as the only or indeed the main predator threatening the City's birds. It was further agreed that a solution must be found that didn't pit one species against another.

Section GR-7 of the current Natural Areas Draft Document does just that. It singles out the city's homeless cats as the only predators to be gone after. It is so extreme and one-sided, it should be removed from the draft document altogether.

Further, GR-7 gives only a pallid endorsement to the SFSPCA's long-term effort to trap, sterilize and return cats to managed colonies where, over time, their numbers are vastly reduced. Golden Gate Park used to be full of cats that were dumped there, as well as those cats' offspring. After a number of years of Trap-Neuter-Return, only a small number of cats remain. If these people were not monitoring the cats in the parks, their numbers would again explode. Trap and kill doesn't work. Trap-Neuter-Return is the only effective, humane and cost-effective way of keeping the homeless cat population to a minimum.

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I urge you to work with those of us who spend so much time trapping, neutering retuning and monitoring the City's feral cats. Remove the GR-7 section. In so doing, you will gain the support of the many cat lovers within San Francisco. These are some of the people who can most help make the Natural Areas program successful.

Yours truly,
Susan Wheeler
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1750 Waller Street
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July 10, 2005

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Dear Mr. Agunbiade:

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We the public have valuable experience, expertise, valid concerns, criticisms, and recommendations, and we really care. Rec and Park should not be defensive. Community input can bring an improved program and one that is acceptable to all. Will this plan reflect the entire community?

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Sincerely,

Martha Hoffman

cc: Gloria Bonilla, President
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July 18, 2005
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INCORPORATING THE TWIN PEAKS OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY WHICH HOLDS URBAN FORESTED LAND IN PUBLIC TRUST

Systemwide Letter 39

July 2005

To: NAP MAP PROJECT
McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park
San Francisco Ca. 94117

Thanks to all who have worked on the above. Our main concern and that of the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods CONTINUES to be the loss of San Francisco's TREES!

Gratefully,

Ramona Albright, R.N.
23 year delegate to the
Coalition for S.F. Neighborhoods
Chair of the CSFN Open Space Comm.

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For On-line version See Significant Natural Area Tab in right Corner Blue Bar Center Page! Then select Comment Form on next screen.

NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, ~~2005~~ Thursday July 21

Natural Area Site Name:_____ Park:_____

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration 1 2 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

(Trees) — CITY WIDE (1) 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments? YES! Ramona Albright

Name/Affiliation(s) (*if any*): RAMONA ALBRIGHT- CHAIR OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE OF THE COALITION FOR S.F. NEIGHBORHOODS, CSFN

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July 2005

TO: NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM

Comments on NAP Management Plan, 2005

It is not clear why 3400 San Francisco trees, defined as being over 15 feet tall, need to die for this program. The only reason seems to be that NAP has arbitrarily decided that the land these trees occupy must be used to grow another plant they think is more important. A

Our forests and woodlands were supposed to be protected as part of the Open Space element in the Planning Code, not chopped up into pieces to artificially "restore" some earlier plant life in the middle of these hard working, air cleansing factories. Out of the 1,100 acres NAP has claimed from our local parks, there must be plenty of space to preserve native plants already there and enhance their numbers without sacrificing any trees in the large stands we know as our forests.

Though NAP does intend to maintain the urban forest's health by removing ivy and blackberry, there is no plan set forth to do this. In 20 years, there is no monitoring planned to evaluate the forest health or to routinely address the enormity of the keeping the ivy at bay. All we know is that these forests are the lowest priority for management within the Natural Area. B

NAP needs to do a lot better job at preserving our tall structure trees and not plan to remove them so frivolously. Perhaps NAP should not be the unit in charge of looking after our forests.

Ramona Albright R.N.

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form

Natural Area Site Name:_____ Park:_____

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Restoration 1 2 (3) 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

I don't really care about re intro of plants. Times change.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 (3) 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Essentially you must recognize → times have changed. We have humans, dogs + feral cats. Life goes on. I stress life, higher forms, animals. Yes, plants to stay what it was.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Too much. Times change. Yes around enclosed area native species nice. But the natives are gone + so are the species.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

I want off leash areas for Dogs. Yes, enclose + contain us, but don't forbid us from a free area we can enjoy. It restores our (animal + human) souls A

Trees 1 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

Don't cut Eucalyptus. For God sake! When will this stop? When you strip it bare? I am 65. Eucalyptus were what first saw + loved in Ca. Now you would rid us. B

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Stop it. In the name OF heaven. Man has arrived. And with him all his abandoned animals. feline + human Very Frankly

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Natives? Where are the Cholone?

Other Comments

We need dog friendly offleash areas. We need to care for feral abandoned cats. Y'all — this is the 21st century. Please. We can all share these areas.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

You have lots of dandelions. Yup. You're working on it. But it will remain a fact. As will cockroaches.

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

We need to divide it up. Really. Like at Crissy. Pristine for what was. User friendly for what is.

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection + Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments? You bet!

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? NO Site(s) of interest: About

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From: Carolyn Blair, Executive Director SF Tree Council, Inc.
Member: Sierra Club, and SF Urban Forest Council.

Re: NAP MAP – Public Comment (All Sites) July 25, 2005

Restoration: For the past five years, Natural Areas Program (NAP) has destroyed our parks, replacing trees with native plants that have a very poor survival rate and are not sustainable. NAP has deprive SF citizens of what was once beautiful secluded urban forests, and wildlife that is dependent on non-native plants and trees. The public has not been showed documentation that validates the continued expense, hours of volunteers pulling weeds, to warrant any future tree removal. A

Recreation and Trails: No trails or lakes should be fenced off, until the sustainability of native plants and animals are well documented and available to the public. B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife: What % still exists that was planted 5 years ago? What % of wildlife was lost due to removal of existing non-native plants and trees? The public does not have this information.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife: Adults, children, dogs and their guardians need recreational use of our parks on a daily basis. Plants are stationary and should be fenced off and monitored, not dogs and their guardians. How many people do you actually see, enjoying roped off native plant areas? C

Trees: Further tree destruction not planned is not consistent with the stated plan to "augment" the population of WPT and "enhance" its habitat. NAP has lied and hidden from the public the destruction of park forest by illegally removing healthy trees. SF has the lowest tree cover/canopy of all major cities in the U.S. The average tree cover in other grassland cities is 19%, SF has only 11.9%. All established trees with a trunk diameter of 8-inch plus should be maintained and protected. SF has only 19% available planting sites left, still leaving us below the national standard recommendation for a healthy environment. D

Grasslands/Wildflowers: Without trees there is no windbreak, increasing the # 1 cause of grassfires. In the late 1800 trees were planted to stop the yearly grassfires in the bay area. In the past 100 years only 3 major fires occurred—still one too many, but not yearly, as in Southern California. NAP's piles of debris looks unnatural and trashy, and caused a fire in McLaren Park destroying many trees and put the public at risk.

Landscaped Areas: After 5 years of planting and maintaining natives, where are they? The many volunteers needed daily have not been able to keep the natural weeds down, not even in containers at Inspiration Point, in the Presidio! How many people do you see enjoying roped off native plant areas?

Other Comments: A hundred years ago, when SF was a windy, sand blowing, grasslands, what SF citizen's value most were urban forest and green open space. In recent polls 75% of San Franciscans valued the preservation and protection of large mature trees, which give 60 to 70% more benefits than small trees and or plants. Urban forest and green open space for public recreational use in our public parks are needed for our social, economic and environmental health.

Protection, preservation and maintenance of existing large, historic, landmark trees should be recognized and acknowledge, as one of our most valuable resources. E

Explanation of Rating of Presentation: Very poor. It sounds good, like the Emperor's New Clothes, "Only the stupid and ignorant can't see the naked truth." For the past 5 years, the physical reality proves that native plants are not viable, and are overridden with weeds. They should be planted in small existing open spaces, or replace hardscape and toxic areas---NOT cutting down trees, our valuable resources.

Systemwide Letter 42

Lisa Wayne
Director, Natural Resource Areas Program
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San Francisco, CA 94117

July 19, 2005

Dear Ms.Wayne:

I am a long-time resident of San Francisco, a lover of the City's parks and its wildlife. I am also a member of the San Francisco SPCA and spend a lot of time, money and effort working to humanely reduce the population of stray cats living in San Francisco. I do this as part of a very successful program where the City's homeless cats are trapped, taken to the SPCA for spaying or neutering, and then released back to their colonies where their numbers diminish over time. Any tame cats or kittens are removed from the wild and put up for adoption. Trap-Neuter-Return is recognized as the most effective, humane and cost-effective way of dealing with stray cat overpopulation.

I was shocked to read the references to homeless/feral cats in the recent draft of the **Significant Natural Resource Areas Management** document. Specifically, section **GR-7** focuses on cats as the only predators in the City's parks, omitting other mammals such as raccoons and rats, not to mention humans. It vilifies cats, citing three poorly done, out-of-state studies to justify that reasoning. There is no mention of a study commissioned by SF's Commission on the Environment in the nineteen nineties that exonerated cats from having a serious negative effect on the City's native bird species.
The GR-7 language is a far cry from the language used in the earlier draft of the Natural Resource Area's management plan. In the earlier version feral cats were not singled out and demonized.

GR-7 also glosses over the SPCA and its volunteers who have made large commitments of time and money to reduce the City's feral cat population. This version blithely assumes that the City's cats will continue to be trapped and sterilized but that they will not be returned. The SPCA and its volunteers will not go along with this approach.

In other sections **13-C** of this document, it is urged that people not be allowed to feed animals in the parks. This is a reference to feral cats and their colony caretakers. If monitoring of feral cats isn't allowed, there will be no one to watch for new cats that are dumped in the park. If cats aren't sterilized, their numbers will increase.

I would like to support a Natural Areas Plan for San Francisco, but will never support the current draft while sections **GR-7, 13 C** and other references to feral cats remain. I urge you to get involved now and request the removal of these anti-cat sections. A Natural Areas policy should have the support of the majority of San Francisco's residents. It should be an ethical document that follows San Francisco's stance as a no-kill city. A

Sincerely,

Susan Wheeler

Susan Wheeler
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July 8, 2005

Yomi Agunbiade
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Dear Yomi,

SFDOG would like to register our general concerns about the Natural Areas Program Management Plan and the way it addresses dogs. The Plan describes the closures and continued monitoring in six DPAs (an additional three were mentioned at the community meetings). It states (GR-8): "According to the Dog Policy, dog access can be restricted from up to 100 acres of sensitive habitat in San Francisco. Any further restrictions in dog access in Natural Areas that include either installations of fences or other physical barriers or change in policy that are not covered in this plan should be presented to the DAC for review and the Commission for approval prior to the implementation."

This would appear to say that NAP gets 100 acres of closures without question or review and does not have to present partial closures of the six DPAs mentioned in the Plan (and presumably the three additional DPAs that have been identified) to the DAC for approval. Only additional closures beyond the 100 acres will have to be approved by DAC. If the Dog Policy is interpreted in this way, then DAC agreements can be overruled by NAP, and Recreation and Park Commission decisions on DPAs are not the final word. In fact, NAP has the ultimate authority to decide closures of off-leash areas. This would appear to violate the Department's Dog Policy, which gives final authority to the Commission. A

The Memorandum of Agreement for the Significant Natural Areas Resource Management Plan, signed by the ad hoc advisory group, states (question #3): "The Management Plan will evaluate existing DPAs adjacent or within Natural Areas and make recommendations for their continuance, modification or removal. The ultimate decision to eliminate the DPA will rest with the DAC as stated in the Department Dog Policy." This agreement says the DAC will have the ultimate decision to eliminate any part of a DPA. This contrasts with the Plan's language that future closures will go before DAC but not the six DPAs (and the three additional DPAs in Natural Areas) identified in the Plan.

We must insist that the NAP Management Plan adhere to the Memorandum of Agreement's language, and that ANY closure of all or part of a DPA be approved by DAC and the Recreation and Park Commission before going into effect. This seems only fair, since any areas designated to replace lost off-leash DPA areas will have to go through the DAC process before going into effect (for example, the proposed addition of area near Bernal Hill to replace lost off-leash areas in the DPA there). If you have to go through DAC to replace off-leash areas, you should have to go through DAC to close off-leash areas. B

As currently written, the Plan outlines closures of part of off-leash Dog Play Areas in Bernal Hill, and McLaren Park, and monitoring of DPAs in Buena Vista Park and Lake Merced with possible future

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closures, and no closures in Corona Heights and Pine Lake Park. NAP staff reported at the community meetings that three other DPAs faced partial closures, including two of the four DPAs in Golden Gate Park. NAP staff said they had not been aware of these additional three DPAs in natural areas. These three DPAs are not new. They had been included in RPD publications for dog owners going back to 2002 and even earlier.

This lack of communication within NAP and RPD about off-leash areas is concerning. It is especially concerning because closures involving these three additional DPAs are not described in the Plan. They were not described with any detail at the community meetings; NAP personnel had little information to give when asked about the three additional DPAs facing partial closures during the community meetings. C

SFDOG also has concerns about unsubstantiated allegations about dogs in the GR-8 section of the NAP Management Plan. The Plan cites: "direct native plant and animal loss resulting from hunting or capturing... [and] increases in nitrogen from dog waste that promote the growth of invasive weeds." These unsubstantiated allegations create an animosity against dogs that is not appropriate in a public document. The clear implication is that dogs regularly hunt and kill native animals. Should a City department be endorsing this extreme position? Should a City department be endorsing unsubstantiated allegations about nitrogen from dog waste?

There has been no scientific review to substantiate these (and the other) allegations about the negative impacts of dogs on parks. A document published by a City department should not contain unsubstantiated, anecdotal claims as this draft plan does. This is highly unprofessional. We urge you to remove these inflammatory allegations. D

I hope to meet with you to discuss our concerns about the way RPD is addressing dog issues, both with the NAP and the DAC. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Your sections Regarding Feral cats Are full of mis information And Should be Completely Removed. A

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Other Comments

Spoken public comments should be allowed now and throughout the entire process.

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REMOVE "GRT". CATS ARE UNFAIRLY MALIGNED AS THE ONLY PREDATORS. THIS DOES NOT SHOW THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE INTERACTION OF ALL ANIMALS IN OUR PARKS. DELETI THE HATEFUL WORDS THAT BLAME CATS FOR DEEDS THEY DO NOT D

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Trees (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

REMOVING SO MANY EUCALYPTUS TREES JUST FOR "GRASSLANDS" IS WRONG! WE NEED MORE TALL EUCALYPTUS, TAKEN CARE OF BETTER, NOT LESS. YOU ARE TOO GREEDY.

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Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

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Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

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Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Site(s) of interest:

From: Robert Scudder <rsscudder@pacbell.net>
To: Christopher Campbell <Christopher.Campbell@sfgov.org>
Date: Wednesday, July 20, 2005 02:46PM
Subject: Re: recommendations follow-up

Good Afternoon Christopher,

Only one more day of comments left. That must be a relief!

I have several reasons for writing you today.

1. I am presenting my education proposals to the SFPGA for the next two years soon. One idea of mine is to arrange for a tour of several NAP sites and discuss the management program and its progress on a Saturday. Area you willing to lead such a tour for us?

2. As a reminder for the comment period: Clear-cutting selected areas may be the appropriate action depending on the successtional value and species that you are hoping to optimize. The plan should have flexible enough wording to permit such action when a manager is able to present a compelling case. A

3. Supplemental planting should be done in the Fall after sufficient rain has fallen to hydrate a target depth of soil, one-inch for example, to reduce or eliminate the need for supplemental watering. Also the plants should be small, no larger than one-gallon, with well established roots. Using some or all of the planting strategies applied in the Presideo Trust Restoration Areas may be of help. B

Enough for today.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of our proposal for you to lead a tour for our group.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

RS Scudder
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Please provide comments in each relevant subject area BY PARK. Please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue. (5 = Exceeds Expectations and 1 = Does Not Meet Expectations). Please note this is not a survey. Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be as specific as possible Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on any topic covered by the plan in any relevant manner.

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Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below.
We need MORE recreation space in this city, NOT restricted areas. I do NOT agree with the NAP restoring areas that then are inhospitable to human use, or that restrict public access to public parks. I do NOT agree with the NAP plans or proposals.

Recreation and Trails
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Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.
I do NOT want to see sensitive species and wildlife taking precedence over human beings in this highly condensed living city of ours. It is better for human beings to be able to recreate in well maintained and human friendly environments - it makes for a better social environment for all inhabitants of SF. Adults, children and animals all need MORE recreation space, not less. I am NOT in favour of the NAP plans or proposals to increase actions maintaining or enhancing sensitive species and wildlife in our publicly funded recreation areas and parks.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife
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I do NOT want to see sensitive species and wildlife taking precedence over human beings and their dogs in this highly condensed living city of ours. It is better for human beings to be able to recreate with their pets (dogs) in well maintained and human friendly environments - it makes for a better social environment for all inhabitants of SF. Adults, children and animals all need MORE recreation space, not less. I am NOT in favour of the NAP plans or proposals to reduce or alter dog play areas for the purpose of maintaining or enhancing sensitive species and wildlife in our publicly funded recreation areas and parks. I do NOT see non native bull frogs, or anything else non native for that matter, as a problem unless it makes a recreation area inhospitable to humans and dogs. Spend the money on improving the recreation areas for humans and dogs.

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Landscaped Areas

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Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain below.

Native plants are not a problem in landscaping, however I want our publicly funded parks to look beautiful and be inviting to humans and their dogs, for the purposes of recreation, NOT for the purposes of observing from the confines of some narrow trail. Use our tax payer dollars to make our parks beautiful and inviting and hospitable for human activity of all sorts. I do NOT agree with the NAP plans and proposals to take away park and recreation area solely for native plants.

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Other Comments

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Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

Put in an irrigation system and more european grass to make the areas more hospitable for human beings. Improve our existing parks for RECREATION OF HUMANS AND THEIR DOGS.

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Enter your site(s) of interest below

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

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Dear Mr. Agunbiade,

The new Natural Areas Program Management Plan proposed by the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department describes the implementation of a publicly funded program to operate on public lands in San Francisco for the next 20 years. As such, its impact in our community will be long-lasting. The San Francisco SPCA recognizes the importance of the NAP Management Plan, and wishes to support its mission to preserve and enhance our city's natural resources.

The SF/SPCA offers its support through the larger context of protecting the welfare of all animals in San Francisco. The core of the Society's mission is to safeguard the lives of homeless dogs and cats, and to advocate for their rights. For this reason, the Society is concerned that the NAP Management Plan, as currently drafted, contains arguments that are detrimental to the status of feral and homeless cats on these public lands. General Recommendation 7 (GR-7) cites cat predation rates from surveys carried out in Wisconsin, Michigan and Florida as evidence for the implementation of policies in San Francisco. The SF/SPCA considers these surveys to be unsubstantiated and not relevant to San Francisco. Moreover, singling out and naming cats, both feral and pets with outdoor access, as the only "predators" of birds and wildlife does not take into account the raccoons, opossums, skunks, rodents and birds of prey that are all natural predators of birds and their nests. Furthermore, the number of birds estimated to be killed each year by free-roaming cats is questionable at best. Many experts consider West Nile virus and loss of habitat to be greater threats to birds than cats, and the spread of avian influenza by migratory birds is increasingly ominous. A

The SF/SPCA is also concerned that the NAP Management Plan states that the *"...release of animals into or adjacent to Natural Areas may be problematic..."* The word "adjacent" is not defined, and could be B

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construed to include, not only the Natural Areas 1,102 acres inside the 2,714 acres of parks, but also the whole 49 square miles of San Francisco. B cont

The Recreation and Parks Department NAP Management Plan will have a vital, long-term impact on the environment affected by its proposals. Therefore, The SF/SPCA is requesting that the entire section of GR-7 be removed from the plan as being too extreme and controversial. In addition, the Society is asking for the deletion of the reference in GR-13 to *"the potential long-term need for control of animal populations maintained by artificial feeding, and the impact of released predators on native wildlife."* C

The SF/SPCA will continue to work closely with members of the Recreation and Parks Department staff and the public to resolve animal issues in our parks. The SF/SPCA is confident that a positive outcome to the NAP Management Plan can be achieved in a spirit of co-operation and understanding.

Yours truly,

Daniel T. Crain
President,
The San Francisco SPCA

Cc. Lisa Wayne, Margaret McArthur, Gloria Bonilla

Systemwide
Letter 49

553 15 Avenue
San Francisco CA 94118
July 6, 2005

San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco CA 94117

attn: Natural Resources Area
Management Plan.

Gentlemen:

I have been volunteering in the renovation of native plant areas within the City for a number of years. Observing the return of the Western Bluebird near Lobos Creek was a real thrill.

I hope that dog lovers will recognize that protection in native plant areas or in habitat where endangered species live (such as the California Quail) is important and agree to conditions where dogs are either not allowed or must be under leash. A

Yours very truly,
Edward Dierauf

Systemwide Letter 50

City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

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NAP MAP – Public Comments Form

Natural Area Site Name: All Park:_____

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration 1 2 3 4 5
Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

Recreation and Trails 1 2 3 4 5
Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife 1 2 3 4 5
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Trees 1 2 3 4 5
Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

What will happen to cut Stumps? Should be removed – if not possible – herbicides & insecticides will reduce stump sprout & insect pests. A

Grasslands/Wildflowers 1 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

Landscaped Areas 1 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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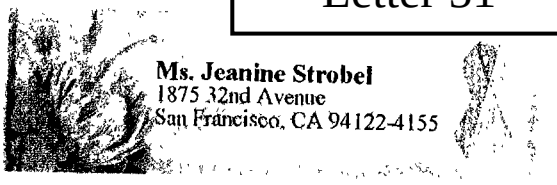
Address:

Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? _____ Site(s) of interest: _____

Systemwide Letter 51

San Francisco Park and Recreation Dept.
McClaren Lodge 501 Stanyon Street
San Francisco, CA 94117
ATT: Natural Areas Committee



June 30, 2005

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my concern about the huge numbers of off-leash dogs in the our City parks. I am a native San Franciscan, and during my free time I enjoy being out in nature to hike and appreciate birds and other wildlife.

Hoping to find a safe place to walk, I sought out several natural restoration areas in the parks to visit. I was not able to find any "No Pet" areas, so I tried the next best thing, places where dogs are required to be on leash. After visiting several "on-leash" areas, such as Glen Park, Pine Lake and Mt. Davidson to name a few, I was shocked and saddened with what I saw.

All these parks have been over-run by off-leash dogs. The few responsible dog owners who honor the signs are far, far outnumbered by the dozens of people running their dogs. I observed dogs frightening small children and harassing wildlife. After being scared a few times myself, I have stopped going to the parks in the city and, instead, drive over the "No Pet" areas in Marin. The difference is amazing. The habitat and wildlife are thriving. There is an atmosphere of safety and lots of people with children out enjoying nature. Why are there absolutely no protected, natural areas in San Francisco? A

The situation here is awful. The parks are being ruined by off leash dogs, it has made what should be beautiful, natural areas, unpleasant and unsafe.

Please, enforce the leash laws and create "No Pet" areas to protect sensitive habitat as well. It will benefit children, wildlife and many of us who are being driven from the parks. B

Sincerely,

Jeanine Strobel

Systemwide
Letter 52

July 20, 2005

L-Danyielle Yacobucci
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Daly City CA 94014

Mr. Yomi Agunbiade
Acting General Manager
Recreation & Parks Department
McClaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco CA 94117

I do not wish to discuss one park in particular, so I am sending a letter instead of using the form. I am a volunteer with the San Francisco SPCA in the Feral Fix Department.

I went to two of your "workshops" on the Natural Areas Program (NAP) and was very angry that there was no verbal public comment. You were willing to give yourselves all the time you needed to discuss your side of the plan and then the rude moderator kept trying to cut back on our outrageously short time for public questions. This happened at both meetings I went to.

