



PLANNING COMMISSION

Board of Supervisors Chambers
400 County Center, Redwood City

ITEM #2

Applicant: **San Mateo County Parks Department**
Owner: **San Mateo County**
File Number: **PLN 2023-00238**
Location: **Quarry Park, El Granada**
APN: **047-330-010, 047-331-010, 047-340-010, -020, -040, -200**

Project Description: **Consideration of a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) to continue the County Parks Department's Off-Leash Dog Recreation Program. The program is limited to Quarry Park located in the unincorporated El Granada area of San Mateo County. This project is appealable to the California Coastal Commission.**

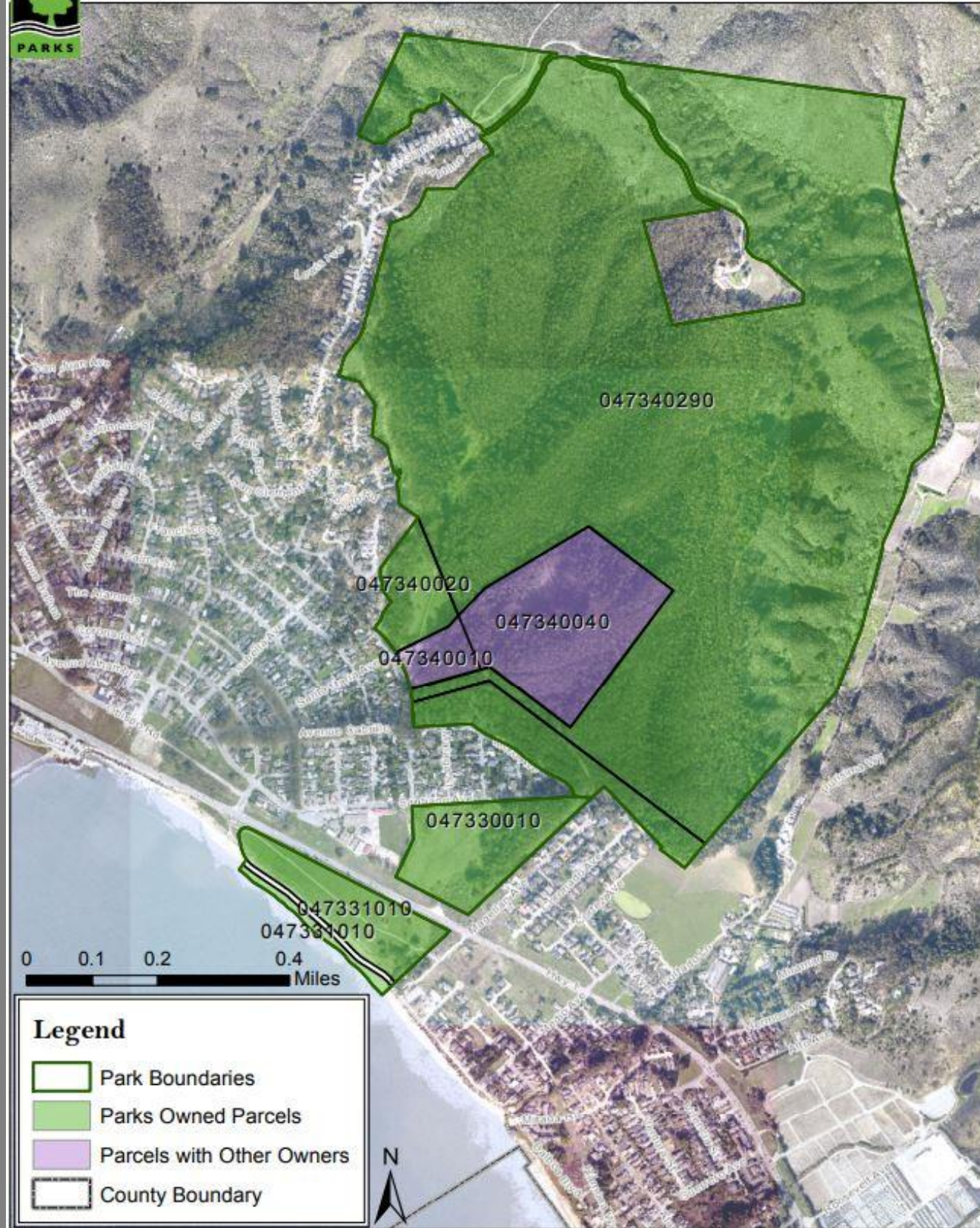


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San Mateo County Parks: Parcel APNs at Quarry County Park



Legend

- Park Boundaries
- Parks Owned Parcels
- Parcels with Other Owners
- County Boundary