I INSIST THAT THERE MUST BE MEETINGS FOR VERBAL AND WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT BEFORE AND AFTER THE Environmental Impact Report. I just found out that NAP will be on the agenda at this Thursday's Recreation & Park Commission meeting. This is not enough. This meeting is at a time when the majority of the public cannot come and it has not been publicized. Also summer is the worst time of the year to propose any new plan, let alone one that is 700 pages long, as the NAP plan is.

You must be open to our verbal public comments at meetings because they are an amazing teaching tool. Because this plan is so long and complicated, we need all the tools available to build our understanding of this plan. You and I need to hear from both sides. Only hearing from your side is not enough and wrong.

General Recommendation 7 and 13 are my biggest concerns in the Significant Natural Areas Plan. The only mammal predator you list is the cat, feral and domestic. What about raccoons, skunks, possums, mice, rats, squirrels, fox, coyotes and humans? Then there are the predatory birds: hawks, falcons, blue jays, cowbirds. I know for a fact that all these animals are predators but, as usual, YOU INSIST ON GOING AFTER CATS. A

GR7 is so flawed and anti-cat that this section must be entirely removed from the plan. GR7 scapegoats cats as predators, ignoring all other predators. To justify removing cats in and near designated Natural Areas portions of the city, GR7 uses out-of-state studies that are one-sided and obviously chosen for their Anti-cat qualities. It omits studies that draw different conclusions and challenge those studies. This section must be deleted!

Then you have the audacity to recommend if we have any questions that we check out the "Cat Indoors" website. Well excuse me but this group, American Bird Conservancy, demands that all feral cats be removed which means they will be killed. Also it is inappropriate to use a public document and public monies to educate the public using a private group, let alone one that is so extremely Anti-cat.

Why are you not recommending the SF/SPCA's website? Maybe it's because they support Trap/Neuter/Return? Why are you taking over animal issues instead of S.F. Animal Care and Control? Why weren't the SF/SPCA and S.F. Animal Care and Control used as resources on how to handle the animal issues in the NAP?

All, yes all the studies that I have read on predation say that CATS ARE NOT THE MAIN REASON FOR BIRD POPULATION DECLINES. Humans and how they have rearranged and poisoned the Earth are. You list in your references the Wisconsin Study: *Coleman, J.S. and S.A. Temple, 1996. On the prowl. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.* This study has many times been proven to be bad science. It has a 10% error rate when the scientific community accepts no more than a 5% error rate. Mr. Temple himself stated that he is guessing. Also this study was not peer-reviewed. The science you're using is bad; hence you are using no science.

A cont.

You list one other reference on cat predation which refers to Florida. What does Florida have to do with San Francisco or California? We already have a study that was done in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park by Mr. Robert Berg. He states that cats are not the main cause of the bird population decline, humans are. Why isn't this study listed? Some feel because this study wasn't peer-reviewed that it cannot be used. Well, the Coleman & Temple's study was not peer-reviewed either.

The wording in GR7 is also very bothersome to me. You state in this section, and actually all over your plan, that cats are: likely, maybe, could be, might be a problem. Where is the proof, THERE IS NONE. These conditional statements must be proven or removed!

There must be a high standard of scientific proof and evidence that feral cats have an unacceptable impact on birds in San Francisco:

--there must be a perponderance of scientific evidence, i.e. not just a couple of poorly done, anecdotal, speculative papers, essays, websites, etc

--studies must be scientific, and peer-reviewed by scientists (not Hobbyists or advocacy groups like Audubon)

--studies must be objective and based on empirical data (observation, not speculation)

--studies must be done on a representative sample, i.e. the sample size should be sufficiently large (Note: the Wisconsin Study with a sample size of 30 cats was extrapolated to 1.2 million pet cats. BUT the extrapolation is nonsense anyway, as there isn't enough actual data to start with.)

--additionally the sample should be representative of San Francisco cats and San Francisco birds, not farm or rural or suburban cats.

It's time to truly come together and draft a Natural Areas Plan that will benefit all of the humans and animals in San Francisco. This means including our written and verbal public comments, involving the San Francisco SPCA and San Francisco Animal Care & Control in the final draft of the NAP plan. I look forward to being a part of this process.

Sincerely,

L-Danyielle Yacobucci
San Francisco SPCA Volunteer

cc: Gloria Bonilla, President, Recreation and Park Commission
Carl Friedman, Director, San Francisco Animal Care and Control
Margaret A. McArthur, Commission Liaison, Recreation and Park Commission
Lisa Wayne, Natural Areas Director, San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department

Systemwide
Letter 53

July 20, 2005
1090 Francisco Street # 14
San Francisco, CA 94109

Lisa Wayne
Recreation and Park Department
NAP
Public Comment
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco, CA 94117-1898

Dear Ms. Wayne:

I am very excited about the Natural Areas Plan. Preserving our natural area will promote biodiversity and foster a beautiful park system.

I want to request that NO DOGS be permitted within these areas. As seen in every city park and in virtually all parts of the GGNRA, dogs have damaged so much of the landscape. Parks are barren and devoid of plants. Dogs have dug up holes, worn trails and created desolate outdoor latrines. A

The leash law is ignored and there is little or no enforcement. Dogs chase shore birds at the Chain of Lakes, Lake Merced, Spreckles Lake and Pine Lake. The latter is virtually a dog run - not the least bit inviting for bird watchers, children, the disabled, or seniors.

On warm days in San Francisco, it is best to avoid most parks due to stench of dog waste - It reeks.

It would be a good idea for some of the more outspoken "dog advocates" to work a few days with some of the plant restoration people - perhaps then they might gain some understanding of why dogs are best left on a (non expandable) leash in the dog run areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Janet Harrison

Janet Harrison

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Letter 54

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BY:

Mr. Yomi Agunbiade,
Acting General Manager
Department of San Francisco Recreation and Parks
Mc Laren Lodge
501 Stanyan St.
San Francisco, CA 94117

June 28, 2005

file:
Copy to: LISA WAYNE

Dear Mr.: Agunbiade:

Recently, I attended the first of three meetings having to do with the implementation of the Natural Areas Program in San Francisco. I appreciated seeing you there, having last seen you when you came to the Sharon Arts Studio in Golden Gate Park where I take classes. At that time we were all very impressed that you had taken the time to fully acquaint yourself with our program.

While I know you are working hard to come to grips with the very long and complicated Natural Areas Draft Document, I would like to draw your attention to one section that may have escaped your close attention. This is section GR-7. Unfortunately, it is devoted to vilifying the City's homeless cats. It identifies them and them alone as the predators that should be removed from the City's Natural Areas and the surrounding areas. In the original compromise worked out on the 'Quail' Commission and reflected in the Natural Areas Draft of 2002, it was agreed that cats could not be singled out as the only or indeed the main predator threatening the City's birds. It was further agreed that a solution must be found that didn't pit one species against another.

Section GR-7 of the current Natural Areas Draft Document does just that. It singles out the city's homeless cats as the only predators to be gone after. It is so extreme and one-sided, it should be removed from the draft document altogether. A

Further, GR-7 gives only a pallid endorsement to the SFSPCA's long-term effort to trap, sterilize and return cats to managed colonies where, over time, their numbers are vastly reduced. Golden Gate Park used to be full of cats that were dumped there, as well as those cats' offspring. After a number of years of Trap-Neuter-Return, only a small number of cats remain. If these people were not monitoring the cats in the parks, their numbers would again explode. Trap and kill doesn't work. Trap-Neuter-Return is the only effective, humane and cost-effective way of keeping the homeless cat population to a minimum.

I urge you to work with those of us who spend so much time trapping, neutering retuning and monitoring the City's feral cats. Remove the GR-7 section. In so doing, you will gain the support of the many cat lovers within San Francisco. These are some of the people who can most help make the Natural Areas program successful.

Yours truly,

Susan Wheeler
Susan Wheeler

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July 18, 2005

Ms. Susan Wheeler
President, Friends of Roman Cats
Member of the SFSPCA Cat Assistance Team
230 Moncada Way
San Francisco, CA 94127

Dear Ms. Wheeler:

Thank you very much for your interest and participation in the Department's programs. The Natural Areas staff will be reviewing and evaluating all comments on the current draft of the management plan. The Department looks forward to working with the SPCA and all interested parties in developing the best plan possible to preserve our critical Natural Areas.

Sincerely,

Yomi Agunbiade
Acting General Manager

Cc: Lisa Wayne

Systemwide Letter 55

City and County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

Attn: NAP MAP
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For On-line version See Significant Natural Area Tab in right Corner Blue Bar Center Page! Then select Comment Form on next screen.

NAP MAP – Public Comments Form DUE: July 14, 2005 Thursday

Natural Area Site Name:_____ Park:_____

A staff member familiar with this site is here to answer questions – please address questions to them. Please provide comments in each relevant subject area FOR THIS PARK (use additional forms for each park) and please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue area. (5 = exceeds expectations and 1 = does not meet any expectations). Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be specific as possible. Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on the subtopic (or any topic covered by the plan) in any relevant matter.

Restoration (1) 2 3 4 5

Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain.

The plan is poorly conceived and will waste virtually all the money allocated to it. Far too many sites are involved. Some of the efforts will cause destruction to homes. The NAP program has virtually nothing to show for its past ten years of planting and maintenance efforts. A

Recreation and Trails (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.

The plan is so poorly conceived that the issue of trails is irrelevant. B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain.

See answers to restoration. The only way a NAP plan can be made sustainable is to limit the number of sites to 10 or fewer. C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain.

We we not dog owners. We don't care how the plan impacts pets and pet owners. We do care that the plan wastes time and money.

Trees (1) 2 3 4 5

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain

See answers to Restoration and Species/Wildlife.

Grasslands/Wildflowers (1) 2 3 4 5

Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain.

See previous answers.

Landscaped Areas (1) 2 3 4 5

Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain.

This question is phrased so as to draw answers favorable to the plan, as are most others. Please see previous answers.

Other Comments Three members of our family have volunteered on NAP projects. We see no sign of any of our efforts — or any others, with perhaps three exceptions.

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

The parks look like weed patches and abandoned lots. Most lawns are dead. Recreational facilities are in terrible shape.

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent) (1) 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

If your ranking was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site? *Circle one.*

Recreational uses Natural resource protection – Natives /Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? _____ Site(s) of interest: _____

Sunset Shore

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Recreation and Park Department



Please provide comments in each relevant subject area BY PARK. Please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue. (5 = Exceeds Expectations and 1 = Does Not Meet Expectations). Please note this is not a survey. Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be as specific as possible Example questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on any topic covered by the plan in any relevant manner.

Site

Restoration
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Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below
We need MORE recreation space in this city, NOT restricted areas. Tax payer dollars should be used for the RECREATION of ALL SF residents/home owners/tax payers. MORE park area and free use area, NOT restricted use areas. I do NOT agree with the NAP restoring areas that then are inhospitable to human use, or that restrict public access to public parks. I do NOT agree with the NAP plans or proposals.

A

Recreation and Trails
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Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain.
We need MORE recreation space in this city, NOT restricted areas. Tax payer dollars should be used for the RECREATION of ALL SF residents/home owners/tax payers. MORE park area and free use area, NOT restricted use areas. I do NOT agree with the NAP restricting public access to public parks. I do NOT agree with the NAP plans or proposals.

Sensitive Species/Wildlife
1 XXXXXXX
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Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below.
I do NOT want to see sensitive species and wildlife taking precedence over human beings in this highly condensed living city of ours. It is better for human beings to be able to recreate in well maintained and human friendly environments - it makes for a better social environment for all inhabitants of SF. Adults, children and animals all need MORE recreation space, not less. I am NOT in favour of the NAP plans or proposals to increase actions maintaining or enhancing sensitive species and wildlife in our publicly funded recreation areas and parks.

B

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife
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Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain below
I do NOT want to see sensitive species and wildlife taking precedence over human beings and their dogs in this highly condensed living city of ours. It is better for human beings to be able to recreate with their pets (dogs) in well maintained and human friendly environments - it makes for a better social environment for all inhabitants of SF. Adults, children and animals all need MORE recreation space, not less. I am NOT in favour of the NAP plans or proposals to reduce or alter dog play areas for the purpose of maintaining or enhancing sensitive species and wildlife in our publicly funded recreation areas and parks. I do NOT see non native bull frogs, or anything else non native for that matter, as a problem unless it makes a recreation area inhospitable to humans and dogs. Spend the money on improving the recreation areas for humans and dogs.

Trees
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Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain below.

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Grasslands/Wildflowers

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Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.

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Landscaped Areas

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Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain below

Our parks are an embarrasment in terms of their beauty and upkeep (compared to what one should expect in a world class city). I want our publicly funded parks to look beautiful and be inviting to humans and their dogs, for the purposes of recreation, NOT for the purposes of observing from the confines of some narrow trail. Use our tax payer dollars to make our parks beautiful and inviting and hospitable for human activity of all sorts. I do NOT agree with the NAP plans and proposals to take away park and recreation area solely for native plants.

C

Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

I do NOT agree with the NAP and do NOT agree with spending our tax payers dollars on it. I want dollars spent on resurfacing our roads and making them safer for cyclists to use (one could lose ones life trying to avoid pot holes in the roads while cycling to work). I also want to see tax payer dollars spent on improving the HUMAN hospitality in our parks, they are not properly maintained now, and with further budget cuts, they will be even worse. ERGO, NO DOLLARS FOR NAP.

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

Put in an irrigation system and more european grass to make the areas more hospitable for human beings. Get rid of NOTHING, just add plants, shrubs and trees that make it beautifully appealing to HUMANS. Has anyone at PARKS and REC noticed how awful Sloat Blvd looks? And many other boulevards in this city. Is this what we want tourists traveling down to the zoo to see? It is not pleasant for SF residents to look at every day. Does anyone at Parks and Rec care about human beings and our social well being through being surrounded by beautiful, inviting and hospitable environments?

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 = poor, 10 = excellent)

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If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?

Recreational uses XXXXXXX
Natural resource protection
Natives/Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Enter your site(s) of interest below

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

PUBLIC COMMENT ON SIGNIFICANT NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Systemwide Letter 57

July 8, 2005

Lisa Wayne, Natural Areas Director
Rec. & Park Dept.
McClaren Lodge
501 Stanyan Street, San Francisco CA 94117-1898

Dear Ms. Wayne,

I am submitting public comment in a written form because the computerized comment form on your website will not operate properly on my computer.

Comments on Process:

I was out of town when the recent public presentations were made. The meetings were too close together in time, and during the summer vacation period. I understand that the meetings were informational and did not include opportunities for verbal public comment, other than questions and answers. I would like to suggest that future meetings be scheduled during a time when the public will have a greater opportunity to participate, space the meetings over a period of a month, and offer an opportunity for adequate verbal public comment and input.

Comments on General Recommendation 7

- Your estimates of cat predation of birds is very speculative and biased. The Wisconsin study cited has over 10% margin of error and is not considered scientifically accurate. Other studies mentioned in your Management Plan are similarly biased, the same research that has been circulated by the Golden Gate Audubon Society for years. Other reports that would show a more balanced viewpoint are available. For instance:

  "Feral Cat Predation and It's Effect on Wildlife - Searching for the Truth," Article by Christine L. O'Keefe, PhD which reviews various cat predation studies from a scientific point of view: *http://www.straypetadvocacy.org/PDF/FeralCatPredation.pdf*

  "The Wisconsin Study" Article by Stray Pet Advocacy which addresses the study which is cited most often by wildlife conservationists to show the decimating effect that free-ranging cats have on bird populations. The conclusion of the article is that this study simply does not stand up to scientific scrutiny: *http://www.straypetadvocacy.org/PDF/TheWisconsinStudy.pdf*

- Recommendation GR-7a says "if the relocation or removal [of feral cats] is approved by SFRPD, the Department will utilize the pro bono services of the SF/SPCA to accomplish the task unless SF/SPCA declines to participate."

  - The SFSPCA has spayed and neutered thousands of feral cats. Many of their TNR colonies are in parks. They would not likely participate in a program to round up the cats. There a very few good sites for relocation, no feral cat sanctuary exits in the area, and it can be very difficult to relocate a colony. **What you are saying is that you will find a pest exterminator to round up and kill the cats. This is not humane, and it is not acceptable (and never has been) to the residents of San Francisco.** A

  - The SFRPD is not the public agency with the authority to round up and kill animals. **You have no authority to implement this recommendation.** B

Comments on General Recommendation GR-13c:
...the potential long-term need for control of animal populations maintained by artificial feeding, and the impact of released predators on native wildlife.

- This language is meant to open the door for removing feeding stations for TNR colonies. **The regular feeding of TRN cats is the main deterrent to feeding on birds and other wildlife.** Calling for the "potential" long-term need for control" of feral cats and their feeding stations is a "long-term" strategy of the Golden Gate Audubon Society. This strategy has been rejected time and time again by the public, and authorities that oversee animal issues in San Francisco.

My Input:

Many Trap/Neuter/Release volunteers in the City have been working for years to successfully, and humanely reduce the number of feral cats. I have personally helped with post-surgery recovery, socialization of kittens, and removal of large number of stray cats to adopting homes. I am enclosing a press packet on a very successful TNR program in San Mateo County called Project Bay Cat. This project brought together the City of Foster City, The Sequoia Audubon Society, and the Homeless Cat Network in a model project that benefits birds and other wildlife, homeless cats, and a public park. Volunteers in San Francisco have already been moving feeding stations away from sensitive bird areas. If the threat of forced removal of TNR colonies were removed, there could be an open and coordinated effort to gradually move feeding stations and maintain regular feeding to reduce any predation on birds and wildlife C

Cats will always be abandoned in San Francisco parks. This is an on-going tragedy. The rounding up and killing of cats now or in an ongoing program is not an acceptable, humane, nor will it reduce the population of feral cats. A well organized and financed TNR program will. TNR has been proven successful. And part of the success is the tireless efforts of feral cat advocates who volunteer their time and money to make it happen.

If we weren't always having to fight renewed efforts to round up and kill cats, we could be working together to help solve the problem. It's time to try a new strategy of cooperation.

Sincerely,

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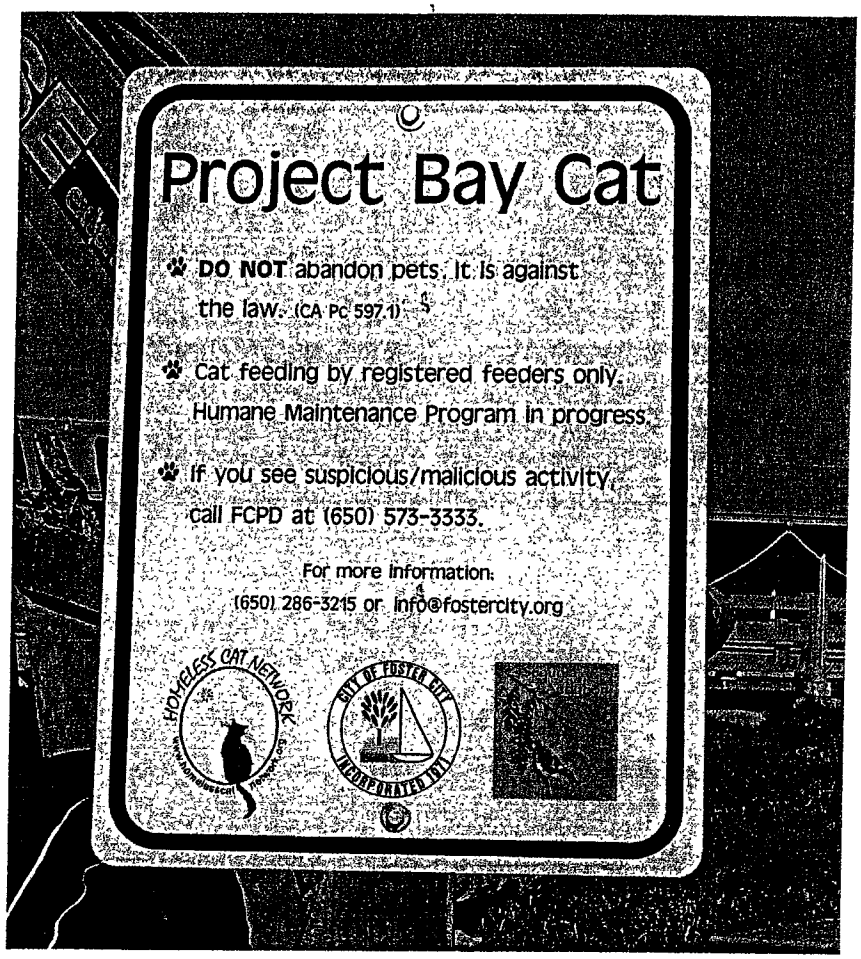

PROJECT BAY CAT

A model collaboration between feral cat advocates, local government, and environmentalists

(Homeless Cat Network, City of Foster City, and Sequoia Audubon Society)

2004 -ongoing

Project Bay Cat

Project Bay Cat is a groundbreaking collaboration of feral cat advocates, city government and the local chapter of the Audubon Society. The Homeless Cat Network organized volunteers to help reduce the population of feral cats along the Bay Trail in Foster City, California. This area is a frequent dumping ground for abandoned cats in public open space that includes a sensitive bird environment along the Pacific flyway. This *win-win-win* situation utilizes volunteers at no cost to the City to implement a humane, non-lethal way of reducing cat population by 20% in just two years. Trap, neuter and release , known as TNR, is combined with scheduled feeding at regulation feeding stations out of public view and situated away from sensitive bird areas. The colony is monitored and ongoing trapping and spay and neuter prevents breeding, maintains the health of the colony, and removes adoptable tame cats and kittens who can be socialized.

Project Bay Cat has made the cat people, city officials, and bird advocates happy. If they can do it, so can you. They have provided a "how to" manual to help spread this model project to other areas.

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Homeless and Feral Cat Population Control Tool Kit

Presented by Project Bay Cat collaborators: City of Foster City, Homeless Cat Network and Sequoia Audubon Society

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Overview

If you have feral, stray or homeless cats in your area, this tool kit can help you determine the best course of action to humanely manage the colony to stabilize the population and care for the cats while also meeting the needs of others that are impacted by the cats' presence.

Working together in a unique partnership, the City of Foster City, the Homeless Cat Network, and Sequoia Audubon Society joined forces to humanely address the growth of feral cat populations common to many communities. This Tool Kit was developed by the collaborators of Project Bay Cat for others who wish to take a similar plan of action to humanely achieve positive results. The Tool Kit is more of a hands-on implementation tool for you, rather than a case study for Project Bay Cat, although where applicable, we have included examples of our effort to demonstrate the application of key processes.

The following is a step-by-step plan, complete with a variety of online resources, which may help you in this effort. The collaborators of Project Bay Cat wish you the best of luck in your humane endeavors!

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1. Assess

a. *Survey*
b. *Assess impact*
c. *Local humane organizations*

The first step in the process is to assess the situation. In this section, you will answer many questions, such as how many homeless cats are there, do they live on public or private property, are they being cared for, do they impact people or other animals in any

way, are there humane organizations that are already helping the cats? Here's how to keep an organized assessment of the information:

a. *Survey*
   - *Tracking Sheet.* First, take a survey of the situation. Use a tracking sheet, such as the template supplied by Alley Cat Allies at http://www.alleycat.org/resources_care.html#4 (see section "Taking Care of a Feral Cat Colony": Feral Cat Colony Tracking System).
   - *Public or private.* If the cats live on private land, such as on the property of a business, you may need to work with the landowner or business to get permission to establish a program. If the cats live on public lands, you may need to talk with City officials.

b. *Assess impact*
   - By noting what, if anything, the cats affect in their living environment, will determine organizations to approach for your collaboration. Do they impact people? Do they impact wildlife? Do they impact the environment?

c. *Local humane organizations*
   - Make a list of humane organizations in your area, such as ASPCA, Humane Society, and feline rescue groups. Contact each to see if they are already involved with the cats, and if not, if they can help. Following is a link to websites that can help you locate humane organizations in your area: http://www.alleycat.org/orgs.html and http://www.bestfriends.org/nomorehomelesspets/localnmhpprograms/

2. Organize and collaborate

a. *Establish leadership for collaboration*
b. *Identify stakeholders, invite participation*
c. *Set a positive, productive tone with interest-based collaboration*
d. *Open forum meeting*
e. *Create communication and distribution list*
f. *Develop group objectives and implementation plan*
g. *Select project leaders*

In cases that involve a small number of cats that aren't having any impact to the environment, public lands, private facilities, people, other animals, etc., it may not be necessary to collaborate with other organizations in order to care for the cats and stabilize the population. In instances where impact exists, as it did for Project Bay Cat, here's a blueprint for organizing concerned parties and developing positive collaboration. This is directly modeled after the approach that the City of Foster City initiated for Project Bay Cat.

a. *Establish leadership for the collaboration.* It's important to develop a framework for groups to come together, and a lead organization needs to create that framework. In the case of Project Bay Cat, the City of Foster City established a leadership role in the effort because they had received complaints about the cats and wanted to proactively address the concerns.

Since the City is respected as an impartial party, people on both sides of the issue felt comfortable coming forward with ideas and concerns. In other communities, humane organizations have stepped forward to take the leadership role, which has also worked well. The important element is to establish a lead organization that takes responsibility for inviting collaboration, setting up meetings, and driving the initiative.

b. *Identify stakeholders, invite participation.* For Project Bay Cat, Foster City provided an opportunity for people to self-identify and participate in the development of the effort and solution. They first contacted local humane organizations to ask if they'd like to participate, and held public meetings to invite others to get involved. At the time of the first meeting, Homeless Cat Network had identified itself as a stakeholder, and next, the Sequoia Audubon Society stepped forward to participate. Foster City welcomed any person or group that wanted to work with the City to develop solutions. Give key stakeholders every opportunity to participate and to partner with you.

c. *Set a positive, productive tone with interest-based collaboration.* Establishing a positive collaboration is essential, especially when stakeholders have differing goals. Make it clear that you're interested in collaboration; encourage all viewpoints and invite people to become part of the solution. Developing an interest-based collaboration will help you take all viewpoints into account and develop common goals, which will strengthen your solutions. Don't fall into the trap of "positions," which are collaboration impediments. Instead, focus on underlying interests. In the case of Project Bay Cat, the Sequoia Audubon Society's interest in protecting birds and their habitat is not in conflict with the Homeless Cat Network's interest in humanely managing the cat populations, but the proposed solutions needed to meet both of these interests as well as the City's interest in maintaining the appearance of the public property. Establishing a positive collaboration is essential, especially when stakeholders have differing goals. By conducting interest-based collaboration with each group, you will be able to identify common goals for your collective group to address, which will pave the way to develop positive, viable solutions to please all the members of your coalition. You might be surprised to find that many of the groups have overlapping interests, just as we did, even between cat and bird groups!

d. *Open forum.* Have an open meeting to discuss the issues with people/organizations that are impacted by the cats. If you are a humane advocate, present scientific studies that prove the effectiveness of programs to trap, neuter, vaccinate, test and return feral and homeless cats, and present examples of other communities that have undertaken this effort. Alley Cat Allies has a number of resources that can help you in this effort, including tips for sound planning and effective negotiation, scientific studies, proven case studies, and information about how to talk with various entities and individuals to adopt humane programs. These resources can be found at the following web address:

www.alleycat.org/resources_care.html#12 For other proven case studies, visit: www.bestfriends.org/nomorehomelesspets/localnmhpprograms/mpindex.cfm

e. *Create communication and distribution list.* Keep everyone in the group informed. Once you've created a steering committee, distribute contact lists and share information with them by having regular meetings and sharing progress updates.
f. *Develop group objectives and implementation plan.* Once the groups have determined the objectives, draw up an implementation plan that outlines which organizations will handle various aspects of the program, such as education, outreach, and cat management.
g. *Select project leaders.* Select leaders to be responsible for various aspects of the program. Those individuals will be responsible for organizing the effort to implement tasks under their purview, and will provide progress reports for that area of effort.

3. Involve and recruit

a. *Humane organizations*
b. *Veterinarians*
c. *Low- or no-cost spay/neuter*
d. *Feeders, trappers, fosters*
e. *Community volunteer organizations*

To help implement your plan, you'll probably need help. Here are tips and helpful resources:

a. *Humane organizations.* Chances are there are humane organizations in your area that are trained and experienced with trap/neuter/return efforts. Here is a place to look for help: http://www.bestfriends.org/nomorehomelesspets/about2.cfm. If there aren't and you're interested in creating your own humane organization, here is information to help you build an effective organization: http://www.bestfriends.org/nomorehomelesspets/resourcelibrary/fororganizations.cfm
b. *Veterinarians.* Some caring veterinarians can be recruited to help provide low- to no-cost options to spay/neuter, test and vaccinate the homeless cats. Here is a resource to help you approach your local veterinarians: http://www.alleycat.org/resources_care.html#12 (click the resources under the heading "Information for your Veterinarian").
c. *Low- or no-cost spay/neuter.* There may be other low- or no-cost spay/neuter services in your area. To find out, call SPAY/USA at 1-800-248-SPAY. Check the resource list at the bottom of this document for more spay/neuter resources.
d. *Feeders, trappers, fosters.* Humane organizations often already have foster parents, feeders and trappers that can help with your effort. You can also recruit the public and those affected by the cats to help with the effort.

e. *Community volunteer organizations*. Solicit help from scouting organizations, senior citizen groups, after-school programs, and other organizations that are interested in improving your community as a whole.

4. Implement

a. Trap/alter
b. Foster/Adoption
c. Feeding

To implement the plan, you'll need to organize trappers, a system for the cats to be altered, tested and vaccinated, foster parents to care for kittens born to unaltered adults, a process for adoption, and designed feedings.

a. *Trap/alter*. First, determine where the cats will be spayed/neutered and their process for admitting cats. Next, initiate trapping efforts. Many local humane organizations have loan programs for humane traps, so check that option first. If you need to purchase humane traps, you can call Tomahawk Live Trap to order traps at 800-272-8727. For help with trapping instructions and tips, go to: http://www.alleycat.org/resources_care.html#12 and click on the trapping resource information.
b. *Foster/adoption*. You may find kittens that are young enough to socialize and adopt out. If so, work with local humane organizations, which will most likely have an established program for fostering and adoptions. Also, check your local pet store; often times, stores will hold adoption fairs for humane organizations.
c. *Feeding*. Building feeding stations will help protect the cats' food and water, and establish a clean, central place for feeding them. It's also important to establish a feeding schedule and organize feeders so that you can insure that the cats are being fed regularly, and to coordinate feeding and trapping efforts. There is a blueprint for easy-to-build feeding stations at: http://www.alleycat.org/resources_care.html#4 (look under heading "Taking Care of Feral Cat Colony, and click on Feral Cat Feeding Station)

5. Educate

a. Signs
b. Brochures/posters
c. Local media
d. Community outreach

If people see the cats or are impacted by them in any way, educate them about the program that you've developed, and once they learn about it, they may be a source of help. Here are ways to educate people about your program:

a. *Signs*. If the cats live in a public area, discuss with your group if it's appropriate to develop signs that discuss the program, its objectives and how the public can help.

b. *Brochures/posters*. Brochures and posters can be used to detail the program's goals, solicit help, and educate people about how to avoid the problem in the future (such as by encouraging spay/neuter of domestic animals, discouraging abandonment, etc).
c. *Local media*. If the cats live in a highly visible area, approach the local press to highlight the program and its objectives.
d. *Community outreach*. Educating the public can take many forms, from the distribution of fliers, to presenting information to schools, to being a guest speaker at local clubs and organizations. Along with your message about your trap/neuter/return efforts, it is also helpful to educate the public about the importance of spaying/neutering their domestic pets, and keeping cats indoors. Often times, unaltered domestic cats become stray cat and start feral colonies, so education can be a key way of preventing future feral cats.

6. Track Progress

a. *Tracking sheet*
b. *Regular updates*

Tracking progress is an essential element to effective colony management. Here are tools to help you do so:

a. *Tracking sheet*. Keep a tracking sheet that details each cat, their alteration status, whether any kittens were rescued/adopted, and any other issues about the cats that may be pertinent. Here is a sample tracking sheet: http://www.alleycat.org/resources_care.html#4 (see section heading "Taking Care of Feral Cat Colony," and "Feral Cat Colony Tracking System")
b. *Regular updates*. Provide your group with regular updates citing the number of cats that are altered, kittens rescued and adopted, number of unaltered cats, etc.

7. Resources list

a. *Alley Cat Allies*. www.alleycat.org. The organization provides a comprehensive set of resources to help organize, strategize, and implement feral and homeless cat programs. "Alley Cat Allies, is a national nonprofit clearinghouse for information on feral and stray cats. For more than a decade Alley Cat Allies has advocated Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) - the most humane and effective method to reduce feral cat populations." Here is a direct link to their resource library: http://www.alleycat.org/resources.html
b. *Best Friends Animal Society*. www.bestfriends.org. Best Friends also has a number of online resources to help locate and/or build humane organizations to help animals. "Best Friends is working with you -- and with humane groups all across the country -- to bring about a time when there are No More Homeless Pets." Here is a direct link to their resource library: http://www.bestfriends.org/nomorehomelesspets/resourcelibrary/
c. *Feline Rescue*. http://www.felinerescue.net/strays_TTVAR_Kittens.htm. This site has a variety of resources for effective trap/neuter/return programs.

d. *Feral Cat Coalition*. http://www.feralcat.com. This San Diego-based spay/neuter initiative also offers lots of information and tips about starting a humane feral cat control effort.
e. *Fix Our Ferals*. www.fixourferals.org. Fix Our Ferals serves Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, and offers free spay/neuter for feral cats and has altered over 7,000 cats since it began in the late 1990s.
f. *Peninsula Fix Our Ferals*. http://www.peninsulafixourferals.org/ourvets.html. Serving San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, this organization offers low-cost spay/neuter clinics.
g. www.rescuers.com. This site will help you locate animal rescue groups in your area.

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They take the ouch out of meow

A caring group of volunteers is bringing Foster City's cat problem under control with an enlightened, effective approach that costs taxpayers almost nothing.

The Homeless Cat Network has mobilized its members to help reduce the population of feral cats along the Bay Trail, which includes a sensitive bird environment.

The all-volunteer crew set up feeding stations away from public areas that keep the felines fed, so the animals don't have to hunt the birds. In addition, they trap cats and vaccinate and spay them before releasing them back into the wild. Healthy cats that are comfortable around humans are removed and adopted out to permanent homes.

What makes this partnership remarkable is that the Sequoia Audubon Society, who looks out for the best interests of the birds, has given its approval to this approach.

Also endorsing the program, known as Project Bay Cat, is Foster City. Without the volunteers, the city would have most likely ignored the problem, officials said.

If it did try to reduce the number of cats, it would have been forced to explore other options, which might include trapping and euthanizing the animals or poisoning them. Both alternatives generate ill will and would end up costing the city to hire someone to catch the cats or haul away the bodies.

At no cost to Foster City, Project Bay Cat has been making inroads into the feral cat problem and, over two years, the number of cats is down 20 percent, to about 133. But the results have been even more dramatic than that figure would suggest, since without the spaying services, the cats' numbers would have continued to grow. The Peninsula Humane Society estimates that one female cat's offspring can start a chain of exponential growth, resulting in as many as 420,000 cats in seven years. That's a lot of Meow Mix.

The program has been so successful that the Homeless Cat Network has created guidelines to help other communities address their feral cat problems. The volunteers have dispensed advice to the cities of San Mateo, South San Francisco and San Carlos. And Foster City officials are happy because, with volunteers feeding the cats on a regular basis, good-intentioned citizens leave a lot less food scattered along the trail areas and city work crews don't have to spend as much time cleaning up the mess.

The feral cat population is largely the result of irresponsible cat owners who dump their animals.

What's all the more appalling is that so many facilities exist to help pet owners; animals can be surrendered to the Peninsula Humane Society and low-income pet owners can get spay/neuter vouchers from the county at a minimal cost.

We applaud the Homeless Cat Network, as well as Foster City officials and the Sequoia Audubon Society, for having the vision to take a humane, nonlethal approach to controlling the cat population. Thanks especially to the volunteers whose hard work keeps the program working and the cats and humans happy. We think they're the cat's pajamas.

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IT'S THE CAT'S MEOW

Foster City program helps control feral felines



JOHN GREEN — Staff photos

VOLUNTEER SYLVIA CAVAZOS prepares a humane trap to catch a feral cat near the San Francisco Bay in Foster City. The program to capture the cats and spay or neuter them has led to a reduction in the feral cat population along Bay trails. The volunteers also help find homes for abandoned domestic cats.

By Malaika Fraley
STAFF WRITER

FOSTER CITY

A COORDINATED EFFORT to manage the large feral cat population along Foster City's Bay Trail in a humane way has not only been successful in curbing the number of cats — it's becoming a model for other communities.

"The feral cat issue is not just a Bay Area issue. Nationwide, it's a huge problem," veterinarian Kim Huddad said Saturday after releasing back into the wild a feral cat spayed as part of Foster City's Project Bay Cat.

"Communities really only have three options for feral cats," Huddad said. "They can let them go and watch the population grow; they can euthanize them all; or they can come up with a humane solution like this. Not many can take this approach, because there's a lot of animosity between groups."

A year ago, the city of

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www.homelesscatnetwork.org, www.sequoia-audubon.org and www.fostercity.org

Project Bay Cat helping to control Foster City's feral felines

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Foster City, the Sequoia Audubon Society and the Homeless Cat Network (HCN) started working together and launched Project Bay Cat, an aggressive spay/neuter and adopt program to stabilize the feral cat population, protect sensitive bird habitats and keep the Bay Trial clean.

At its conception, there were more than 170 cats living in the tunnels in Foster City's rocky shoreline. Many of them were reproducing at a high rate, birthing several litters each season. Today there are 133 Bay Trail cats, a 20 percent reduction.

Project Bay Cat touts an 80 percent spay/neuter rate. HCN has identified 29 out there that haven't been fixed.

Its success has led the HCN to create a step-by-step "tool kit" outlining the Project Bay Cat program for other communities grappling with homeless cats. HCN has sent the document to cities in locales as near as Santa Clara County and as far away as Idaho.

Project Bay Cat

Early in the program, Project Bay Cat installed permanent feeding stations near the 10 feral cat colonies inhabiting the roughly three-mile trail that runs from Mariner's Point Golf Course to the north to Gull Avenue, past the San Mateo Bridge, to the south. The stations were discreetly placed as not to attract vandals and were set away from sensitive bird habitats. According to the Audubon Society, the Foster City shoreline is an integral part of the Pacific Flyway, a route for migratory birds, and the endangered California clapper rail is among the land birds that inhabit the area.

Every day, HCN feeders tend to the cats, each of which are tracked closely by the network. Trappers, using a cage baited with wet food, catch two to four cats each week that haven't been spayed or neutered. They can easily identify when a cat hasn't been fixed — veterinarians make a cut in the right ear after the surgery.

The cats are taken to San Mateo Animal Hospital, owned by Huddad, and Dr. Lloyd Wilson's Crystal Springs Pet Hospital, who volunteered their services to the program. The vets test for viral diseases, vaccinate and spay/neuter the cats.

The ferals are then released back to the Bay Trail. Kittens and domesticated found cats abandoned at the Bay Trail are adopted out by the HCN. But first, the kittens are placed in foster homes, and the adult cats are socialized at HCN's shelter in San Mateo.

"There's so many people involved that's it's really a love story," said Cimeron Morrissey, an HCN volunteer and spokeswoman for Project Bay Cat. "There's the people who love the cats, people who love the birds and people who love the Bay Trial. It's a mark of an incredibly strong community. I think, when so many people work toward a common goal."

Volunteers needed

This week, Project Bay Cat will move into its second phase by installing signs along the trail. The signs aim to educate the public about Project Bay Cat and alert people that abandoning pets at the Bay Trail is illegal.

The group is also making an appeal for volunteers so it can continue its success as kitten season begins, said Morrissey. HCN is looking for volunteers to feed, trap and act as foster parents to kittens. Homeless Cat Network and Sequoia Audubon Society are both seeking donations to help cover costs for the program.

Veterinarians routinely say that feral cat epidemics are created by irresponsible pet owners who don't get their animals spayed or neutered. It's exacerbated by those who abandon their animals. Unwanted pets are welcome at the Peninsula Humane Society or like organization in any community.

A step-by-step plan for humanely managing feral cat populations in other communities is available by e-mailing info@homelesscatnetwork.org or by calling (650) 288-9013.

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Foster City steps up efforts to control feral cat population

BY NAT FRIEDLAND
Staff Writer

FOSTER CITY — With only 29 of Foster City's 130 homeless cats left to be neutered, Project Bay Cat is moving into Phase II today, with new warning signs going up along the busy bayside trail and two additional feeding stations joining four others.

After initiating Phase I of the program last year to curb the number of feral cats in Foster City, about 77 percent of the feline colonies has already been trapped, neutered and released so they won't continue reproducing. During 2004, the cat population was further reduced by 20 percent with the adoption of 31 kittens and friendly adults.

Phase II focuses on community education, with signs encouraging residents to stop abandoning cats along the city's bay trail and refrain from leaving food out, which attracts rats and other pests. Project Bay Cat is a year-old collaboration between Foster City, the Homeless Cat Network and the Sequoia Audubon Society.

"The taxpayer cost of this program is very minimal, mostly staff work time," said Kevin Miller, Foster City's director of parks and recreation. "The city will probably save money on the deal, as people leave less cat food on the pedway for us to pick up."



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Robin Smith, left, and Kelsey Moore try to trap a wild cat in Foster City.

Certified volunteers provide daily feedings for the cats at city-built stations placed to draw the felines away from sensitive bird habitats.

"Thousands of shorebirds migrating along the Pacific Flyway stop here every year. And the northern part of the levee is a nesting area for the endangered clapper rail," said Robin Smith of the Sequoia Audubon Society. "The cat colonies are not going away, so this program is an attempt to humanely lessen their impact on the birds."

As the springtime kitten season rapidly approaches, Homeless Cat Network volunteers are racing to trap more of the adult cats before they can produce new litters. And veterinarians at the San Mateo Animal Hospital and Crystal Springs Pet Hospital have been busy spaying, neutering, testing and vaccinating the cats free of charge.

"This is a humane way to work towards achieving zero-population growth among the cats abandoned at the Peninsula Bay Trail," said Dr. Kim Haddad, who has treated 25 homeless cats since taking over the San Mateo Animal Hospital in July.

To donate or volunteer, call the Homeless Cat Network at (650) 286-9013 or visit www.homelesscatnetwork.org or call the Sequoia Audubon Society at (650) 529-1454 or visit www.sequoia-audubon.org.

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Groups cut into feral cat numbers

BY EDWARD CARPENTER
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Cat lovers in Foster City yesterday reported progress in curbing the city's feral cat population along the Bay Trail.

Since the summer of 2004, the Homeless Cat Network, working with the city and the Sequoia Audubon Society, has reduced the total number of feral cats along the trail from about 170 to 120, said Cimeron Morrissey, spokesperson for the Homeless Cat Network.

The group has also managed to spay or neuter 77 percent of the felines, and find adopted homes

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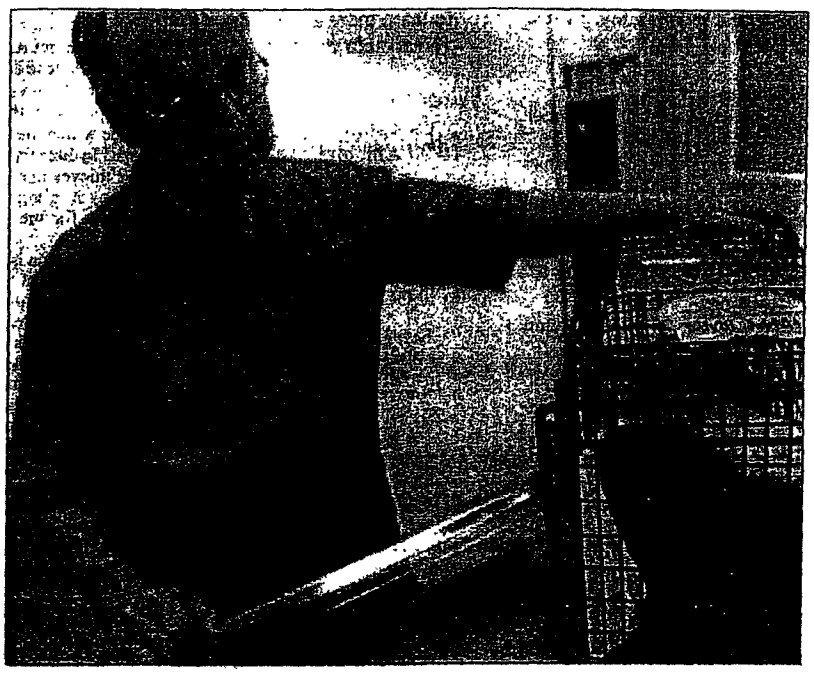

CAT CHECKUP — Veterinarian Lloyd Wilson stands with one of the feral cats trapped along the San Francisco Bay in Foster City to be spayed or neutered and then released. Wilson donates his time and supplies to offer the procedures and check the feral cats for disease. Daily News photo by Victor Maccharoli.

CATS

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or 31 kittens, Morrissey said. "Last year lone, I fixed 80 cats with the help of the an Mateo Animal Hospital and Crystal prings Pet Hospital," Morrissey told the aily News.

Phase I of the project included gathering ata on the cats, cleaning food containers id cans left along the trail by residents ho fed the animals and trapping and "fix- " as many cats as possible, Morrissey id.

One of the things volunteers learned hile monitoring and counting the cats was that about 10 distinct colonies exist along the Bay Trail, with smaller groupings within each, officials said. A handful of feline feeders were built along the trail, with more to come in the second phase of the project.

"Six feeding stations designed to blend into the environment were built and placed away from bird habitats to keep cat food and debris off the Bay Trail, protect birds, and shelter the cats' food and water from the elements," Morrissey said.

Going forward with phase II, the coalition plans to install four signs along the trail informing residents about Project Bay Cat, how they can get involved and on ordinances that prohibit the illegal dumping of cats, said Andra Lorenz, management analyst for Foster City.

"Abandonment, which is illegal, is how this whole problem started," said Morrissey.

Phase II will focus on involving the public by inviting them to become registered feline feeders, signing up to adopt friendly kittens and making financial donations.

"In addition to educating Bay Trail users of the program and asking for support, the signs ask people to refrain from feeding cats along the levee/pedway unless they are registered feeders," according to the press release.

As reported in the Daily News Sept. 17, Project Bay Cat grew out of the public's growing concern about the nearly 200 wild cats living along the levee, which spans from the San Mateo Municipal Golf Course to the San Mateo Bridge in Foster City.

Bird advocates joined the coalition with the ultimate goal of moving the cat's feeding grounds away from special bird habitats

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Project Bay Cat Announces Successful Phase I Results

Initiative Humanely Manages High Profile Homeless Cat Challenges Along Foster City's Bay Trail; Unique Collaboration Achieves Success and Establishes Model Program

The City of Foster City, the Homeless Cat Network and Sequoia Audubon Society have successfully completed Phase I of Project Bay Cat, a coordinated effort to humanely solve feral cat challenges along Foster City's Bay Trail. With over 170 cats living along the popular trail in 2004, Project Bay Cat was developed to curb population growth through aggressive spay/neuter and adoption programs, as well as protect bird habitat and keep the path's landscape debris-free.

Early Success. After quietly initiating the comprehensive program last year, Project Bay Cat has spayed/neutered 77% of the feral cats living along the trail. All of the altered cats were tested for disease and vaccinated, and a total of 31 kittens and friendly adult cats were rescued and adopted. The efforts not only stabilized the population, but also humanely reduced it to just over 130 cats, which represents a 20% reduction in the population. Additionally, feeding stations designed to blend into the environment were built and placed away from bird habitats to keep cat food and debris off the Bay Trail, protect birds, and shelter the cats' food and water from the elements.