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- To make off-leash dog recreation a permissible use at Quarry County Park moving forward
- To formalize an activity on lands historically used for dog recreation



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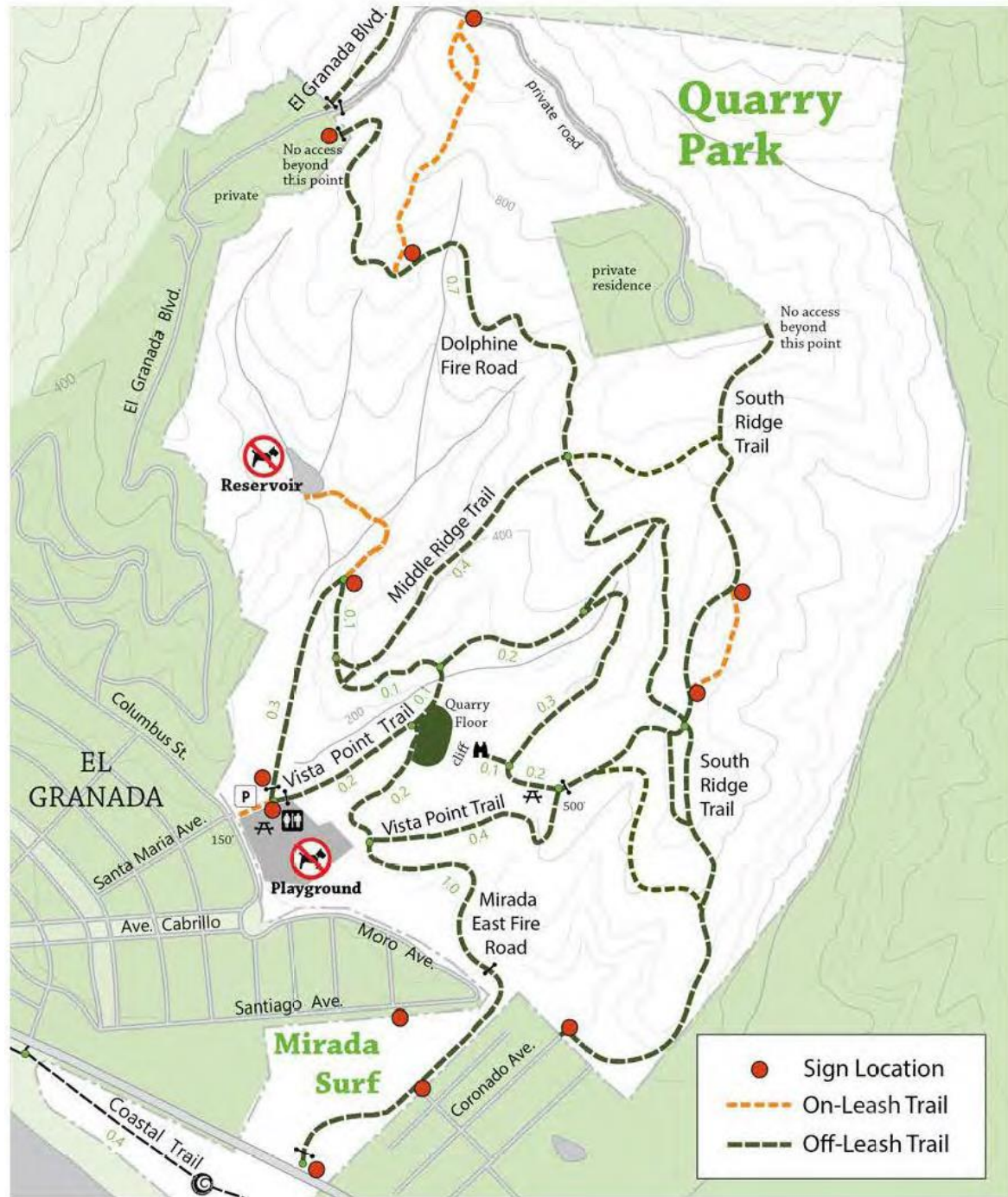
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PILOT PROGRAM

Components of the Pilot Program included:

- (1) Public Education Program
- (2) Park Infrastructure improvements
- (3) Pretesting Monitoring Program
- (4) Compliance and Corrective Actions



**NO DOGS
ALLOWED IN
PLAYGROUND
AREA**

**NO DOGS
ALLOWED IN
RESEVOIR**

**DOGS MUST
BE ON
LEASH ON
THIS TRAIL**

**ALL DOGS
MUST
REMAIN ON
DESIGNATED
TRAILS**

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PILOT PROGRAM FINDINGS

- Baseline monitoring data: July 2021 – April 2022
 - Established Adaptive Management Plan (AMP)
- Pilot commenced in April 2022, 12-month program
 - Results of (8) indicators monitored