"The City is very pleased with the collaborative nature of his project," says Kevin Miller, Foster City's Parks and Recreation Director. "The results we're seeing are a product of hat spirit of cooperation to make a better environment for all evee/pedway users."

Unique Collaboration is the Reason Behind Success. Working together in a precedent-setting partnership, the City, Homeless Cat Network, and Sequoia Audubon Society joined orces to humanely address the growth of feral cat populations ommon to many communities. "Our organization is very ppreciative of the commitment of our partners to this project o humanely solve the problem of feline homelessness created y human neglect and irresponsibility. We are especially oved by the compassion of Foster City residents and officials nd the generous spirit of Sequoia Audubon Society members ho are working with us to protect all animals living on the vee," said Tonya Light, executive director of Homeless Cat etwork.

In 2004, the City of Foster City brought the groups together to define common goals, develop solutions and drive the initiative. The constructive effort, not commonly undertaken by city governments, is being heralded as a model program for others to emulate.

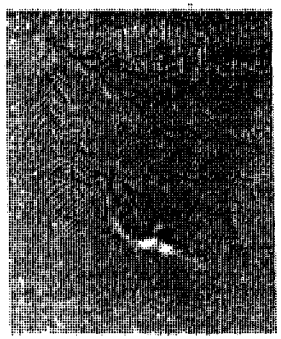
"We are collaborating in this project for the protection of bird habitat, a better life for the homeless cats and a more pleasant levee path for all users," says Robin Smith, Sequoia Audubon Society's Conservation Committee Chair. The Foster City shoreline is an integral part of the Pacific Flyway, a route for migratory birds in the spring and fall. Land birds breed in and around mitigation marshes, and California Clapper Rail, an Endangered Species, live in the marsh at the north end of the trail.

Phase II - Achieving Results through Community Involvement. Recognizing that solutions to the feral cat challenge cannot be achieved without community support, Project Bay Cat is reaching out to involve the public and Bay Trail users in the efforts. Homeless Cat Network volunteers have been leading the effort to trap the cats for spay/neuter surgery, testing and vaccination, to establish official feeding sites, and to rescue, foster and find permanent homes for friendly cats and kittens. Homeless Cat Network is actively seeking additional volunteers to help Project Bay Cat continue its success. Donations to Homeless Cat Network and Sequoia Audubon Society are also being sought to help cover costs for the program.

To officially launch the initiative to the public, Project Bay Cat signs will be erected on February 10, which marks the beginning of Phase II. In addition to educating Bay Trail users of the program and asking for support, the signs discourage animal abandonment, which is an illegal and inhumane practice that began the Bay Trail's homeless cat population and remains a problem today.

Another way that community members can help is to refrain from feeding cats along the levee/pedway unless they are registered feeders. The feeding stations provide a controlled environment for the cats, protecting them, keeping them away from sensitive bird habitat and reducing the appearance of litter along the levee/pedway, but the program will only work as long as the public supports and cooperates in maintaining it.

To volunteer for Project Bay Cat or to support the effort with donations, please contact either Homeless Cat Network at www.homelesscatnetwork.org, 650-286-9013, or Sequoia Audubon Society at www.sequoia-audubon.org, 650-529-1454.



*The mission of **Sequoia Audubon Society** is to participate in environmental education and conservation, and in the restoration, preservation, protection and enjoyment of our native natural resources with emphasis on birds and their habitats.*

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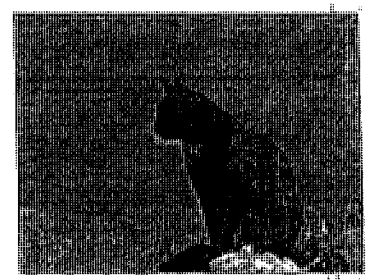
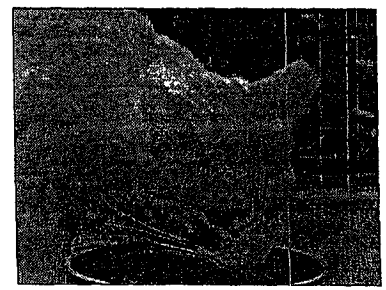
*The **Homeless Cat Network (HCN)** is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) nonprofit, feline rescue organization working to humanely reduce the homeless cat population on the San Francisco Peninsula through spay/neuter, adoption, public education and responsible colony management.*

We provide advice, assistance and mentoring to individuals, public agencies and businesses. We offer training in humane trapping, socialization, foster care, colony management and adoption procedures. We also offer a variety of rewarding volunteer opportunities for reliable, caring people, including supervised activities for high school students earning community service credit.

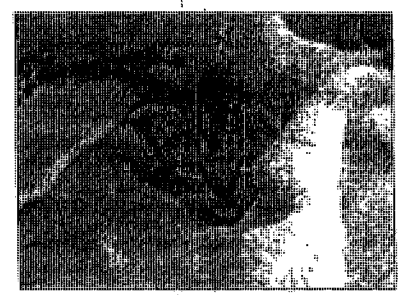
Project Bay Cat



A collaborative effort to address the homeless cat issue along the Bay Trail in Foster City involving the City of Foster City, the Homeless Cat Network, the Sequoia Audubon Society, and YOU.



"Ear tip" or v-notch indicate fixed feral cat



Rescued kitten

The City of Foster City, the Homeless Cat Network and the Sequoia Audubon Society have teamed up to address the challenges associated with homeless cats living along the Bay Trail in Foster City.

Our goal is to balance the preservation of existing bird habitat with humane treatment of the cat population and the needs of the City and users of the levee/pedway.

What we're doing:

- Efforts are underway to curb homeless cat population growth through spaying/neutering, testing and vaccinating all the adult cats along the Trail, and finding homes for their kittens.
- As of January, 2005, 77% of the Bay Trail feral cats have been spayed or neutered through the efforts of Homeless Cat Network volunteers and local veterinary hospitals.
- As of January, 2005, 31 kittens and friendly adult Bay Trail cats have found permanent homes.

Where did the homeless cats come from?

- People have abandoned cats and kittens along the Bay Trail.
- Stray cats have found their way to the levee.
- Unaltered cats on the Trail have reproduced.

What can YOU do to support Project Bay Cat?

- Get your pets spayed and neutered.
- Help us find good homes for friendly cats and kittens rescued from the levee by contacting the Homeless Cat Network.
- Report anyone who abandons or harms an animal on the levee to the Foster City Police at 650-573-3333. Also report suspicious activity around feeding stations or capturing devices.
- Become a "Project Bay Cat Feeder" by contacting the Homeless Cat Network. (Please do not feed the cats unless you are a registered feeder.)
- Make a donation to the nonprofit organizations that are partnering in this project to help cover costs for habitat protection, feline medical care and public education.
- Volunteer for Project Bay Cat by contacting Homeless Cat Network to foster friendly Bay Trail cats and kittens, or to help humanely trap cats for surgery and vaccination. Or if you're a veterinarian, help with spay/neuter and vaccination efforts.

We sincerely thank **San Mateo Animal Hospital** and **Crystal Springs Pet Hospital** their support of Project Bay Cat by spaying, neutering, testing and vaccinating the Bay Trail homeless cats.

To learn more or to help, please contact any of the following partnering organizations:

City of Foster City: www.fostercity.org; 650-286-3215

Homeless Cat Network: www.homelesscatnetwork.org; 650-286-9013

Sequoia Audubon Society: www.sequoia-audubon.org; 650-520-1454

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July 21, 2005

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Dear Mr. Agunbiade:

Re: RPD's Natural Areas Program

I serve on the San Francisco Animal Control and Welfare Commission, but I am writing to you in this instance as an individual.

I am not surprised to learn that the feral cat community is out in force arguing against the removal of any cats from these areas. It's a noble position on the surface, but I feel their argument has become outdated.

The Trap-Neuter-Return movement ("TNR") in San Francisco has become a Trap-Neuter-Re-Abandon tragedy. Cats are being trapped and returned to the most unimaginable conditions – very often without an ongoing care – despite advocate's claims of providing lifelong care. And as one observer has put it – the TNR advocates have become "hoarders without walls" in that they want to collect and "save" every animal resulting in the suffering of all.

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I have trapped approximately 500 suffering cats in San Francisco from the most horrible conditions and have been forced to put them back on the streets by feral fix program of the SFSPCA – against my own protestations – and that of property/landowners. When I have taken these animals to Animal Care and Control (ACC) they are subsequently "adopted" back out by the SFSPCA under the guise of the Hayden bill and then put back to the streets and parks and piers by SFSPCA volunteers with no notification to either the person who originally surrendered the animal to ACC or to the property owner who is trying to rid his property of unwanted animals.

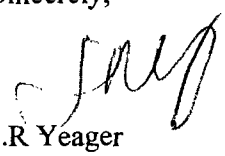
Please do not be swayed by their so called compassion. The compassion has gone awry –and the animals are left to suffer and starve.

Attached is my letter to the Animal Control and Welfare Commission from May 2004. I am still trying to make changes in this practice of TNR is San Francisco, and although it is moving slowly, I am pressing forward.

I have also pasted the AVMA's position statement on feral and free-roaming cats below that I think offers some valuable (and educated) insight into this issue.

I am at your service if you would like any additional information.

Sincerely,



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cc: Gloria Bonilla, President, Recreation and Park Commission

Margaret A. McArthur, Commission Liaison, Recreation and Park Commission

Lisa Wayne, Natural Areas Director, San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department

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Free-roaming Abandoned and Feral Cats ▲ Top

The AVMA encourages and supports actions to eliminate the problem of free-roaming abandoned and feral cats. As a result of irresponsible societal attitudes, millions of these cats exist in the United States. Unfortunately, most of these cats will suffer premature mortality from disease, starvation, or trauma. Their suffering is of sufficient magnitude that it constitutes a national tragedy of epidemic proportions. These free-roaming abandoned and feral cats also represent a significant factor in the mortality of hundreds of millions of birds, small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and fish. This population of cats also poses a zoonotic disease risk for the public.

A. Encouragement of State and Local Ordinances

1. The AVMA strongly supports reducing the number of unowned free-roaming abandoned and feral cats through humane capture (with placement in homes where appropriate) by local health departments, humane societies, and animal control agencies. All free-roaming abandoned and feral cats that are not in managed colonies should be removed from their environment and treated in the same manner as other abandoned and stray animals in accord with local and state ordinances.

2. State and local agencies should adopt and enforce ordinances that:

    a. Require mandatory spay/neuter of cats unless the owner purchases an intact permit or breeder permit.
    b. Prohibit the sale or adoption of intact cats by humane organizations and animal control agencies.
    c. Require licensing, rabies vaccination, and permanent animal identification through microchipping of all cats.
    d. Encourage that owned cats be kept indoors, in an outdoor enclosure, or on a leash. Cats in rural areas must be confined to the property.
    e. Prohibit public feeding of intact free-roaming abandoned and feral cats.
    f. Prevent establishment of managed cat colonies in wildlife-sensitive ecosystems.

B. Managed Cat Colonies
The AVMA neither endorses nor opposes appropriately managed cat colony programs.

1. An insignificant percentage of the total number of unowned free-roaming and feral cats are being managed by humane organizations. Consequently, the reduction in the total number of free-roaming cats these programs will effect is insignificant.
2. Managed colonies should be considered an interim solution to the problem of feral, free-roaming cats—the first step toward reducing the size of the colony through attrition.

3. The AVMA opposes placement of managed cat colonies on public lands or in any area that could threaten at-risk wildlife or in areas that may pose a zoonotic risk to the public.
4. Should managed cat colonies be established, natural or artificial restrictive barriers should be employed to protect both cats and native wildlife.
5. The AVMA encourages establishment of properly designed and maintained sanctuaries for feral cats. High quality care is imperative and overcrowding must be avoided.

C. Research

1. The AVMA encourages research into the production of an environmentally safe and effective oral or parental contraceptive vaccine.
2. The AVMA encourages research that better defines the impact of free-roaming cats on native wildlife populations.
3. The AVMA encourages research into the causes of animal abandonment by the public.

D. Education
The AVMA encourages public education that reduces abandonment of domestic cats and eliminates public feeding of unowned and free-roaming feral cats.

Free Roaming, Owned Cats ▲ Top

The AVMA strongly encourages owners of domestic cats in urban and suburban areas to keep them indoors.

City Hall
Attn: Commission of Animal Control and Welfare
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May 8, 2004

Re: Feral Cats and TNR in San Francisco

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to comment on the discussion regarding feral cats and TNR that took place during your March 2004 meeting, and Commissioner Chi's proposal to urge the Board of Supervisors to officially recognize TNR in San Francisco.

I have been involved in trapping, releasing and caring for feral cats for the past 3 years. In those 3 years, I have learned that TNR in San Francisco is *not* always the humane solution to managing cat populations.

According to the AVMA, a well-run TNR program has criteria and guidelines, some of which are:

- Colonies should be restricted to a well-defined relatively safe area.
- Written permission from the landowner should be obtained.
- Colonies and caretakers are registered and monitored.
- A written protocol and matching record-keeping system exists to ensure daily care for the animals including personnel scheduling, feeding, shelter maintenance and health monitoring and census taking.
- Maintenance of an ongoing health care program which provides universal vaccinations, medical and/or surgical care, and parasite control

I think it is important that you know we do not meet these criteria in San Francisco.

LOCATION

Cats are not always returned to safe places in San Francisco. They are returned to industrial traffic areas, piers, parking lots, dumpsters, and literally the streets. Cats are subsequently hit by cars, electrocuted on high voltage transformers and quite often left without any subsequent care by TNR proponents. Cats are returned to auto/junk yards where they walk and sleep in broken glass, used motor oil and antifreeze.

PERMISSION

Permission from landowners in San Francisco is not always obtained before returning homeless cats to their property. On the contrary, businesses and property owners are often given no alternative but to accept cats back to their property – or the cats are simply released in the dark of night. At the same time, the property owners are then expected to be the feeders/caretakers of the same

animals they consider a nuisance – creating even more hostility towards the cats, and certainly not guaranteeing a lifetime of care.

REGISTRATION/MONITORING/CARETAKING

San Francisco does not register nor monitor feral colonies or caretakers appropriately or formally, nor is there a written protocol and record-keeping system for colony care. Subsequently, untrained and unmonitored caretakers interpret appropriate feral colony care along a very broad spectrum.

Below are a few examples of what I have seen happen with feral cats in San Francisco in the past three years.

- I discovered a man providing post-surgery recovery of a female cat in a trap in the back seat of a car. This car was parked in the sun- with the windows closed. I took the cat from him and took her to my home where she could recover properly in a cooler place in my basement.
- A woman told me in confidence that she releases both male and female cats the same day of sterilization surgery because she "can't stand to see them cooped up in a cage".
- One caretaker told me she thought food was enough, and she didn't have time to worry about water for the cats.
- Another caretaker told me she couldn't feed a female cat she trapped and returned, but she felt that since the cat would no longer have to worry about kittens, it would probably have a better chance of finding enough food for itself.
- A colony of approximately 20 cats in San Francisco was trapped and returned en masse to an industrial site, and then left in the care of one single homeless man to provide food, water and, I suppose, medical care. This man has long since disappeared.
- An established colony was abandoned by their feeders when a new business took over the location (the employees of the former business were the feeders). That abandoned colony is now in my care, and because of subsequent industrial expansion, the cats have nowhere but to lie literally on the street every night waiting for me to feed them. In February 2004 I had to witness one of them die violently because in its excitement at recognizing my car and crossing the street for dinner, it ran into the path of another oncoming car.
- Another colony that I have managed for the past year is now out of my reach. A perimeter of chain link was placed around the property last month, and I have been denied access to try to lure the cats to a new feeding location. The cats had been without food or water for three weeks until I was able to resolve the situation.

- Last month I inherited another abandoned colony, discovering that the former business and feeders left the premises approximately two months earlier. I have no idea how many or how *any* of the animals survived since then. After I finally gained access to the property, I discovered un-tipped (unaltered) males and pregnant cats at this location that was previously considered to be "cleaned up".

ON-GOING HEALTH CARE

There is no on-going health maintenance program in place for feral cats in San Francisco. Injured and sick animals are fearful and elusive. Untrained TNR volunteers are not only expected to re-trap injured/sick animals without assistance (a very challenging task), but are also financially responsible for any medical work on the cat. Anyone who regularly visits the vet with just one or two pets can imagine how financially daunting this responsibility could be. It is impossible to even provide these animals with flea and worm medications on any regular, effective basis.

My current feral cat feeding schedule in San Francisco takes approximately 2-3 hours per night, 7 nights a week, every night of the year. The majority of the cats I feed are from previously known colonies that have been abandoned and left to multiply by their former caretakers. I have no back-up support, I have no relief in sight, and I spend approximately $500 on cat food and gas per month. Medical care for the cats is out of the question. I never imagined that as a volunteer I would be left with such a huge burden on my own. It should go without saying that I can't sustain this level of commitment much longer. It is physically, emotionally and financially exhausting. Whatever happens to these cats after I burn out will be anything but "the most humane solution to population control".

Somehow, along the path of compassion, I think we all have been muscled into believing that the No-Kill and TNR movements are from a divine source. Subsequently, we have forgotten about the individual suffering that happens to the *unadoptable* animals, who are therefore the homeless, unwanted, class B cats in San Francisco. What is humane about sterilization followed by neglect and starvation? What is humane about a lifetime of fear, crouching under cars for safety or dumpsters for food, of maddening fleas, and hunger and thirst? We should understand just one thing about TNR. TNR only stops breeding. TNR does not stop suffering. Not in San Francisco.

Last month, in your meeting, a woman came to the podium and told you she has trapped 1000 cats. The questions we need to ask are: Where are these cats now? Are they safe? Is she caring for them? Or have they been left behind to fend for themselves like so many others?

I am asking this Commission to look beyond the TNR rhetoric and into the actual practices of TNR to determine if it is really something we can actually be proud of in San Francisco.

Sincerely,

J.R. Yeager
San Francisco

P.S. If any of the Commissioners would like to join me for a feral cat field trip at any time, I would be pleased to have your company.

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Systemwide
Letter 59

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July 20, 2005

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RE: **Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan**

Dear Ms. Wayne:

I am a native of San Francisco, and Golden Gate Park and the other parks are my special places to go to relax and enjoy nature. I feel very strongly about environmental AND animal welfare issues, and I am writing to you to comment on the proposed Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan. I support the idea of the Natural Areas Plan. However, I have serious complaints about several sections of it, namely GR-7 and GR 13-C.

GR-7

Why are you singling out feral **cats** as predators? Why not include raccoons, foxes, rats, mice, other birds AND human predators? This is wrong. Feral cats should be seen as part of the situation, not the only ones to blame. Yes, cats are not native to this area, but they're not to blame for that – PEOPLE ARE. A

Whoever wrote this part of the management plan is obviously quite biased, based on the organizations that are referred to. Perhaps it might be good to refer to the websites of some of the feral cat advocacy groups as well.

GR 13C

The language in this section is a clear slap in the face of, and attack on, the dedicated volunteers, those of us who have spent our spare time, year in, year out, waiting in the cold and the dark to trap feral cats, those volunteers who help with transportation of feral cats to and from the SPCA, those volunteers who maintain and monitor the feral cat colonies, all those who have worked on the Feral Fix Program, who have tried so hard over the years to humanely reduce the feral cat population. It is an affront to, and attack on, the SPCA and its highly successful Feral Fix program. This language should therefore be taken out of the plan. B

Why am I so concerned about these sections of the plan? Because I am also an SPCA volunteer, a member of the Cat Assistance Team of the Feral Fix Program.

San Francisco SPCA Feral Fix Program

Over the past four years I have trapped over 100 cats in a dozen places in the city in order to put them through the Feral Fix Program. Of those 100 cats, about half were kittens who were socialized and adopted out through ACC or SPCA. About 25 or so of those adult cats turned out to be **tame cats that had been abandoned** at some point, and in some cases had reverted to semi-feral behavior. With only a few exceptions, those cats were re-socialized and adopted out to good homes. About 25 truly feral cats went through the Feral Fix program and were re-released into their stable colonies, where they are given food and water on a regular basis, and monitored for the arrival of new pregnant cats, kittens, or cats that have been abandoned there, cats who might need to be trapped in order to be fixed OR adopted out.

Programs that have tried to resolve the feral cat population by rounding them up and killing them have been unsuccessful. Time and time again, the facts and figures show that if all the cats in an area are trapped and killed, in a short time there will be new cats moving into the area.

San Francisco's Feral Fix Program is the humane solution to controlling and reducing the feral cat population, and has been quite successful in the numbers of cats who have been fixed, and cats who have been socialized and adopted. Those of us who work with feral cats all feel the same way: **in an ideal world, all cats would be spayed or neutered, well cared for in loving homes where they could live indoors, or if they have access to the outdoors, that it be in an enclosed garden. In a perfect world, we would not have any more feral kittens being born, and tame cats would not be abandoned by the irresponsible people who originally adopted them or bought them.** I would like nothing better than to never have to trap another cat. Unfortunately this will probably not happen during my lifetime. All we can do, then, is continue our efforts to educate the public so that they won't abandon their animals, and continue our ongoing efforts to HUMANELY reduce the feral cat population through spay and neuter programs.

Foster City Project

I wonder if you have heard about the wonderful Project Bay Cat, a coordinated effort to HUMANELY resolve the feral cat issue along the Bay Trail. **The City of Foster City, the Homeless Cat Network, AND Sequoia Audubon Society have collaborated in efforts to resolve this problem.** I enclose a press release about this outstanding project, a unique effort to resolve these issues without creating an acrimonious "cat versus bird" argument. This was developed to curb feral cat growth **through spay/neuter and adoption programs**, as well as to protect **bird habitat**. This partnership has been very successful and is being held up as a model program for others to emulate. Has NAP considered an effort such as this in order to resolve the problems? If not, I strongly recommend that this kind of program be considered.

Feral Cats & Quail

The success of the above-mentioned programs came to mind when I was walking through Golden Gate Park a few weeks ago. A group of us saw two quail pecking around in the dirt, and then we saw two feral cats nearby. I think we all thought the worst, so we waited and watched. The two feral cats were both awake and just lazing in the sun. They were about four or five feet from the quail and watched, with us, as the quail pecked around, getting first closer, then farther away from the cats. The cats watched the quail, but the quail seemed to pay no attention to the cats whatsoever – it appeared that they were used to being in the cats' presence. This went on for about 10 or 15 minutes until we were all quite assured that nothing would happen to the quail. The quail eventually moved far enough away that a few of us were able to get closer to the two cats without disturbing the quail. I noticed that both cats had tipped ears (meaning they'd been spayed or neutered). They were wary of us, and eventually went into the bushes. It was only when we got quite close that we saw a feeding station, with food and water bowls. The cats looked quite healthy, obviously well fed, and, again, seemed to have absolutely no interest in chasing the quail or any other birds that we saw in the area.

This is consistent with what I have seen in the course of monitoring feral colonies: where cats have a regular supply of food and water, they feel less of a need, or no need, to hunt. I also would like to add that a few **park gardeners** and regular park visitors have said that they don't feel that cats are to blame for the decline in the quail population, but rather HUMAN PREDATORS.

Conclusion

I cannot support the NAP draft at this point. Your document has faulty information regarding feral cats; you are not educating anyone, you are (deliberately?) mis-educating the people of San Francisco on the situation.] C

I look forward to the changes that will hopefully be made in the draft so that we can all move forward in fostering and nurturing the plants AND animals of San Francisco.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Nadine May

cc: Supervisor Jake McGoldrick

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Project Bay Cat Announces Successful Phase I Results

Initiative Humanely Manages High Profile Homeless Cat Challenges Along Foster City's Bay Trail; Unique Collaboration Achieves Success and Establishes Model Program

February 1, 2005. FOSTER CITY, CA -- The City of Foster City, the Homeless Cat Network and Sequoia Audubon Society today announced the successful completion of Phase I of Project Bay Cat, a coordinated effort to humanely solve feral cat challenges along Foster City's Bay Trail. With over 170 cats living along the popular trail in 2004, Project Bay Cat was developed to curb population growth through aggressive spay/neuter and adoption programs, as well as protect bird habitat and keep the path's landscape debris-free.

Early Success

After quietly initiating the comprehensive program last year, Project Bay Cat has achieved a 77% spay/neuter rate for Foster City's Bay Trail cat population. All of the altered cats were tested for disease and vaccinated, and a total of 31 kittens and friendly adult cats were rescued and adopted. The efforts not only stabilized the population, but also humanely reduced it to just over 130 cats, which represents a 20% reduction in the population. Additionally, six feeding stations designed to blend into the environment were built and placed away from bird habitats to keep cat food and debris off the Bay Trail, protect birds, and shelter the cats' food and water from the elements.

"The City is very pleased with the collaborative nature of this project," says Kevin Miller, Foster City's Parks and Recreation Director. "The results we're seeing are a product of that spirit of

cooperation to make a better environment for all levee/pedway users."

Unique Collaboration is the Reason Behind Success

Working together in a precedent-setting partnership, the Homeless Cat Network, Sequoia Audubon Society and the City of Foster City joined forces to humanely address the growth of feral cat populations common to many communities. "Our organization is very appreciative of the commitment of our partners to this project to humanely solve the problem of feline homelessness created by human neglect and irresponsibility. We are especially moved by the compassion of Foster City residents and officials and the generous spirit of Sequoia Audubon Society members who are working with us to protect all animals living on the levee," said Tonya Light, of Homeless Cat Network.

In 2004, the City of Foster City brought the groups together to define common goals, develop solutions and drive the initiative. The constructive effort, not commonly undertaken by city governments, is being heralded as a model program for others to emulate.

"We are collaborating in this project for the protection of bird habitat, a better life for the homeless cats and a more pleasant levee path for all users," says Robin Smith, Sequoia Audubon Society's Conservation Committee Chair. The Foster City shoreline is an integral part of the Pacific Flyway, a route for migratory birds in the spring and fall. Land birds breed in and around mitigation marshes, and California Clapper Rail, an Endangered Species, live in the marsh at the north end of the trail.

Phase II - Achieving Results through Community Involvement

Recognizing that solutions to the feral cat challenge cannot be achieved without community support, Project Bay Cat is reaching out to involve the public and Bay Trail users in the efforts. Homeless Cat Network volunteers have been leading t effort to trap the cats for spay/neuter surgery, testing and

vaccination, to establish official feeding sites, and to rescue, foster and find permanent homes for friendly cats and kittens. Homeless Cat Network is actively seeking additional volunteers to help Project Bay Cat continue its success. Donations to Homeless Cat Network and Sequoia Audubon Society are also being sought to help cover costs for the program.

To officially launch the initiative to the public, Project Bay Cat signs will be erected on February 10, which marks the beginning of Phase II. In addition to educating Bay Trail users of the program and asking for support, the signs ask people to refrain from feeding cats along the levee/pedway unless they are registered feeders. Most important, the signs discourage animal abandonment, which is an illegal and inhumane practice that began the Bay Trail's homeless cat population and remains a problem today.

Project Bay Cat Tool Kit

The collaborators of Project Bay Cat have created a Tool Kit for others who wish to take a similar plan of action to humanely manage feral cat challenges in their own communities. The Tool Kit offers a step-by-step plan and a variety of helpful resources, and is available for free by emailing info@homelesscatnetwork.org, or by calling the Homeless Cat Network hotline at 650-286-9013.

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To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
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Subject: general comment

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The Recreation and Park Department has extended for a second time the comment period for public input on the Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Plan. The new deadline for comments is July 28, 2005 at 5:00 pm.
This website has the comment form available for on-line response; however, some users have encountered difficulty submitting comments on line. The maximum length per comment box is approximately 3-4 pages. We encourage those having difficulty with the comment form to email comments to the Natural Areas Program. Should you have difficulty emailing responses, please print out this pdf and mail the completed form to:
Recreation & Parks Dept.
ATTN: NAP MAP
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco CA, 94117

Please provide comments in each relevant subject area BY PARK. Please rate your satisfaction with the plan's treatment of this issue. (5 = Exceeds Expectations and 1 = Does Not Meet Expectations). Please note this is not a survey. Please focus your comments to potential changes in the plan and be as specific as possible. Example

questions you might address in each topic area are provided to assist you, but please feel free to comment on any topic covered by the plan in any relevant manner.

Site: General comment

Restoration

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Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below. Yes. Please continue the excellent efforts.]A

Recreation and Trails

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Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain. Yes

Sensitive Species/Wildlife

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Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below. Yes

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife

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Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain below There seems to be too much emphasis on dogs.]B

Trees

3

Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain below.
No. I think more invasive trees such as blue gum should be removed from areas such as Mt. Davidson.]C

Grasslands/Wildflowers

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Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below. Yes, I'm very pleased.]P

Landscaped Areas
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Are the areas designated for landscaping with natives including at park entrances, roadway frontages or highly trafficked areas as you expected? If not, please explain below. Yes, I'm very pleased.

Other Comments I think the NAP staff's work is commendable.]E

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

Are there special features of this park that you think should be maintained and accessible as now? When funds are available to make capital improvements, what improvements would you like to see?

One of the primary goals of the Natural Areas Management Plan is to balance recreational uses and natural resource protection. On the scale below, please indicate how well the plan achieves this goal on this site. (1 =

poor, 10 = excellent)
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If your ranking (above) was anything but excellent, which did you find were under valued on this site?
Recreational uses
Natural resource protection
Natives/Wildlife

May we contact you regarding your comments?
Name/Affilications: Jeff Irish

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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Enter your site(s) of interest below.

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

5 Lisa was great! The staff was very helpful.

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Subject:	NAP comment general

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Site: General comment on the draft plan.

Restoration
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Is the (re)introduction and augmentation of locally rare plants, and enhancements to wildlife and plant habitat as you expected? If not, please explain below. The plan seems well balanced, researched and well presented.] A

Recreation and Trails
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Do the proposed trails offer you the access you expect? If not, please explain. After hearing the presentation, my concerns of limiting access have been allayed.] B

Sensitive Species/Wildlife
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Are the actions to maintain and enhance sensitive species and wildlife as you expected? If not, please explain below. It seems more could be done in this regard but I understand there are competing interests that must be taken into account.] C

Dogs, Cats & Non-native Wildlife
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Are the recommendations for monitoring and altering Dog Play Areas as you expected? Are the proposed prescriptions for non-native animals (e.g. non-native bullfrogs) as you expected? Please explain below Yes,as a dog person (we live with 2 mix breed dogs in our house) I'm please with the attempt to provide doggie needs. I hope there will be more play areas offered city wide. I would like continued flexibility on the side of Rec and Park and I hope for improved responsibility among other dog owners.] D

Trees
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Do the urban forestry plans protect and enhance stands of trees as you expected? Are your concerns regarding tree preservation and removal addressed? Should there be more or less intensive removal? Please explain below.
Yes, if appropriate in MA3 areas I'd like if you'd please plant more native forests where eucalyptus groves are removed.] E

Grasslands/Wildflowers

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Does the plan preserve and restore grasslands, wildflower and wildlife habitat as you expected? Please explain below.
Yes, I applaud the plans sensibility for these lesser appreciated species and habitats.] F

Landscaped Areas
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Other Comments

Can you provide any factual information about the location of a rare plant or animal, other native plants, wildlife or natural feature that would help in the successful management of this Natural Area?

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Recreational uses
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Interested in volunteering with the Natural Areas Program? Enter your site(s) of interest below.

How well did the presentation, information and staff prepare you to comment on the plan?

5 Hats off to Lisa Wayne!

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Subject: Fw: Natural Areas Program

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07/28/2005 04:57 PM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: Natural Areas Program

Lisa, as a Native San Franciscan I find the Natural Areas Program to be deeply offensive. You folks are a bunch of outsiders who have come here with a missionary, well-paid agenda, and have used money that could have been used to maintain our parks to pay yourselves. My sense is that there are no Native San Franciscans advocating to destroy the ecosystems that we locals grew up with and love.

You condemn "introduced species" to death without ever looking in the mirror and realizing that the European invasion was the greatest introduction of a destructive species to this continent . You claim to want to revert to a previous landscape...well, that would entail all the Europeans going home to Europe, and bringing back the Ohlone only to live in San Francisco. It would entail the destruction of all the structures that have been built here since the European invasion. Anything less than that is fraught with contradictions.

The ecosystems that have grown up since the invasion are suited to the neighborhoods with their tremendous density that have filled what is known as San Francisco. Sand dunes with fragile plants were beautiful centuries ago when they were sustaining small populations of Ohlone.
With our dense population today we need sturdy trees and flora.

I would love to see the Natural Areas Program fill in all the abandoned land that has heretofore been neglected...unplanted median strips, (some near Alemany come to mind), places that do not have existing plantings and fauna. But to kill living trees, and destroy the habitat that they provide to the birds that nest in them, is obscene, heinous, and unscrupulous. To kill living frogs, and introduce others that you presume to prefer, is disgusting and immoral. We want to preserve life. Do not presume to play God. You are not Our Creator.

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Systemwide Letter 63

Subject: Fw: support NAP

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cc:
Subject: support NAP

I support the Natural Areas Program. Please vote for it. Thank you.

Lindsay Mugglestone

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Systemwide Letter 64

Subject: Fw: opposed to proposal to limit access

---- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 08:20 AM ----

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07/28/2005 04:07 PM

To: <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org>

cc:

Subject: opposed to proposal to limit access

just writing to let you know that while i considor myself an enviormentalist, i am opposed to any plan that would limit access to the use of san francisco parks. while the ideal of conservation and reestablishment of native plants sounds nice, if we are truly environmentalists, we must considor how the impact of restricting the use of the small bit of nature that we have access to while living in a city will most adversly affect those of us whose only access to nature is our local parks. if we want to foster understanding and respect for the environment, we must not discourage the use of our parks as an introduction to those who are not priveleged enough to be able to leave the city, or have never been given such an opportunity. can we not do the best to improve what we have, while working with rather than excluding the community, who right it is to enjoy the parks that have been reserved for them? there is another option, however the one proposed is exclusionary to the community who if worked with, rather than against, may give more back, through involvement, if that is fostered, or a greater understanding of nature, which may begin with access to the very parks it is proposed we discourage the use of.
thankyou for your consideration,
christine pelletier
1390 alabama st
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Systemwide Letter 65

Subject: Fw: support Natural Areas Plan

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cc:

Subject: support Natural Areas Plan

Please support the SFRPD Natural Areas Plan Draft Management Plan. This is a well-thought out progam that aims to bring native species back to San Francisco, without destroying any heritage trees or unreasonably restricting people or pets.] A

Thank you.

Peggy da Silva
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EarthLink Revolves Around You.

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Subject: Fw: NAP Management Plan comments

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Jennifer Adler <jennifer.adler@yale.edu> **07/28/2005 03:16 PM**

To: lisa.wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: NAP Management Plan comments

Submitted for the public comment period on the Significant Natural Areas Management Plan:

My comments are about the plan in general, not a specific park. I am a former habitat restoration employee with GGNRA and a private contractor who has worked on a few NAP projects. I simply want to voice my support for the Management Plan and NAP's efforts thus far.
The notes I wrote into the online comment form (which didn't work) are as follows.

Restoration:
Yes, restoration is always preferable, but the plan could focus more on the educational/volunteer aspects of restoration. San Francisco will never have much in the way of self-sustaining native ecosystems, but they can at least serve as outdoor classrooms. A

Sensitive species:
A minor point: In the executive summary, it says to "Prohibit reintroduction of sensitive species" in MA-3 zones. This should perhaps say "INTENTIONAL reintroduction", for no one can control (or take the blame for) where species may establish on their own. B

Dogs, etc:
Yes, the parks are for all people, not just dog-walkers. Once dogs are allowed to roam free at a site, it is no longer usable or pleasant for wildlife or people who just want to relax in the parks! Let the dogs have the degraded eucalyptus forests, but keep them out of at least SOME public and natural areas. C

Trees:
There could be even be more emphasis on improving all the forests - removing ivy and other weeds, diversifying and slowly replacing exotic trees with more appropriate species as the original planted forest ages.
People are afraid of change, but that doesn't mean it shouldn't happen! D

Thank you
Jennifer Adler

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Systemwide Letter 67

Subject: Fw: In Support of the Natural Areas Program

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cc:

Subject: In Support of the Natural Areas Program

Dear Mayor Newsom and Supervisors:

I write to you in support of the SF Rec and Park's Natural Areas Program. A recent survey by SF Rec and Park, with over 1000 responses, showed that a large majority of San Franciscans use our parks for hiking, walking and nature experiences and that this large majority of users wants more of these nature experiences. Very few asked for more dog areas or for increased recreational uses. A

If we want our children and adults to enjoy and understand the diversity of nature and the beauty each of its habitats provides, we need a healthy Natural Areas Program in San Francisco. Everyone claims to be an environmentalist, but we can't make that claim and then destroy the very fabric of our natural world, its biodiversity.

Sincerely yours,
Arthur Feinstein

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Subject: Fw: Support for Natural Areas Program

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cc:

Subject: Support for Natural Areas Program

We support the "Natural Areas Program Draft Management Plan" as it stands. We have attended the public workshops and read the draft of the Management Plan and feel that Lisa Wayne and the rest of the "Natural Areas Program" Staff have written an excellent proposal that will protect San Francisco's fragile Ecosystem and allow everyone to enjoy our parks. We feel they should be commended for a job well done.

We are appalled by the misinformation being distributed on the Naprap website and assume that if you have read the Natural Areas Program Draft Management Plan you know these statements to be untrue.
We urge you to support the plan as it stands.

Delmar and Billie Severy

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Subject: Fw: URGENT - Comments due today by 5pm!

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:54 AM -----

"nicholas torres" <lowartist@hotmail.com> **07/28/2005 02:51 PM**

To: christopherpc@mac.com, Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: RE: URGENT - Comments due today by 5pm!

Dear Mayor Newsom, City Supervisors, etc.

My name is Nicholas Torres and I am a educator and student in

San Francisco. Being native to this city I have seen it undergo many changes. Buildings rise and fall. Some are beneficial and some just seem to

cause gentrification. Yes, we all may disagree on how our city blocks should look, but I think we can all agree on how our parks appear. San francisco, though covered in concrete, is home to some of the most beautiful parks in the world. People from everywhere love the variety of colors from native wild flowers, the vast aquatic life in our lakes, and multiple array of bird calls that reside in our native oak trees. It is this diversity that makes our parks intriguing, and in a sense, a getaway from rural life.

It pleasures me to know that there is a city organization dedicated to the preservation, beautification, and overall health of San Francisco's parks and environment. The NAP has assisted me and my class on many field trips. We have planted native shrubs, learned about san francisco history, and even cleaned up litter (which surprisingly kids love to do).
Working hands on in these parks with the children, the NAP has given us a great sense of awareness of the effect that we people have on these parks.
I
now know that if I want to enjoy the parks, I must also respect them.

We can not just run through our parks and give nothing back, and though I do not expect all park users to watch every step they make, I do encourage them to support and trust NAP's decisions for our parks future's. They have proven to me and the children I work with that they are

knowledgeable and caring for the parks health, as well as the people that use them.

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Nicholas Torres
Children's Day School Educator

Systemwide Letter 70

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

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cc:

Subject: NAP Comments

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to protest the 'Natural Areas Program' proposed to be implemented by the SFPRD.

First, this plan seems to be a pie-in-the-sky redesign of natural areas by those who believe that the "wrong" plants have prospered in the city's parks and that the "right" plants must replace them. It seems quite obvious that nature should be allowed to run its course and if certain plants thrive over others in the parks, then so be it. It is not the purpose of government to decide which wildlife should be encouraged and which should be discouraged. A

Second, the NAP would restrict parks from currently allowable recreational activity. Parks exist for the purpose of allowing the public to relax and recreate, not for the purpose of protecting wildlife and plant life. There is difference between a park and a wildlife preserve. That is why the public is not allowed to recreate unsupervised in wildlife preserves: their purpose is to safeguard endangered species, not to provide space for our enjoyment. To the extent that additional land is needed to introduce or save endangered plant life, that land should be located in a preserve, not in a park. All of the targeted areas here are parks and are inappropriate for this type of project. B

Third, the proposition which authorized the funds for this project did so only by disguising the purpose of the funds allocated. The proposal did not indicate that funds would be spent to shrink areas available for recreation for the benefit of introducing "native" plants. If it did, there is little doubt that it would have failed. If the board persists in appropriating money for a purpose that is not clearly identified in a proposition, in the long run, it will make it more difficult to pass necessary propositions for fear that they are Trojan Horses for other unstated programs. Before any of this money is spent on the NAP, or any park space is restricted for this purpose, the board should submit the NAP to the voters of San Francisco for their explicit approval.

Fourth, the mission statement for the Parks and Recreation Department, the agency responsible for implementing the project runs counter to the agency's stated purposes: "to provide enriching recreational activities, maintain beautiful parks and preserve the environment for the well-being of our diverse community." Charging this

department with implementing a plan that will reduce areas available for recreational activities is nonsensical. Furthermore, there is no reason to believe that native plants will be any more beautiful than the plants that have grown in their stead.
And "preserving" the environment is obviously not the same thing as altering it to promote a centrally-planned outcome. This is yet another indication that the project is ill-advised. The lack of willingness of the city (or the voters) to fund a department of wildlife preservation — whose premise would be consistent with this plan -- is further evidence that the voters of San Francisco do not consider this to be a proper activity for city government.

Finally, the NAP would restrict areas available for off-leash dog play, which is a silly thing to do given present circumstances. This city already has an inordinately small amount of off-leash space available for dogs to play in compared to the number of dogs and dog owners who live here. Other cities with large numbers of dogs have vastly more area set aside and have had, as a result, many fewer problems with off-leash dogs in parks, as well as with hyperactive dogs in residences who are unable to get the exercise they need. Increasing this off-leash space will lead to better relations between those who have dogs and those who want to avoid them. Conversely, decreasing this space will lead to the opposite. It will also lead to higher enforcement costs, since the lack of adequate space will encourage people to simply ignore the new rules for lack of anywhere else to go. I note that the NAP does nothing even to preserve the current amount of off-leash dog space that currently exists by providing alternative space in lieu of the space proposed to be taken away.

I urge the board to focus on the reasons that the parks exist and to end this project, which puts plant life ahead of the people whom you represent and for whom the parks were created. At a minimum, I urge that the project be shelved until an appropriate amount of space is identified and set aside to compensate for the space that would otherwise be restricted.

Very truly yours,

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Systemwide Letter 71

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:47 AM -----

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cc:

Subject: NAP Comments

I very much support the Natural Areas Program Draft Management Plan (NAP) proposed by the Rec and Parks Dept. A

The restoration of natural areas in several City parks is a most welcome change and will greatly enhance the parks' value as wildlife habitat as well as recreational values.

The only changes I would like to see in the NAP is enforcement of the dog leash laws and restricting off-leash pets strictly to DPAs. B

I am appalled that the City is not enforcing its leashlaws and licensing of dogs and thus missing a significant source of revenues (several million $) a year while allowing the quality of life in the City to be severely degraded.

In a nutshell, I feel that San Francisco is going to the dogs and want the Board of Supervisors and Mayor to put some political will behind addressing the issue.

Sincerely,

Arlene Gemmill
861 Clayton Street
San Francisco, CA 94117

Systemwide Letter 72

Subject: Fw: San Francisco's Natural Heritage

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:46 AM -----

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cc:

Subject: San Francisco's Natural Heritage

Dear Mayor Newsom and Board of Supervisors,

Let's not forget the principles and civic pride expressed during the showcasing of "green city" San Francisco's urban ecology last month during the World Environment Day event. Both locally and internationally there is steadily growing awareness that San Francisco is remarkable not only for its cultural diversity but also its biological diversity: there are more than 300 species of native California flora, and another 350 species of wildlife that collectively represent the enduring natural history of the city we love. The natural areas of San Francisco ARE San Francisco, the oldest incarnations of this place, and are truly as emblematic as the city's charismatic and unique neighborhoods. And like cherished family heirlooms, they need to be protected for the enjoyment of present and future generations of San Franciscans.

A

The Natural Areas Program is doing vitally important conservation work in service of both nature and people. Nature in city parks enhances our quality of life as citydwellers. One can conceive of natural areas in city parks as living multi-sensory educational exhibits where people of all ages and cultural backgrounds can nurture meaningful relationships with the city's natural heritage. But the quality of this experience depends upon the quality of care they receive.

For these reasons, we wholeheartedly support the Natural Areas Program's Draft Management Plan. Please set an example for our children and the world at large by ensuring that San Francisco values and protects its living natural heritage in both its policies AND its programs. Please rise above the city politics du jour and consider the long-range vision of a green city that future San Franciscans will inherit and, hopefully, thrive in.

Sincerely,

The Miura-Raffa Family

Systemwide Letter 73

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

As a long-time resident of San Francisco, I want all of you to know that I am a supporter of the Natural Areas Program that is managed by the Recreation and Park Department. I have participated as an occasional volunteer with the program and have great respect for Lisa Wayne and her efforts to preserve some of the natural areas that exist in San Francisco.
Those who oppose this program have left a trail of lies and misinformation that is really aggravating. The Natural Areas Program is, at best, a modest attempt to preserve some of the natural beauty of San Francisco. Please allow them to continue their valuable and worthwhile work.

A

Jim Rhoads
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Systemwide Letter 74

Subject: Fw: Save the Natural Areas Program!

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cc:

Subject: Save the Natural Areas Program!

Dear All,
I strongly endorse the Natural Areas Program Management Plan (Draft) and its efforts to preserve and protect the existing natural areas in San Francisco. A
Please save the Natural Areas Program! Thank you.
Sincerely,
Carol Straus

Systemwide Letter 75

Subject: Fw: Draft Natural Areas Management Plan

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Subject: Draft Natural Areas Management Plan

I strongly support the City's efforts to protect and enhance its limited natural areas for current residents and future generations.

I commend the Dept. of Recreation and Parks for its excellent work on the draft plan, balancing the diverse interests of many park users, and look forward to participating in the detailed review process.

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Nancy Smith
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Systemwide Letter 76

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments I Support NAP

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments I Support NAP

I fully support the Natural Areas Plan to restore some natural habitat in San Francisco and restrict dogs from some of our parklands. A

As a taxpayer and home owner in San Francisco, I'm very concerned that there is NOT ONE PARK in the City where I can walk without the threat of off-leashed dogs. Why is it that so many other Bay Area cities do not allow dogs in their parks and San Francisco doesn't have a single park without dogs.

Please consider San Franciscans who enjoy the beauty of our parks and want to visit them without dogs roaming about.
It's time to take a stand for the preservance of our natural areas. B

Joan Murphy
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Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

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cc:

Subject: NAP Comments

My first introduction to the "Natural Areas" proposed for SF Parks came at a PROSAC meeting several years ago. At this meeting there was a lengthy presentation by several of the consultants brought into San Francisco to plan these areas. I have a life sciences background at the collegiate level, and I must say I came to two conclusions:

The consultant brought up a slide of a landscape, heavily forested with eucalyptus trees and dominated at ground level by ivy. She commented as to how "degraded" this ecosystem was, and her tone was one of disdain. I looked at the landscape, and personally found it to be breathtaking in its beauty, with a magical quality as if one were escaping into a forest that existed in books that I read as a child.

My first conclusion: the issue of native plants vs. the current landscape with non-native trees and plants is primarily a matter of personal preference.

My second conclusion: it is the intent of these "natural areas" to defy nature. You see, in nature ecosystems are always evolving and changing.
Species which are hardier or better adapted to the environment at any given time dominate, while others less well adapted are lost. To attempt to regress an area back to a chosen point of time, and keep it there would certainly be an uphill effort. It would require restriction of the public's access, as well as wildlife and domesticated pets to prevent re-introduction of dominant species better suited to our current environment. With that in mind, I anticipated the "natural areas" would be limited to small display type areas much like an outdoor museum. Instead, I found the plans for implementation of these "natural areas" were massive and widespread. This is not only impractical, but imprudent.

Since then, I have done some research. I looked at national organizations with a balanced scientific constituency to understand their approach to invasive plant management. The National Invasive Species Management and Restoration Working Group outline circumstances which justify intervention which are very different than what we find here. The Nature Conservancy seems to take a more practical, restoration of remnant areas approach, without classifying all non-native species as enemies. I cannot see where
the recommendations of those proposing these "natural areas" here in San Francisco fit into the guidelines

offered by either group. I have read much of what Dr. Art Shapiro (Professor of Evolution Ecology & Entomology, UCD), and Lisa Hokholt (Soil Scientist, Team Leader: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA) have to say on the topic. I am in agreement with them: here in San Francisco native plant restoration has become a political rather than a scientific decision.

So, forget the "junk science" thrown at you today. Lets talk politics. Is it acceptable to lose public use of such extensive tracts of land? NO. The cutting down of trees (whether they are greater than or less than six inches in diameter) is opposed by the vast majority of the voting public.
Do we have better uses for millions of dollars? You bet. Be practical.
Give the natural area advocates what they have asked for IN THEIR OWN WORDS. Ms. Ruth Gravanis with the Native Plant Society was a featured speaker at that PROSAC meeting. She emphasized the value of protecting "little remnants of our natural heritage that are still here so we know for scientific and other purposes what our heritage was." Direct Recreation & Park to scale back this horribly flawed program to a few acres (less than one hundred) where remnant ecosystems already exist, and save the rest of the city's parks for the voting public. A

Dr. Suzanne M. Valente

Systemwide Letter 78

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/29/2005 07:14 AM -----

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cc:

Subject: NAP Comments

Dear concerned public servant:

Richard Pryor once said, "Cocaine is God's way of telling you that you have too much money." I contend that NAP is God's way of telling the SFRPD that it has too much money!

I submit to you that the entire "natural areas" program is a fraud perpetrated upon the people of San Francisco, and you must put an end to it immediately. The citizens of this community have allowed this to proceed with little protest. Why? Because they have been lied to. I reference Webster's seventh collegiate dictionary. The term "natural" is defined as "being in accordance with or determined by nature". This program is anything but natural. You are devastating the landscape as it has evolved naturally, and replacing it with plants, which if nature is allowed to take its course, will be lost. These should be termed the "unnatural areas", because if it were not for people's intervention, these areas would NOT exist. A

Proponents of this plan speak of the need to rehabilitate degraded areas.
The dictionary would define that as restoring to a condition of health or useful and constructive activity something which has deteriorated, degenerated or is no longer serviceable or of worth. The parks as they exist today are serviceable, and we value them highly. To describe their activity of destroying healthy trees and shrubs merely because they are not of a species these individuals prefer, is NOT rehabilitating a degraded area. And in fact, these areas are much less serviceable to the general public as recreational areas when they are done. Once again, they have twisted our language so as to intentionally deceive and mislead the public as to what their activities truly are.

Restoration is another term bandied about. This means to restore to a condition of health or useful and constructive activity. "Natural areas"
in our parks are not useful, and cannot be used constructively by the general public in the manner that they were intended. Parks are for RECREATION. We cannot recreate in a "natural area". These areas are NOT being restored, and they don't belong in our parks system. They are an outdoor museum, and should be limited to a few acres of small exhibits scattered about the city. B

Lastly, I must take offense to the usage of the terms invasive, and non-native. Invasive is defined in the dictionary as the incoming or spread of something usually hurtful. The landscape today is dominated by plants which were brought here by the natural movements of man, animals, or the wind. These plants are not hurtful to us, in general they provide us with shelter, beauty and pleasure. The usage of the term non-native to describe these plants is a form of nativism. Nativism is the policy of favoring native inhabitants as opposed to immigrants. This is an irrational, discriminatory policy, and I maintain the proponents of the "natural areas program" are essentially "biological racists". I don't condone racism of any sort, and neither should you. C

The only thing that should be restored here is the sanity of our public servants. The parks serve we, the people, not a small group of ideologues, i.e., the native plant advocates.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Stephen R. Golub

Systemwide Letter 79

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments in support

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments in support

I most strongly support the Natural Areas Plan for our San Francisco city parklands. We don't have a single park in San Francisco where one can go without dogs running wild. Now I'll agree that most dogs are harmless to the general public, the only problem is that you don't know that until you've met the dog. Having been accosted by many dogs, but never bitten, I'd just like to know where I can go, besides Candlestick or a golf course, where I can expect to find a dog free environment.
Having just returned from Tucson, I paid special attention to dog walkers there. I only saw about half a dozen dogs being walked, but all were leashed and none were inside the large city park across the street from our hotel.

The Natural Areas Plan is most important because it provides us with a way to restore some of our City's native habitat. Restoration of vegetation is the first step in restoration of a healthy ecosystem.
Dogs are particularly harmful to our parks. They dig for gophers and sometimes just to dig, they run on unconsolidated sand slopes and cause erosion, they tear-up plantings, and dogs' waste pollutes our soil.
It's time to control our pets and their owners. It's time to take the first step in restoring a helthy environment to San Francisco. It's time to support the Natural Areas Plan.

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B

Dan Murphy
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Systemwide Letter 80

Subject: Fw: Kudos for the Natural Areas Program

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cc:

Subject: Kudos for the Natural Areas Program

Mr. Mayor, Supervisors et al
I have been following the Rec. and Park Natural Areas Program from its inception, and have been most impressed by the intelligence, hard work and community mindedness of these dedicated city employees. I have been saddened by the gross misrepresentations and outright slander by some advocacy groups that they have had to endure. While I am sympathetic to the causes (who doesn't love pets and trees?) inflammatory rhetoric, personal attacks and misinformation ought to be seen for what it is. Your responsible leadership is much needed here, to shield your employees from such abuse. The Draft Management Plan that the Natural Areas Program staff have developed in painstaking collaboration with the many competing stake holders and interest groups, is a work of delicate balance and reason and yet still quite faithful to their original mandate to preserve San Francisco's remnant native habitat. This program and this staff demonstrate the unique qualities that make our community such a great and beautiful place to live, not only for my family and for my dogs, but for the rich variety of life that shares and enriches this place we are blessed to call home.
Please support the good work of the Natural Areas Program.
Respectfully,
Nicholas Ukrainiec

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Systemwide Letter 81

Subject: Fw: NAP draft management plan

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Subject: NAP draft management plan

I support the Natural Areas Program.] A

NAP is doing incredible work with a tiny work force.
Natural Areas in SF are used be thousands of people and harbor a remarkable diversity of native plants and animals. Unfortunately, their lack of support and protection has resulted in huge invasive plant problems.] B

Most parks in SF that I've been to have been overrun with dogs. The grass has dog urine and feces on it even in non-dog areas and the dogs are rarely on leash. The parks should be for humans too!] C

Please protect the city's unique parks by enhancing the funding provided to NAP.

Thanks,
Mark Frey

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Systemwide Letter 82

Subject: Fw: In Support of Natural Areas Program (NAP)

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cc:

Subject: In Support of Natural Areas Program (NAP)

Hi,

I just want to say that I am in support of the Natural Areas Program (NAP) management plan and urge you not to give much credence to the NAPRAP website which is putting out harsh, untrue, and negative comments about the NAP.] A

Thank you,
Thoi
South San Francisco, CA

Systemwide Letter 83

Subject: Fw: AGAINST NAP

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cc:

Subject: AGAINST NAP

Dear Officials,

I am against the NAP goals. A

Trees are needed to fight erosion and for the maintenance of wildlife that currently live in these habitats, as well as providing oxygen for life. Destroying healthy trees should be a crime. B

Besides being not able to afford further degradation of the environment, we cannot afford it financially if it takes ANY money away from basic maintenace and needed facilities for our citizens. C

Don't pass NAP or we'll be caught really napping while urgent work needs to be done!!

Please give this more careful consideration.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jade Lai
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Systemwide Letter 84

Subject: Fw: What the heck is up with NAP?

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cc:

Subject: What the heck is up with NAP?

Dear Mayor Newsom, Supervisors, and Rec and Park representatives,

I'm concerned that the RPD's Natural Areas Program (NAP) grossly overexaggerates a perceived problem with non-native species--to the point of excluding too many park users from too many areas. Countless non-native species live harmoniously with native species in the Bay Area, and have for generations. From the looks of the plan and the acreage suggested, NAP's main objective seems to be keeping people OUT of parks, in a time and place when people most need access. Surely I understand the need for protection of certain species, this plan suspiciously overextends its recommendations--in terms of the mass acreage it intends to shut people out of. A

In the neighborhood parks I frequent, regular on-site gardeners are responsible for maintenance, and say that NAP gardeners are entirely separate from the rest of the RPD, and from the rest of the parkland in the areas maintained. The gardeners I speak to regularly have worked in their respective parks for years; they know the landscape; the traffic habits of people and animals, and the abused or damaged areas--it makes no sense that separate NAP gardeners are coming into strictly defined sections of these parks, when RPD could use the expertise of EXISTING gardeners to learn more about, as well as maintain and repair, those spaces.

I'm also concerned that the impact of dogs has been overblown in this plan. Countless ecological studies have shown that the effect of dogs on the natural landscape is MUCH LESS than that of humans. And though few city officials seem to understand this, an UN-excercised dog is much more likely to cause problems than an exercised one. i.e., it doesn't make sense to encourage people NOT to exercise their animals by shutting them out of their neighborhood parks. The LAST THING anyone wants is a large number of pent-up, agitated, un-exercised dogs. To remain well-socialized and well-adjusted in the urban environment, dogs need a great deal of running and off-leash play with other dogs--this is something you'll be preventing if you adhere to NAP as its currently planned. B

Another questionable factor of the NAP is the immense cost to public taxpayers. I'm not interested in my tax dollars being spent to CUT DOWN 20,000 healthy trees in San Francisco, and neither are my neighors. I would much rather my tax dollars be spent creating rehabilitaton centers and homeless shelters to deal with our City's out-of-control homeless population. C

The lack of services and outreach to the HUGE homeless population in San Francisco is an embarrassment to residents and merchants alike, and gives our city an ugly public face.

Please reconsider this grossly overblown plan, as its main intention, to myself and most of my neighbors, seems only to keep people out of the parks that are such a refuge in this City.

Sincerely,
Susan Zuckert

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Subject: Fw: Natural Areas Program POSITIVE comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 10:05 AM -----

Peter Brastow <peter@natureinthecity.org> 07/27/2005 01:04 PM

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cc: margaret.mcarthur@sfgov.org, Yomi.Agunbiade@sfgov.org, Lisa Wayne <Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org>, Jared Blumenfeld <jared.blumenfeld@sfgov.org>, David Assmann <david.assmann@sfgov.org>

Subject: Natural Areas Program POSITIVE comments

Dear Mayor and Supervisors,

Please visit your local San Francisco natural area where you can experience and enjoy the wonderous urban biodiversity that you will find there. San Francisco is blessed with some wonderful vestiges of the original natural landscape. And after World Environment Day, 2005, San Francisco can continue to provide leadership in urban ecological sustainability.

But what is urban ecological sustainability without urban nature conservation?

The Natural Areas Program of the Recreation and Park Department is one of several programs in the City (NPS, Presidio Trust, LEJ, State Parks etc.) working diligently with the community to manage our wonderful pieces of urban nature for biodiversity.

The SFRPD Natural Areas Management Plan is a very reasoned document that has actually made some aggressive compromises with the urban nature detractors. I am at a loss to understand why the negativity continues. Negativity is the operative word, by the way, not constructive, for example. Just visit the following website for a flavor of this effort: http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/index.html. A

Alternatively, I invite you to visit our website: http://www.natureinthecity.org/NaturalAreas.htm for a nature advocacy perspective on the Plan and the Program. You can learn about the Plan itself at: http://www.parks.sfgov.org/site/recpark_meeting.asp?id=1896.

Within the Plan, non-native forests remain essentially intact, dogs with their owners can visit all of the natural areas, only disallowed from minute portions of the jurisdiction, and a phenomenal network of trails remains and is upgraded within in only one square mile of land.
And somehow, within all of those constraints/concessions, rare and endangered biodiversity is managed and enhanced.

The Natural Areas Program under the leadership of Lisa Wayne has worked tirelessly to outreach to the community around the controversial issues of parks and their users. Lisa and all of her staff should be commended for the wonderful urban resource conservation work that they do, particularly under duress of extremist pressures and the constant threat of budget cuts.

Please do the right thing and support our City's Natural Areas Program in every way that you are able.

Sincerely,

Peter Brastow

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Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

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cc: "Doug" <pfkdoug@gmail.com>
Subject: NAP Comments

Hello all.

The Natural Areas Program is a healthy, educational, and beneficial program for, and operating in, the city of San Francisco. It is not xenophobic as the website http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/index.html suggests -- nor is it disrespectful to the environment.

There is inherent value and wisdom collected in one's ecological home. San Francisco is indeed more than the sum of Alcatraz, the Bridge, the Cable Cars, etc. It is the tip of a peninsula in central California that has existed for millenia. The idea of tourist dollars, or even its contemporary residents, superceding the right of existence of the native ecological community is not in keeping with the ideals for which this city and center has come to stand.

To safe-guard the well-being of our human communities, we must learn to live in harmonious accord with our respective environments. There are no finer role models in this regard than those plants and symbiotic relationships, which have developed and accrued in this, and any, region -- pre-dating human settlement -- allowing life to flourish. The pressing concern, then as now, is the survival of community. A San Francisco overrun with South African oxalis, ehrharta and ice plant does not simply force out the floral denizens of our coastal scrub, but also the fauna that they support.

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Thank you for your ears, eyes and good intent.

Douglas Subbiondo

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Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 09:42 AM -----

George Paphitis <paphitis@mac.com> 07/27/2005 10:50 PM

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cc:

Subject: NAP Comments

http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/
If only 25% of the allegations made about the NAP on this website were true, the public has truly been hoodwinked. There is no fiscal accountability.
People first, not plants. The whole project should be aborted and the sooner the better.

A

George E. Paphitis, M.D.
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Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

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cc:

Subject: NAP Comments

I support the San Francisco Natural Areas Program. I feel that if the Natural Areas Draft Management Program has any faults, it goes too far in setting aside space for private use, such as offleash dog walking. In the Bay Area, we have the fortune and resposibility to live in an area which has been identified by a variety of scientists and conservation organizations, including UNESCO, as a biodiversity "hotspot".

The dunescrub may not look impressive to people whose idea of a wilderness experience is a golf course, but it is a haven to a unique community which includes many rare and indangered species. The people who dismiss our unique landscape as barren are clinging to a narrow, European dominated view. If we allow our reminant plant communities to be convered into lawns by people who have never smelled a sand verbena in bloom or watched the blooms of dune buckwheat change color day to day, our descendents will think of us the same way we think of New England colonists plowing lobsters into their fields for fertilizer.

Beyond the standard tourist stops, what makes San Francisco special is its ability to blend the natural world with urban life, the way you can watch seals sunbathe a few blocks from downtown. The Crissy field restoration became a major scenic focus in only a few months.

There are dozens of sites in the city that with support and some minimal publicity could do the same. Our focus should be on nuturing and celebrating our heritage, not converting it to a dog run.

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Subject: Fw: I Support the Natural Areas Program

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 09:34 AM -----

"Brent Plater" <bplater@yahoo.com> 07/27/2005 03:11 PM

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cc:

Subject: I Support the Natural Areas Program

Dear Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and those involved in the Natural Areas Program:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Natural Areas Program, and to complain about the racist, property-rights agenda being advanced by irresponsible dog owners, an agenda that has no place in San Francisco.

San Francisco is fortunate to have one of the most diverse ecosystems of native and indigenous plants and animals anywhere on earth. Irresponsible dog owner groups, taking a page from right-wing litigation machines such as the Pacific Legal Foundation, have attacked the NAP program and its advocates in a bizarre and regressive attempt to derail the protection of the last tiny specs of natural habitat in this great city. San Francisco has no place for these right wing attacks, and I hope that you will all ensure that the NAP program is fully funded and moves forward with deliberate speed.

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Brent Plater
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Subject: Fw: I support the Natural Areas Program

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Jeff Irish <jai3@mac.com> 07/27/2005 09:27 PM

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cc:

Subject: I support the Natural Areas Program

Dear Mayor, Supervisors and Recreation and Park employees;

I am writing you in support of the SFRPD Natural Areas Program.

I believe first and foremost that the parks should support wildlife and environmental preservation. We are reminded daily of the tremendous loss of intact natural habitats, which is the leading cause of extinction and further decrease in species diversity. I believe that we need to focus on remnants of natural areas we have in our communities in addition to saving habits on a grand scale such as the rain forest.
By focusing on local habitats we protect local species that are a significant component of the diversity on our planet.

The Natural Areas Program does an excellent service for our community.
I am saddened that some members of our community don't appreciate and understand such beneficial work. After reading the posting on the naprap site (http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/index.html) I feel these opponents of SFRPDNAP are expressing their special interests (off leash dogs?) and are not acting in the greater interest of our community or our environment. As a dog owner I feel the plan addresses the communities need for habitat protection and recreation.

I do not believe that any park should be designated 100% off leash.
According to the Recreation and Park Departments Natural Areas Draft Management Plan, if adopted my dogs and I will still be able to use the natural areas much as I do now.

I thank the City and County of San Francisco for its forward thinking government. The Natural Areas Program fulfills the SFRPD Mission Statement; "The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Mission is to provide enriching recreational activities, maintain beautiful parks and preserve the environment for the well-being of our diverse community."

Thank you for your time.

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Sincerely,
Jeff Irish

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Subject: Fw: parks and native plants

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 09:27 AM -----

donaldfr@speakeasy.net To: **Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org**
cc:
07/27/2005 07:39 PM Subject: **parks and native plants**

Dear Lisa Wayne

While I generally support native plants, I'm not sure that the city is the right place to put that into practice. I also support leaving the current tree population alone and leaving open space accessible to users.] A

I think native plants should preferentially be planted going forward, but I also think open space should remain open to use and the current tree population should not be cut down.] B

On a related note, I've never been in a city that appeared to spend so much effort trimming trees. I wish the city would spend a lot less money trimming and cutting down trees, and more money planting new trees, many of which could be native.

Thanks for listening!

-- Donald

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The known is finite, the unknown is infinite; intellectually we stand on an islet in the midst of an illimitable ocean of inexplicability. Our business in every generation is to reclaim a little more land. -- Thomas Huxley.

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Subject: Fw: Natural Areas Program

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 09:17 AM -----

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cc:

Subject: Natural Areas Program

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my support of the Natural Areas Program in San Francisco. I have been told that you have received a lot of negative comments about this program as a result of the posting of the management plan for comments, so here is my two-cents-worth. A

I am a long-term San Francisco Resident (13 years) and I have lived in the SF Bay area since I was 4 years old. I have watched our population grow and our natural areas shrink. I think they merit our protection, and that this protection can be balanced with other uses. For instance, I visit a Natural Area in the city nearly every day. As a runner, I enjoy the trails, the views, and the changing nature of the plants throughout the seasons of the year. I have led hikes through these areas, taken young nieces and nephews to visit these areas for picnics, and worked occasionally as a volunteer at Corona Heights. The habitat restoration projects have not hampered my recreational use of them but enhanced my experience of the city. I love having little patches of "wilderness" to escape to after a hectic day in the office.

I'm fine with some areas being off-limits to dogs as long as appropriate areas are provided for them to play--pet owners choose to have pets, and they are responsible for giving them a good life. I recognize that it is difficult to find appropriate exercise areas for pets in a densely populated urban environment. If a person wishes to own a pet in the city, they must think through how they will train that pet to live in this situation, and whether there are sufficient resources in the area for their pet to live a happy, and fulfilling life. Not all areas are appropriate for dogs, and not all dogs are appropriately well-trained to be offleash in open areas. That is why the dog run areas are a great idea. We unfortunately are not living in open, unpopulated country where dogs can easily run free with minimal impact. B

While I do not like the use of pesticides, I realize from work I have done in the past that they must sometimes be used to abate some invasive species. In order to restore and maintain some areas, it is necessary to remove invasive plants that have taken over. I have no problem with using public funding for this purpose. Re-introducing indigenous plants to restore these areas is necessary since in many cases they have been killed off or crowded out. We have lots of planted and manicured areas too--and I feel like we need both. C

I encourage further scientific investigation into the impacts of human and pet use on natural areas, and research in general on how native plants and animals are adapting to habitat loss and urbanization. There is a lot we can learn from our diminishing natural areas, which is why they are so vital to maintain. We should encourage public involvement, education, and outreach about these resources. They are as much a part of our local heritage as the Mission Dolores, the Presidio and the cable cars. D

Overall I feel that the Natural Areas Program is a great thing. I am sure there are many facets that can be improved, as in any program. All of our parks and environment programs need more funding--let's not play them off against each other. E

The online form for comments is LONG, and requires extensive review of many elements for different sites. This is probably because you expect people to review the plan for areas in their neighborhood, but it is really rather daunting for those of us who hold down fulltime jobs and would probably dissuade your average citizen from participation. I will continue to review the plan and send through any specific comments by tomorrow using the online form.

Thanks for hearing me out.

Lisel Blash
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Subject: Fw: parks

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 08:53 AM -----

Eric Phillips <esphillips@yahoo.com>
07/27/2005 06:06 PM

To: lisa.wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: parks

My family and friends strongly support more recreational space in the city's parks and not more native plants. People do not come to San Francisco to see the native landscapes. A

Parks in SF should be designed for maximum enjoyment of the city's residents!
-Eric

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Subject: Fw: NAP comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 08:52 AM -----

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cc:
Subject: NAP comments

Dear Mayor, Supervisors, et al:

I SUPPORT THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM.

I am writing to voice my support for the NAP, and its plan to manage San Francisco's natural areas. I am a San Francisco resident and highly value the city's open space, much of which harbors the last remnants of the city's natural history. Without the Program, the people of San Francisco will surely loose some of that wild legacy. I have read the NAP plan and applaud its balance of management vision and interest group accommodation. A

Sincerely,

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Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 08:49 AM -----

terriszblew@mac.com 07/27/2005 10:29 PM

To: lisa.wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

Greetings,
Thank you for permitting me to comment on the draft management plan.
First, I'd like to take the opportunity to express my support of the recreation and parks department natural areas program.
I truely appreaciate the work the program does and the great efforts the department and staff have made in restoration and outreach. A
I acknowledge that what follows is a somewhat unusual suggestion, but I'll make it all the same. I'm interested in the arts, more specifically environmental art. The plan recommends diversifying some MA3 areas that are predominantly eucalyptus forests with other trees such as oaks and toyon.
I'd like to suggest diversifying these eucalyptus forests by planting circular oak groves. This artistic and more artificial planting, once established growing so near the eucalyptus forest would help educate residents and visitors about the devistation the original eucalyptus plantings had (have) on the displacement of our native forests. In addition, these circular areas would be larger areas that would in turn support more wildlife that the visitor would be able to compare with the eucalyptus forests.
I know that the plan takes a defendable scientific approach and this suggestion is far from that, but I feel it would be interesting to encorportate art in with your science.
Again, I'm greatful for NAPs work and appreciate the opportunity to express my idea.
I'm hopeful you'll at least enjoy my idea.
Sincerely,
Terri Szablewski B

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Subject: Fw: I support NAP - the NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 08:06 AM -----

Amie Franklin <amie_funscience@yahoo.com> 07/27/2005 06:34 PM

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cc:

Subject: I support NAP - the NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM

Dear Mayor Newsome, Supervisors Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbern, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin and Sandoval, NAP director Lisa Wayne, General Manager Yomi Agunbiade and others:

I support the approval and implementation of the Natural Areas Program for the city of San Francisco. This program was put together with tremendous thought and significant guidance and recognizes that all needs of the inhabitants, including plants and animals both wild and domesticated, of the city and county of San Francisco should be represented, not those of just one group.

San Francisco is unique as one of the largest cities in America with bone fide wild natural areas within its boundaries in addition to its "crown jewel" of recreational areas, Golden Gate Park. These natural areas are a pleasure to walk through and give us respite from the busy streets.

Decades ago well-meaning workers planted ice plant, eucalyptus, etc to control erosion. At the time there were so many natural areas that it was probably inconceivable that this was detrimental to wildlife. We have an opportunity to learn from these mistakes and, unbelievably, reverse the course in some select areas to remind San Franciscans what was first here and to hold onto some remnants before they vanish altogether.

The fact that so much has survived till today is a testament of their hardiness, however, to do nothing and keep the status quo will only result in the ongoing degradation of these areas till there is nothing left and it is no longer a pleasure to walk in these areas. It is not a surprise that dog owners particularly enjoy walking in Fort Funston, as compared, say to the Marina Green.

At the end of the day I do hope you pass the NAP so that San Francisco can remain a special place for all, reverse the mistakes of the past, and bequeath to the next generation a reminder of the uniqueness of San Francisco in its wealth of natural and recreational parklands.

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Best Regards (and former resident til last year),

Amie E. Franklin, Ph.D.

Systemwide Letter 97

Subject: Fw: Support the Restoration of Our Natural Areas

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/28/2005 07:51 AM -----

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cc:
Subject: Support the Restoration of Our Natural Areas

Dear Mayor Newsom and the Board of Supervisors:

I SUPPORT THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM.

I've volunteered for the NAP in many parts of the city, I know the issues, and I think the Program is doing an excellent job with exceedingly small staff, and in the face of great difficulties.
Its Management
Plan is thorough, thoughtful, and well-balanced, accommodating the many diverse interests and needs of our citizens.

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It's regrettable that some misrepresent the program and put their narrow selfish interest ahead of the needs of the community.

Clayton Mansfield

Systemwide Letter 98

Subject: Fw: MISGUIDED WEBSITE on NAP Comments

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cc:
Subject: MISGUIDED WEBSITE on NAP Comments

Dear Mayor, Supervisors, R&PD -

You have probably received many angry e-mails from people who have been misguided by the website below regarding the Rec. & Park Dept. NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM. This site has an icon to blanket mail you (note how addresses line up on my message here - I copied them off the site) with them being blind copied at (naprapper@yahoo.com).

http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/index.html

Please consider the source and know that this person (probably no more than 1-2) are NOT DOING THE WORK OF TRYING TO SUSTAIN THESE REMAINING NATIVE AREAS OF THE CITY for our long future...we volunteers are...yet they do all the misinforming and damage not only to TRUTH but also to these areas.
Their only interest is to distract YOUR attention from helping us continue this important work and redirect it to their single-minded and destructive self-interests - often having to do with uncontrolled dog activity. Dogs can be included in these areas, but usually not to the extent they demand.

If you have any doubt, put it to a VOTE...I challenge you to sincerely poll the citizenry and you will learn that they want this work to continue and these areas sustained.

Regards,
Andrea O'Leary
334-3601

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Systemwide Letter 99

Subject: Fw: Natural Areas Program - Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 03:59 PM -----

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cc:
Subject: Natural Areas Program - Comments

I would like to express my STRONG SUPPORT for the San Francisco Natural Areas Program. The hostile opposition coming from some dog walking groups is unfounded and based on distorted information. Please support this environmentally sound project and return our parks to a place that urban dwellers can use to reacquaint themselves with the natural world.] A

M. Bruce Grosjean
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Systemwide Letter 100

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 03:58 PM -----

Deborah Benrubi <benrubi@usfca.edu> 07/27/2005 02:42 PM

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Subject: NAP Comments

Honorable City Officials,

As a San Francisco-born parent who uses the city's parks quite heavily, I urge adoption of the draft National Areas Program Management Plan. This thoughtful plan was drafted to protect our natural areas and maintain a very important city program. The only aspect that I would like to see changed is that it allows for more off-leash dog use of these areas than is safe for other animals or children. A

My daughter, now a teenager, grew up in the parks, especially Buena Vista, Golden Gate Park and Corona Heights. Since we are urban apartment dwellers, the natural areas are the only places she can go to enjoy and learn about San Francisco's natural heritage. For over a year she has volunteered monthly with Rec-Park staff at Corona Heights and Mt. Davidson, to help restore the native habitat to its former diversity and glory. It is remarkable how much good is accomplished with this program, from an environmental standpoint as well as an educational one, with such limited staff and funding.

I've come across an anonymous website (http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/) that purports to tell the "truth" about San Francisco's Natural Areas Program, and I've been told you receive a lot of emails from people who believe the site's distortions of the program and draft plan. If you look at the site you will see what I mean. Please take into account that NAP opponents, for their own reasons, are lying to the public about the NAP.

With its incredibly smart, hardworking staff and its volunteer program, the NAP is one of the most cost-effective programs in the city, and I want to emphasize EFFECTIVE. Please give it your support by adopting the draft management plan. B

Sincerely,

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Systemwide Letter 101

Subject: Fw: Proposed NAP Initiative

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 03:56 PM -----

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	Please respond to bloodhounds	

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cc:
Subject: Proposed NAP Initiative

As a 22 yr. resident of San Francisco, and a dog owner, I am very disturbed at the expansion of NAP acreage and the elimination of what is now open dog walking areas. San Francisco is a city, where a quarter of the population own dogs. We should be alloting the limited outdoor space we have to its citizens and their interests... not the interests of native flora and fauna. We have plenty of natural environment where that type of conservation can take place in Marin, Sonoma, Santa Cruz, and San Mateo counties... not to mention the rest of the unpopulated California coastline. A

Many San franciscans don't have cars or garages so eliminating neighborhood park area where dog walking can take place puts an unfair and unreasonable burden on us. I urge you to reconsider the needs of this City and its residents, and make us your top priority.

thank you very much,
patricia meyers
Cow Hollow
San Francisco

Systemwide Letter 102

Subject: Fw: park restorations

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 03:55 PM -----

	Poe Asher <vizluv@yahoo.com>
	07/27/2005 11:56 AM

To: Lisa.Wayne@sfgov.org
cc:
Subject: park restorations

Dear Ms Wayne,
I am an environmentalist and resident of San Francisco. I also exercise my dogs by walking on trails. I am not a fan of "dog runs". In fact, I believe they are not beneficial to dogs. They are ok for socializing puppies, but not general exercise. In order for dogs to get the exercise they need AND be focused and attentive to their pack leader, which needs to be the owner (or guardian), dogs need extended walks/runs on trails under control of the owner. A
I urge your committee to undertake restorations which include hiking trails. I also think that there can be sufficient "native" plant restoration without sacrificing trees which add so much to the views and ambience of the city. When looking out at a distant vista, one would not see the native plants, but a bare hill or rock outcrop. Those stands of green would be greatly missed. B
Sincerely,
Poe Asher

Systemwide Letter 103

Subject: Fw: We SUPPORT the Natural Areas Program!

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/27/2005 02:51 PM -----

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cc: Julia Reitan <Julia.Reitan@sierraclub.org>
Subject: We SUPPORT the Natural Areas Program!

Mr. Mayor, Supervisors, and others:

WE SUPPORT THE NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM!!

My wife Julia and I volunteer each month at three NAP sites -- Mt. Davidson, Edgehill Mt, and Corona Heights. We know well all the NAP staff and the program after working so closely with them for years. We have found that they are all individuals of the highest caliber and effectiveness, and that the program accomplishes remarkable feats for the City despite its feeble level of funding and staffing. A

We have also studied in detail the draft NAP Management Plan and find it to be on the whole a sensible and responsible strategy for managing San Francisco's parks. If anything, the draft plan weights too heavily personal recreational uses even where such uses jeopardize the survival of remnant native habitats.

We've become aware of a remarkably virulent web site (http://naprap.home.mindspring.com/) constructed anonymously by opponents of the NAP. We gather that you have received quite a bit of email traffic from this site condemning the NAP. We want you to know that we are appalled by the misinformation, exaggerations, and downright fabrications presented there. We urge you and/or your staff to review this site and compare it to the actual draft plan -- and then continue to support the NAP, one of San Francisco's most useful and productive City programs!

Stan Kaufman
Chair, Friends of Edgehill Mt
Chair, Friends of Mt Davidson

Member, Friends of Corona Heights
Chair, Garcia-Idora-Vasquez Neighborhood Association Member, Steering Committee, Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association
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Systemwide Letter 104

Subject: Fw: Natural Areas Program (NAP) Comments

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cc:
Subject: Natural Areas Program (NAP) Comments

Thank You Mayor Newsom and the Board of Supervisors for taking the time to read my email.

I'm writing to you this evening to urge you to first stop and then review the Natural Areas Program (NAP) that's being imposed on the good citizens of San Francisco. I have had the opportunity to live in San Francisco for the past ten years and in that time have never seen any public program that has provided for so little public input while at the same time proposing to use so much of our tax payers money. A

This program is fiscally unacceptable. The first question I had when I heard about the NAP is how much will it cost? This simple question has never been answered. I have read, via various web sites, that it's cost to tax payers will be upwards of $1,000,000 per year. The people that are running this program either don't know, or their not saying how much it will really cost to implement and then support. It's one or the other and neither is acceptable. B

Here's an example of what I'm talking about. The NAP: Parcel 4 on the Great Highway is estimated to cost 3.4 million. I have been to Parcel 4 and there's nothing there for anybody to really enjoy - in my opinion. Yeah, it's "natural" but we live in a dense urban area and people need to be able to access it, use it and most importantly enjoy it. Especially for that amount of money. The proponents of this program are proposing that Parcel 4 will have no benches, no source of water and no garbage cans - because I'm guessing it needs to by kept natural. Meanwhile the sand is just blowing across the Great Highway. You guys need to give the NAP a wake-up

call.

Please take the opportunity now to stop the NAP and provide for an opportunity to gather thoughtful public and scientific input. The RPC report on the NAP is more than 700 pages and was released only days before the comment period was over. Oh, by the way the web site that RPC was using to solicit public feedback on the NAP was consistently down or otherwise unable to accept comments.

Finally, the NAP will decrease the amount of open space that people can access. By closing off existing trails, paths and areas deemed "sensitive"
the NAP in effect is limiting the publics access to these much needed open areas. Here's the most important thing. If native plants and animals live in these area "as is" why do we need a Natural Areas Program? Does everyone remember that saying: "If it's not broke don't fix it." I can't think of a more appropriate metaphor for this whole program. C

Thank You again for taking the time to read my email.

Ronald J. Love
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Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

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cc:

Subject: NAP Comments

It seems that the misinformation on the plan is quite deep on this site. With regards to vegetation the NAPRAP website ignores the plan's incorporation of non-native trees to remain for wildlife and aesthetics: "NAP advocates envision natural areas as areas where all non-native plants have been removed, and only native plants are replanted." (FAQ section)

I urge the Board members to read the Natural Areas Draft Management.
The plan protects non-native trees and other vegetation including most of the urban forest and other non-native plants important to native wildlife.

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Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 03:43 PM -----

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cc:
Subject: NAP Comments

Please provide as many off-leash dog areas as possible in the city. As a professional dog behaviorist and trainer, I can assure you that one of the main reasons we have problems with dog behavior is lack of exercise. The frustration and anxiety that builds up in unsocialized and bored dogs causes more problem behaviors than anything else. So, if you want to see less dog attacks, this is one way to help your cause. We need more areas for dogs to play, not less. A

Thanks,
Beverly Ulbrich
The Pooch Coach
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Systemwide Letter 107

Subject: Fw: NAP Comments

----- Forwarded by Lisa Wayne/RPD/SFGOV on 07/26/2005 03:42 PM -----

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cc:
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I believe the NAP proposal is totally ill considered, constructed by a few native plant ideologists that would destroy park resources throughout San Francisco and decrease public access to open space. We need more open space, more trees, and more parks. We do not need more Martha Stewart Native Plant patchwork, fragmented, microecologies.. These proposals arise out of native plant ideologists fostered by the National Park Service who have already desstroyed trees, blocked access to popen space, and destroyed recreational areas within San Francisco. . A

San Francisco is not the environment for creating tiny micro ecologies. We have has the second highest density population after New York City (37.3 person per acre) with 24.6 people per acre. According to a recent report on urban parks in America, published by the Trust for Public Land, authored by Peter Harnik ("Inside City Parks") San Francisco Parks & Rec. administers only 3,317 acres of parkland with 1,017 being Golden Gate Park. In contrast, the National Park Service controls 4,106 acres of parkland in san Francisco, 13.7% of the city , 54% of the recreational open space (pg. 18).

San Francisco should take back city parks and ocean beaches given to the National Park Service and expanding the creation of open space utilizing all kinds of fauna to develop exciting open space that provides shelter from the winds and sun.

You should table this absurd 700 page proposal that would destroy over 18,000 tress and transform neighborhood parks into Martha Stewart phony native plant gardens.

Sincrely yours

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cc:
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Dear Mayor, Supervisors and Commissioners:

I am vehemently AGAINST the Natural Areas Program. I think it is a disgrace, junk science and a waste of taxpayers money. I ask that you OPPOSE this program. Although I live in San Bruno, I work in San Francisco and spend my hard earned tax dollars there. I spend many hours in San Francisco parks and am shocked to think that you will allow these pseudo-scientists free-reign to kill wildlife and destroy vegetation on the basis of their misguided belief that non-native is bad. I am a United States citizen but I was born in England, does this mean I should leave too? A

Thank you in advance for your common sense.

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Greetings Honorable Mayor and Supervisors!
The Natural Areas Program is a wonderful contribution to the City, its human inhabitants, their companions, and co-existing wildlife. The staff provide extraordinary services to all and are among the most dedicated of all City employees. I and the Sierra Club urge you to join us in praising this program by visiting the sites and seeing first hand how beautiful the natural world is around us.

A

Thank you,
Pinky Kushner
Chair, Conservation Committee
San Francisco Group
Sierra Club
415 731-9486

Systemwide Letter 110

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ATTN: LISA WAYNE
CC: Yomi, Agunbiade, Acting General Manager, Recreation & Park Department
Margaret McArthur, Recreation & Park Commission Liason

RE: NATURAL AREA PROGRAM (NAP) PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Sincerely,

Carrie Friese Date 7/26/05
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Systemwide Letter 113

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Date July 27, 2005

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NAP MAP Survey Data follows:

Site Reviewed - 15th Avenue Steps

Restoration Score - 1
Restoration Comments - Most of the plants do not survive. 1a

Recreation & Trails Score - 1
Recreation & Trails Comments - There is not enough specificity to determine what trails will remain. 1b Also, the indication the "social trails subject to closure" is extremely contentious.

Sensitive Species Score - 1
Sensitive Species Comments - Specificity is lacking, e.g., "Implement wildlife enhancements as appropriate." 1c

Dogs & Cats Score -
Dogs & Cats Comments - no comment

Trees Score - 1
Trees Comments - Removal of 800+ trees without any specific plan for their replacement is a significant 1d deficiency.

Grasslands Score - 1
Grasslands Comments - Lack of specificity. The presumptuously limited palate ignores the broader values 1e of park users who might not subscribe to a native environment agenda.

Landscape Score - 1

Landscape Comments - Not enough specificity. The presumptuously limited palate ignores the broader values of park users who might not subscribe to a native environment agenda.

General Comments -

Rare Plant Comment -

Improvement/Features Comments - Most people would subscribe to the notion that an urban park is (should be) defined by its variety of trees, perennial greenery and lots of color. Developers define grasslands, etc. as exploitable/buildable areas.

Plan Score - 1
Low Plan Rank Undervalue - Recreational uses

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Volunteering Comment -

Staff Score - 2

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NAP/MAP General comments

Following are a few general comments regarding the Natural Areas Plan.

I find it troubling that some questions at the NAP meeting I attended alluded to not restoring habitats as completely as possible. I can't say I think it a good idea to restore rare, endangered, or extirpated native plants in an early restoration stage. However, the goal of restoration in every site should be to reassemble the maximum amount of native plant diversity as possible. Only then are we talking about restoration. This comment might be particularly relevant to Pine Lake Park. A

There is a major problem in all of our parks with water features. In the case of NAP, this seems only to apply to Lake Merced and Pine Lake. The problem is that there is a very active minority of dog walkers who use the lakes as their dog swimming holes. This needs to end, promptly. For the first time of which I am aware, Mallards reproduce at Pine Lake. That's something of a miracle since so many potential ground predators use the uplands around the lake. The last time I was at the lake. I observed a young lady with a dog that she encouraged to chase the young ducks. There is no point to reporting such incidents because there is no possible response. The fact of the matter is though, this is illegal and this infraction needs strict enforcement for the sake of wildlife and water quality. If the Recreation and Park Department opt not to enforce regulations against dog owners who use our open waters, they need to begin the process of doing a full Environmental Impact Report and showing there is no impact to protected wildlife and water quality. B C

A comment I couldn't find a place for in my Lake Merced comments has to do with new habitats. Only this year did duckweed become a significant element of the Lake Merced ecosystem in the shallows of the impound lake.. It needs mention.

There is no mention of a snag policy. It is important to keep some standing snags in wooded areas. A rule of thumb is 3 per acre in forests. That may or may not be appropriate for woodlands in our natural areas, but it should provide a guideline for snag density. I don't support keeping them near paths, or near places where they could damage people or property, but I most certainly support a policy that demonstrates the Department's acknowledgement of the need to provide snags for cavity nesting birds, roosting birds and all the insects, fungi and such that make up the ecosystem of a dead tree or branch. D

It would be of benefit to many species if large nests, when abandoned, were left untouched for at least 2 nesting seasons. It is common for large stick nests to be reused by birds of the species the built them and by birds of different species. E

Protocols for determining distances that should be kept from nests need to be established. All protocols should be developed with scientific support. For example, the distance people should stay from the heron and cormorant nests at Lake Merced should be F

researched in ornithology literature and deted based on that and on the special features of Lake Merced. It is certain both es tolerate much more disturbance anyone would think reasonable. Moving bome well within the zone that would drive off many other populations. Factors lit should be taken into account when developing a policy for this situation. Needb say, this should cover raptors and owls, and other species as situations arise.

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1. I've heard or read that a small percentage (7%-10%) of park areas would be converted to NAP. Conversely I've heard that the areas would be more like 25%.

The discrepancy, I'm guessing, may be the definition of "area". The smaller of the area percentages could be attruibuted to considering all park land, including structures such as McLaren Lodge, swimming pools, ball diamonds, soccer fields, sidewalks, parking lots, and playgrounds. If those categories of area were to be excluded then the proposed NAP areas would, of course, be much larger, perhaps easily 25% or more. Let's be certain what it is we are going to get under the current NAP plan. A

In my own background as an engineer for a major construction company I was once asked to determine hoiw many "trees" would have to be removed for the Massachusetts project. After discussing the matter with the project engineer I defined at "tree" to be at least 4" in diameter. I surveyed the area for typical "tree" density for many aproximately 50ft by 50 ft areas and then calculated how many trees for the whole project area. We were all surprised to find that there were "over 16,000 "trees" to be removed. This was, of course, an uncomfortably large number. We redefined the diameter of a "tree" for be considerably larger and determined a more "reasonable" number for public information. B

Moral: Numbers are not always what they seem on the surface.

2. I understand that an earlier biologist's (or equivalent consultant's title) report concluded that Pine Lake at Stern Grove was, or is, not suitable for the western (wood?) turtle for various reasons. I understand that a NAP/SFRPD person "thought" he (or she) had seen one of this type turtle. Reportedly this has been used as a basis for introduction of this turtle species to Pine Lake. The extended implication of such introduction would reportedly mean seizure and manipulation of additional areas away from Pine Lake that would additionally and negatively impact use of traditional paths and land use.

At a minimum, science requires independent confirmation of the turtle's existence. It must also be confirmed that the turtle was not "planted" by an over-zealous NAP fan. I understand that other turtles do in fact live in and around Pine Lake. One can wonder if the purported sighting was at a sufficiently close (whether unassisted by binoculars or with) distance and if the reported sighting conditions are consistent with that person's visual accuity.

Has there been an external, independent audit of NAP's operations and financial matters? Since the scope of NAP seems to be growing ever larger it would seem proper to know that there are no indications of costs and land seizure spiraling out of control. Additionally, in light of the C

continuing deterioration of many of our parks, supposedly from inadequate budgets, it would seem altogether inappropriate to proceed with a program such as NAP in the foreseeable future. At a minimum, NAP project interface problems with existing used park land must be fully identified and resolved to prevent additional financial uncertainties for the people of San Francisco. C

I strongly recommend a complete, independent audit of NAP's programs and finances.

3. How does NAP propose to address potential (shall we say "certain"?) problems of blowing and rain-washed sand for neighbors and streets? What financial reserve is there to effect immediate remediation? Surely such expenses would not be taken from SF's already inadequate budget. (What of the ever-growing backlog of deferred maintenance and repair for not only SFRPD but the whole city?) D

4. Reportedly just under $1 million ws spent on a consultant's report for NAP. What source funded this report? Were particular conclusions and recommendations requested of the consultant by NAP/SFRPD? Were all "deliverables" met at or under budget? Where do the costs and report finish stand if not? (Recall that GGNRA reportedly requested at least one finding or conclusion by a cousultant before the work was begun.) My own reading of some document earlier suggested that the project engineering firm's environmental group for Crissy Field certified the location of a lagoon to be constructed as being where there had been one at an earlier time. It was determined after construction, I understand, that the location was questionable since the tidal flow failed in some way to work as it should. Reportedly GGNRA had pushed for locating the lagoon and the feed channel before the contractor did its asse! ssment and recommendation. (My) Conclusion: Consultants' reports must be truly independent. E

In the broader picture there seem to be numerous undefined or ill-defined martters associated with the NAP. It would be better to scale back NAP's ambitions to a few demonstration areas to verify over time that there are in fact enough volunteers to handle the maintenance; that controls are in place to prevent misuse of public funds such that we read about frequently. F

5. Reportedly the form created by NAP for comment had a "satisfaction" section on a scale of 1 through 5. If one failed to pick a number, then the computer would default to 5, which, I understand, means excellent, exceptional, or some such top rating. If my understanding is correct, then this programming liberty constitutes fraud and invites an even closer look at all other promotions and assertions by NAP.

6. Because I am frequently out of town I "catch up" with friends and colleagues on my return. The many concerns I've heard from them about potentially improperly controlled and used herbicides gives me concern in turn. I have a background in use and management of hazardous chemicals. I've seen them misused, such as during wind, and have seen numerous failures to post warnings of use, and failure to follow up after application to check for containment (e.g., no run-off to adjacent public or private property). It must be realized that wild animals, including birds, pets (cats and dogs), and even children are likely to pass through the application areas. Residual chemicals can then be tracked into homes where kids hands and their toys can pick up G

the herbicide tracked in by other people and pets.

7. In going to numerous public meetings over the years that dealt with off-leash dog activities I have been saddened as well as puzzled by a small number of individuals who, for lack of better words, seem only to promote ignorance, fear, and hatred of dogs, particularly off-leash dogs. There's room for all of us in the parks. I visit several parks regularly. At those parks both people without dogs and people with dogs, as well as people with young kids, some of whom have dogs, get along fine. If a person wants, as a SFRPD staffer coined the term, the non-dog experience, then there are many acres of parks that are dog free than there are with dogs. In a similar way, if I don't want to get hit by a soccer ball, I don't stand at the edge of the soccer field. San Francisco has a long tradition of off leash recreation in the parks. This tradition should be accepted and codified once and for all to preven! t the seemingly endless and progress-less meetings on the subject. H

8. I have developed the impression that NAP management is frequently disingenuous about its plansand actual and forecast costs, and that it seemingly ignores or disregards stated concerns of a large number of San Francisco citizens.

I would welcome being contacted by NAP to address the above and other concerns. I urge our San Francisco elected officials to take a long and serious look at where NAP is now and what NAP will likely grow into and how it will adversely affect traditional park use.

Respectfully yours,
Patrick Noakes

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Subject NAPMAP Public Comment

(My Public Comment can be read embedded as text, or in the attached doc.)

From: Karin Hu, Ph.D.

Re: Public Comment on the June 2005 SNRAMP: Changes Needed

I am a SF native who grew up studying insects & other animals in SF parks. I did my doctoral thesis on insect vision. I have good knowledge of SF Natural History (plants and animals) and excellent grasp of scientific methods and evaluating scientific findings (I teach this course). Having served on the Green Ribbon Task Force, the Board of Supervisor's NAP Citizen's Advisory Committee, and the NAP ad hoc group I've been able to observe progress made from 2001 to the present. For example, some of the things I like about the June 2005 Draft Management Plan:

--eliminates calling entire parks "critical areas," and in fact, has deleted the term and now more clearly distinguishes high priority areas (containing true remnants & species needing protection) from low priority areas.

--acknowledges the value of the Urban Forest (Urban Forestry Statement). Additionally, it provides definitions of "tree", "sapling" and "seedling" and will hopefully prevent the earlier controversy about Bayview Hill where opponents said "hundreds of trees" were cut down and NAP said "seven trees were cut."

--a commitment to Monitoring, i.e. tracking what is needed, what is planted, what is the outcome/success rate, and reporting annually to the public. Be sure to follow through on this and actually do it.

--initiating involvement with the public. Prior to 2001, NAP was operating below the radar. The public was largely unaware that NAP existed, and NAP violated its own commitment to a public process. Currently, NAP has made an attempt to involve the public. (The community workshops with the severely truncated Question and Answer Period, and censoring of group discussion raised suspicious about NAP outreach, as did the faulty on-line response form, but you still have a chance to make good.) Be certain that you

"walk the talk," i.e. use public comment as you would a focus group. What is the public telling us that will help make NAP successful?

--inviting stakeholders to the table. I appreciate the opportunity of being in the ad hoc group.

On the other hand, there are still major problems to be resolved. I know you are anxious for the program to "move forward," but there are some costly controversies that NAP is still mired in. Since some of the controversial proposed actions are unlikely to take place, I'm not sure why you include them in the plan. Politically it is very expensive to kill cats, remove wildlife, introduce sensitive species in high-use recreational areas, use herbicides, etc. and there is no clear benefit (i.e. lack of scientific evidence) that these measures protect remnants or conserve natural resources in San Francisco. Those proposals are counter-productive because it turns the public against what could be a very good program that protects, conserves, and enhances native landscapes.

Your strongest Public Comment support is probably from the CNPS, a modest core of adult NAP volunteers (I'm not including schoolchildren who are usually forced by their teachers to participate), the handful of people in the Sierra Club conservation committee (not the recreation division of the Sierra Club), a few Audubon folks, some NAP employees, and a well-known group of people who know more about the "off-leash dog problem" than they know or care about natural resources. The majority of San Franciscans are alarmed when they learn the details of NAP, the high costs of expanding the native landscape.

No doubt you probably feel you have already made too many compromises. Prior to Feb 2001, NAP operated as it wished and had grand plans for restoration, basically operating carte blanc. The interference of "the public" put the brakes on some of those plans. But given that NAP is funded by public funds on public lands, it's only right that the public determine land uses.

Maybe I'm too optimistic, but I believe a program can be designed that can garner the support of the majority of San Franciscans AND support the goals of NAP (though to be frank, it wouldn't necessarily support the current acreage and current/future costs).

I'm dividing my comments into General Issues, applicable to the whole program, and then a few comments on individual parks.

I have so much to say, starting to write my Public Comments was almost paralyzing. This isn't polished or comprehensive. I still have more to say, but it's 10:30PM July 28, 2005. Following are some main points.

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. ISSUE: Cost of NAP and accountability

 NAP currently costs almost $1,000,000/year, and receives additional funding through the Capital Projects division of Rec and Park.

 NAP encompasses over 1,000 acres of park. Currently each NAP gardener has over 100 acres to maintain.

 NAP recognizes that it cannot maintain all sites and that the greatest amount of attention will be the high priority sites (MA1 and MA2). However, MA1 and MA2 still comprise over 600 acres, i.e. more than 50% of NAP acres

 NAP maintains that volunteers will help maintain these sites. However, only about dozen of the 31 sites have stewardship groups. The majority of volunteer hours are donated by school groups and other one-time volunteers. Volunteers enjoy building sites and planting, but it is difficult to recruit for long-term weeding and other routine maintenance tasks.

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 Many NAP sites have been planted but are now neglected, overgrown, weedy plots.

 NAP maintains that grants will help maintain these sites. However, these grants are not identified and "future grants" are not a dependable source of funding

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 Recreational needs should receive priority, i.e. people before plants in urban parks. Competing Rec and Park programs and facilities are also in dire need of staff and funding (e.g. athletic fields, recreational programs, day camps, building and equipment maintenance, watered and mowed lawns, accessible trash cans, clean restrooms, etc).

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 NAP must provide detailed long-term plans that state the funding, staff and volunteer hours, and other resources needed to create, maintain and monitor each site. Until detailed NAP plans are available, NAP actions should not be initiated, and sites should remain as open space but not designated as NAP acres.

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2. ISSUE: Introduction of "sensitive" species

 NAP can introduce "sensitive species" even if there is no record they ever existed at that site.

 "Sensitive species" can be defined by the Audubon Society, California Native Plant Society, and Sierra Club

 The presence or introduction of sensitive species can result in loss of recreational access.

 Do not introduce new species into the park. NAP was designed to protect remnants, not to recreate nature preserves.

 "Sensitive species" should be defined only by Federal and State statues on Endangered Species, not

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by private clubs such as the Audubon Society, CNPS and the Sierra Club.

3. ISSUE: Removal of cats
 NAP will remove cats (NAP General Recommendation GR-7, page 5-6). The plan cites studies that are not scientifically sound (i.e. not peer-reviewed) and that were done in rural and island sites, not dense urban parks. If NAP traps cats, which may include feral as well as roaming pet cats, the majority of these cats will not be adoptable, i.e. they will be killed.
 Cats are currently part of the urban ecosystem and may help keep rodents in check.
 The SPCA Feral Fix Program has successfully reduced the number of feral cats in a humane manner.

 Delete General Recommendation GR-7 (removal of cats) from the Plan.

4. ISSUE: Removal of non-native wildlife and plants. NAP proposes the removal of non-native animals such as turtles, frogs, and non-native trees such as the blue gum eucalyptus. People enjoy their local wildlife, the trees have high aesthetic value, and many of the non-native plants provide protection against erosion and against fire hazards (as contrasted to native grasses and shrubs). Scientific studies must be conducted at park sites and there must be a clear benefit BEFORE controversial actions are taken. In many cases, the existing ecosystem works fine and shouldn't be tinkered with.

 Non-native wildlife and plants can co-exist with native species. Do not remove them.

5. ISSUE: Reduction in off-leash recreation
NAP proposes changes to off-leash dog recreation (legal DPA and de facto areas). For example, the Bernal Hill DPA will be reduced by 20%. Changes are also proposed at McLaren Park and the Golden Gate Park DPAs.

 Off-leash dog recreation and the native remnants have co-existed for decades.
 No restrictions until there is scientific evidence documenting a detrimental impact of off-leash recreation and until all other measures (i.e. trail borders, erosion controls, etc.) have been attempted to mitigate any impact.

6. ISSUE: Herbicides: NAP has stated that 2% of staff time is spent administering herbicides.
 Although herbicides are widely used throughout the park system, the use of herbicides in Natural Area sites is new. These are previously neglected sites which were not maintained as

weed-free. The Precautionary Principle, adopted by the SF Dept of Environment, indicates that in the absence of data, one selects the safest option. Since there is a lack of scientific data supporting the safety of herbicide formulas (glyphosate and additives) we should not expose park visitors to unnecessary risk.

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 Do not use herbicides in the Natural Areas.

7. ISSUE: Response to Public Comment

 NAP has stated public comment will be "incorporated as appropriate." Who decides what is appropriate—the citizens or NAP staff and its consultant? Given the impact of this 20-year NAP plan and the history of Rec & Park's lack of response to public comment, it is important to demand that revisions of the NAP Management Plan address public concerns from the Public Comments form, as well as previous comments about NAP from letters to RPD, Supervisor hearings, PROSAC and other public meetings. The public is already suspicious that you are simply going to ignore public comment. Many people I talked to said, "why bother to write anything. RPD always ignores it anyway," and frankly, I don't have any evidence to refute that.

 Public concerns must be given serious consideration. This 20-year plan needs to have the public support. Paid attention to the critics of the plan. It's nice to hear praise about your plan, but keep in mind that those who agree with you make you feel good, but those who disagree with you make you better and stronger.

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SPECIFIC PARK COMMENTS

PINE LAKE

--Delete mention of the *Western Pond Turtle from the Plan because its existence at Pine Lake is uncertain..

Additionally, positive identification of the WPT is shaky. Of the 4 people (two teams) who may have identified the turtle, only D.Ebert, the EIP author of the management plan (and perhaps C.Reading, SF State Grad Student who was later hired by EIP) stand behind WPT identification. M. Paquin, the 3rd observer says a positive identification cannot be made without having the turtle in hand (because mud may obscure red-earred slider identification), and R. Zebell, the 4th observer is not willing to state that he saw a WPT, but is only willing to say he has confidence in D. Ebert's identification.

Note: The California red-legged frog sighting at Lake Merced has now been discounted in the June 2005 plan

because later surveys failed to confirm the sightings. The 2002 plan read: "It seems likely, based on historic accounts and sighting in spring 2000, that a small population of California red-legged frog persists in Impound Lake" p. 6.1-8 (2002 draft). This was changed to

"At this point it is assumed that the California red-legged frog is no longer present in Impound Lake or at other locations within the Lake Merced Natural Area," (p. 6.1-10 (2005 draft)

Similarly, the WPT at Pine Lake has NOT been confirmed by later surveys and should be deleted from the Plan.

----Delete mention of the *Western Pond Turtle from the Plan because it is unlikely any NAP actions would occur (per personal communication with Lisa Wayne, June 2005), but the possibility of recreational restrictions threatens acceptance of the NAP plan.

--Delete mention of the Western Pond Turtle from the Plan because if it is there, it is likely to have been introduced.
IF there is a WPT at Pine Lake it is unlikely it was born there. The WPT requires open, sunny, sandy areas for egg incubation and the shady eucalyptus trees have been standing for over 100 years. IF the WPT is there, it probably arrived at Pine Lake the same way the other turtle species did, i.e. acquired as a pet (perhaps found in Marin County or Santa Clara County) and later dumped into Pine Lake when it was no longer wanted.

--IF a Western Pond Turtle exists at Pine Lake, the turtle should be relocated to another site that provides a) a sunny open sandy area to provide appropriate nesting conditions, and b) a sufficient population of other Western Pond Turtles to provide the opportunity for mating and genetic diversity to insure a viable future. If NAP created a "Turtle Island" sanctuary at Lake Merced East Lake (where a population of WPT possibly already exists, and is a low-use area) this would be a great public relations opportunity (like SF Garter Snakes in Pacifica). A basking island, complete with a sandy area suitable for egg incubation and protected from predators, could help insure the long-term success of this species.

--Do not remove the non-native turtles that currently exist at Pine Lake. People LIKE to watch these turtles, and there is no scientific evidence that these turtles are prey on Western Pond Turtle, or evidence that there is competition for resources.

--Do not introduce ANY sensitive species. There is no historical evidence that Lessingia or SF gumplant (Grindelia hirsutula var maritime) ever grew there. Western Pond Turtle and Pacific chorus frogs should not be introduced either. Pine Lake is a high-use

recreational area and the presence of sensitive species could conflict with its current use.

--Do not state that dogs are restricted from going into the water. There is much more goop (sediment), rotting vegetation and trash in the water in areas where there is NOT access or dogs in the water, e.g. the willow shrub, bulrush and swampknot area. Leave the eastern access beach open for dog water recreation. Plant swampknot or other low borders on the perimeter to discourage entry at other points.

LAKE MERCED

--The Mesa is a DPA. It was formerly landfill. Do not use this area to plant sensitive species such as the SF Wallflower.

--Do not say "Sunset Circle" is an alternative to the Mesa as a DPA. "Sunset Circle" sounds nicer that the term used in the previous draft, "Sunset Parking Area" but it still means "go play in traffic."

--Note: the plan states "DPA currently experiences low use levels, perhaps due to lack of parking and abundant foxtails," Lack of parking & proximity to high-speed traffic are probably the main reasons, but proximity to Fort Funston (as stated in earlier draft) is probably main factor. If FF becomes unavailable, use at LM DPA may increase.

--on one hand, you promote native landscapes that could support the (non-threatened) white-crowned sparrow, on the other hand, you're ready to cut down more eucs, which have proven to be attractive to a protected species, the double-crested cormorant. The plan states: p. 1.6-7 "Recently, cormorants were observed nesting on the north shore of East Lake in the eucalyptus grove below the Mesa". (in addition to the older nesting site. Shouldn't NAP be providing MORE, not less, cormorant habitat?

--the plan states that one of the Mesa's special attributes is that it supports the white-crowned sparrow. It should be noted that the "Spanish tile habitat" of my house also supports the white-crowned sparrow. They were nesting there earlier this year. Bottom line, the sparrow doesn't need native plants.)

--Table 6.1-2: delete "presently occurs" for the California Red-legged Frog. The text indicates it is not found at Lake Merced.

MINOR POINT

Be consistent in how you count DPA and NAP sites. Currently, the 3 DPA areas in Golden Gate Park are

counted as "three" while the 4 NAP sites are counted as "one."

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Subject Comment on June 2005 NAP Management Plan

I would like to express some strong objections to the June 2005 draft Natural Areas Management Plan.

On page 5-9 of the plan, "Potential negative impacts associated with dog use" lists "direct native plant and animal loss resulting from hunting or capturing." Where is the substantiation for the claim that dogs capture wildlife? The species has been domesticated for 10,000 years. In fact, in a 1995 Ocean Beach study by National Park Service biologist Daphne Hatch, Dr. Hatch found that only 6% of all dogs observed chased birds, and none was ever reported catching or harming one. (Hatch, D, Western Snowy Plover (A Federal Threatened Species): Wintering Population and Interaction with Human Activity on Ocean Beach, San Francisco, GGNRA, 1988-1996, November 15, 1996, p. 29, fig. 13.) A

This kind of unsubstantiated claim does nothing but promote negative stereotypes of dogs and has no reason for its inclusion other than to justify current and future encroachment on recreational space.

In the same list of "negative impacts": "increases in nitrogen from dog waste that promote the growth of invasive weeds." This claim has been promulgated for a long time, never with substantiation. A) Where is the documentation for this? B) If one of the purposes of habitat restoration is to allow wildlife deemed native to return, then does the wildlife not eliminate? Is wildlife waste nitrogen-free? C) Anyone who has ever done gardening knows that weeds are a constant obstacle, no matter what one does short of napalming the entire plot of earth. If no animal ever eliminated again in a native plant garden, is your concept that there would be no weeds? B

My strongest objection to the draft plan is the recommended closure of parts of off-leash dog play areas in a couple of parks, as well as the "monitoring" of DPAs in several others. C

At a hearing before the Neighborhood Services Committee of the BOS on 7/11/2002 chaired by then-supervisor Gavin Newsom, Lisa Wayne stated: "Again, opponents of the Natural Areas Program are claiming that park lands and favorite off-leash areas will be closed down to dog use. This is blatantly untrue." [transcribed from SGTV video of the hearing]. Clearly, the draft plan reveals that the claims are true.

In addition, the closure of these areas as proposed would not require review by the Dog Advisory Committee. The plan further states that any future restrictions would be located exclusively within MA-1 and MA-2 areas. It's my understanding that the MA-1 and MA-2 areas comprise about 600 acres, and from my reading of the draft plan, the NAP would be able to shut down up to 100 more acres from the dog community without review by the DAC. D

Public open space is a limited quantity in a city, with a multitude of diverse (pun intended) needs from an urban populace. It is not good public planning nor in any way acceptable for any program to be allowed to usurp ever-increasing acreage with veritable carte blanche, let alone a program as riddled with controversy as the NAP has been, on many levels (including the scientific) and from several constituencies. E

The dog community has access to a tiny fraction of the city's green space for an activity cherished by upwards of a quarter of the population. Even with the DAC in operation for the last couple of years, precious little space has been added. It would be an exceedingly difficult undertaking for a DPA to be "redesigned or relocated" as the NAP hacks away at the tiny amount of space currently enjoyed by this segment of the populace. F

Two last comments on the plan: Herbicides and other toxic chemicals are not in any way natural. The same is true of intentionally planted sensitive species in the parks. The NAP's stated purpose is to restore remnants, not to create additional areas that contain sensitive species. G

One of the strongest ecological advantages of city living is that it concentrates people in a small area, thus reducing suburban sprawl. To encourage people to continue to live in such close quarters, however, cities must remain livable. Recreational space is badly needed, cherished, and already split between many constituencies.

The NAP program would be far stronger if it showed a true desire to work with and support the dog community, which numbers many lifelong environmental supporters among its ranks, as well as with other members of the general public. Many current NAP sites are reportedly overgrown and not maintained; why not put time and energy into the sites the program now oversees, rather than trying to usurp ever increasing segments of the tiny grain of rice currently split several hundred ways? H

Thank you for this opportunity for input.

Vicki Tiernan

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what a pile of crap on this internet site! I've never seen so many lies/falsehoods/misleading info in a single place in my life. this person obviously is extremely sick and twisted or deliberately lying for some selfish reason don't believe any of this bs!] A

pete veilleux

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS COUNCIL

Systemwide Letter 129

June 13, 2005

Ms. Gloria Bonilla, President
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Dear Gloria:

NPC has testified many times regarding our appreciation for the great contribution the Natural Areas Program (NAP) has made and is making in our parks and to our city. This program manages some 860 acres of green space in more than 30 locations across the City. It is important, then, that this program be directed in a way that assures full community support and that the management plan to guide locations and plantings in these areas be widely vetted and generally accepted by city residents and tax payers.

Until now that has not been the case. As you know, since issuing a draft Natural Areas Management Plan in 2002 without following the written guidelines for either involving the public or the scientific community, NAP has come under withering attack from many elements of the community. When a Green Ribbon Panel was appointed, by the Department to review the plan, it had to disbanded since it did not allow a broad enough public process representing multiple viewpoints to consider the proposed plan. Subsequently, a much more politicized NAP Citizens' Advisory Committee (NAP-CAC) took its place. For a variety of reasons, this panel also failed to produce a community consensus about NAPs management plan.

Unfortunately, this pattern of disregard for community input on the part of the NAP management team and, we assume, the senior management of the Department, seems to be continuing. We recently received a flyer announcing that a "significantly reworked … NAP Management Area Plan" will be made available "after June 15th". That same flyer announced that the first community review, covering 15 locations, would be held on June 22nd. Seven days does not provide enough time for community members to review, consider, and respond to a 700-page plan. Nor does a three-hour meeting provide enough time to discuss the implications of this plan for 15 different parks and natural areas. A

This total disrespect for the community, and for the process of community involvement, does much to encourage the type of antagonism that has been directed to this program. I hope that you will see that the Commission steps in to assure that the process of community involvement in the Natural Areas Program is enlarged and enhanced. The reworked plan may be excellent, but without adequate time to consider it, concerned members of the public will assume that it is another rush to judgment by the Department to avoid public input. Land use decisions in urban areas are innately political; good science is only one component of factors that make a management plan work. We at the Neighborhood Parks Council will be happy to assist in any way that we can.

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Sincerely,

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Subject I am a NAP supporter

Dear Mayor Newsom, Members of the Board of Supervisors and others:

I am a strong supporter of San Francisco's Natural Areas Program and have both personal and professional familiarity with the program, its goals and the challenges facing its staff. Overall, I think the Management Plan that has been developed is sound, comprehensive and balanced -- reflecting a thoughtful response to the diverse interests and concerns of San Franciscans. If anything, the Program has erred on the side of being too accomodating of activities that can harm -- and are harming -- some of the City's natural treasures. One has only to visit Bernal Heights, for example, to see the widespread ecological damage that is resulting from intense use by off-leash dogs. A

I urge each and every one of you to support this important program and San Francisco's diverse natural ecosystems. Thank you. A

Johanna H. Wald
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Systemwide Letter 131

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Dear Mr. Murray:

I recently reviewed the draft *Significant Natural Resource Area Management Plan.* I could go on at great length about my concerns about the entire Natural Areas Program, but I will summarize my concerns in one sentence and then comment briefly about the proposals for two of our parks in the plan.

My basic complaint is that the plan devotes far too much of our park space to the Natural Areas Program; in particular it devotes far too much of the most heavily used and most scenic and beautiful parts of our park system to the Natural Areas Program. A

Regarding Golden Gate Park

Golden Gate Park is one of the great examples of landscape architecture in the world. It was designed and built by giants. The Natural Areas Program people would return large parts of it to its original ugly state.

I know that the Natural Areas people are passionate in their love for native plants and their intense dislike for non-native plants, but single minded passions more often than not ignore other values - in this case then need for beautiful public spaces and over 100 years of San Francisco history.

Regarding Mount Davidson

Mount Davidson is far more beautiful from both the distance and on the ground than its neighbor Twin Peaks. The draft plan is deceptive in saying that that it will leave many trees on Mount Davidson. The removal of many large trees and most young trees will initially seriously diminish the beauty of the forest cover on Mount Davidson and ultimately result in the complete destruction of that forest.

Please rein the Natural Areas Program people in. We should be spending money improving our parks and playgrounds - not destroying the one while under-funding the other. A

Sincerely,

John H. Munz

Table 3.30-1. Responses to comments classified as applying to the entire Forestry Appendix (Appendix F)

Natural Area	Comment Number	Author (Last, First Initial)	Theme	Type	Response
Forestry	1A	Houillion, J.	Trees	Content	See MR-4.

Forestry Letter 1

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NAP Mgmt. Plan - Items for comment

Appendix F & Section 5, GR-14
Forestry/Tree Removal

There is a perceived conflict between the need for tree removal in the native habitat areas and the need for tree retention for the benefit of the urban environment. Both are real needs. Both can be satisfied to the mutual enhancement of each other.

Should all trees be removed from MA-1 areas? No. For example, there are numerous Coast Live Oaks appearing, through natural processes, in MA-1 areas of Corona Heights and other NAP sites. Should the natural succession from grassland to shrubland (chaparral) to woodland be allowed to be fulfilled? No, because the amount of territory that remains for native habitat has shrunk so dramatically, nearly to the point of nonexistence relative to the natural state prior to human intervention. We must, as best we can, regenerate and preserve full ecosystems. All three succession levels are necessary for the existence of full ecosystems. When dealing with very small areas, as we are in our urban environment, we therefore are forced to artificially intervene and not let the natural succession proceed unchecked, eliminating the previous succession levels. We need to manage and yet maintain all three levels in proximity to each other, a microcosm of what would occur on a much larger scale naturally. In the intact natural state all three levels coexist as "mosaic" to one degree of intensity or another, depending on natural occurrences such as fire or unusually heavy or light rainfall.

It is possible to satisfy both the needs of the native habitats and the needs of the surrounding urban areas. Naturally occurring indigenous trees can be left to exist in MA-1 and MA-2 areas in a way that doesn't undermine other native species, especially the species that are struggling to survive, but rather in a way that enhances their survival. In the preponderance of instances, "mosaic" of one sort or another is the natural state along the California Coast.

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Additionally, aside from the "Urban Forests" of the MA-3 areas, we can install on the periphery of the Natural Areas (either inside the Natural Area or immediately adjacent to it) denser stands of trees (and shrubs), consisting of species and locations non-detremental to, and perhaps actually beneficial to, the wildlife species inside the Natural Areas. Ideally, these species would be native to San Francisco or areas immediately adjacent to us. This would preserve, and probably increase, the number of trees in existence. Creating this kind of buffer zone would enhance both the urban and NAP areas on a visual and environmental level.

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