PILOT PROGRAM FINDINGS

INDICATORS FOR MONITORING

Indicator	Standard
Presence of dog waste	No more than 20 pieces of dog waste in one month
Fecal coliform levels	Presence of dog associated bacteria and E.coli shall not exceed 320 cfu/100 ml at any monitoring location
Harassment of wildlife	Dogs observed chasing or harassing wildlife no more than 2 times over a 60-day period
Dog entry into sensitive areas	No dogs observed entering a signed sensitive area
Dogs travelling off-trail	No more than 1 instance of dog off trail by 10 or more feet per 60-day period
Leash compliance for on-leash trails	70% of parties have dog on leash on designated trails
Interactions between other visitors and dogs	Less than 10 times per month where dogs exhibit unwelcome behavior to other dogs or people
Changes in park visitation in response to visitors with off-leash dogs	No standard – general observations to be made over pilot



PILOT PROGRAM FINDINGS

BASELINE DATA VS PILOT MONITORING DATA

	Baseline Monitoring Period	Pilot Monitoring Period
Quarry Park Monitoring Data	Total (Average)	Total (Average)
Dog Waste	293 (29.3)	252 (25.2)
Off-leash in On-leash Area	12 (3)	6 (1)
Dog in Prohibited Sensitive Area	1 (0.25)	0
Dog Off-Trail	3 (0.75)	9 (1.5)
Wildlife Harassment	0	0
Public Conflict	4 (1)	2 (0.3)





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LCP COMPLIANCE

- Chapter 7 - *Biotic Resources*
 - Policy 7.3 (*Protection of Sensitive Habitats*)

- Chapter 11 – *Recreation & Visitor-Serving Facilities*
 - Policy 11.4 (*Recreation and Visitor-Serving Facilities Permitted in the Coastal Zone*).



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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

- The County Parks Department, acting as Lead Agency, prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (“IS/MND”) with a public review period of July 15, 2021, to August 13, 2021. The Board of Supervisors adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration on November 9, 2021



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RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Coastal Development Permit, County File Number PLN 2023-00238, by adopting the required findings and conditions of approval contained in Attachment A of the Staff Report.



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1. Off-leash dog(s) must be under voice and sight control.
2. Dog(s) must remain on designated and signed trails, within view and earshot and no more than 25 feet away from owner/handler.
3. Dog(s) must be on-leash in developed areas (i.e., near traffic, parking lot, lawn or play field, deck, picnic areas, etc.).
4. No more than two off-leash dogs allowed per owner/handler.
5. Dogs are presumed to NOT be under control when they threaten, harass, chase, or otherwise display aggression towards any person, animal, or wildlife; or do not return when called.
6. Owner/handler must have physical control of dog(s) when approaching or being approached by park users not also engaged in off-leash dog recreation.



PILOT PROGRAM FINDINGS

Table 1. Overall Baseline Dog Monitoring Results, as measured from July 2021 to April 2022

	July – October 2021	October – December 2021	January – February 2022	March – April 2022
Presence of dog waste	41.75 per month	15.66 per month	14.5 per month	25 per month
Harassment of wildlife	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances
Dog entry to sensitive areas	0 instances	1 instance	0 instances	0 instances
Dogs traveling off-trail	1 instance	1 instance	1 instance	0 instances
Leash compliance for on-leash trails	5 off leash	80% leash compliance	83.3% leash compliance	71.4% leash compliance
Interactions with dogs and visitors	0 instances	3 instances	0 instances	1 instance



PILOT PROGRAM FINDINGS

Table 2. Overall Dog Monitoring Results for the Pilot Program at Quarry Park, as measured from May 2022 through April 2023.

	Standards	May and June 2022	July and August 2022	September and October 2022	November and December 2022	January and February 2023	March and April 2023	Average
Presence of dog waste	No more than 20 occurrences in one month	26 instances per month	8 instances per month	58 instances per month	N/A ¹	14 instances per month	18 instances per month	25.2 instances per month
Harassment of wildlife	Dogs observed chasing or harassing wildlife two times over a 60-day period	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances per period
Dog entry to sensitive areas	No dogs observed entering Parks defined and signed sensitive areas	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances per period
Dogs traveling off-trail	Dogs observed traveling at 10 feet or more off trail	3 instances	2 instances	2 instances	1 instance	0 instances	1 instance	1.5 instances per period
Leash compliance for on-leash trails	70% of parties with dogs will have their dogs on a leash when using an on-leash trail	75% leash compliance	72.2% leash compliance	100% leash compliance	50% leash compliance	100% leash compliance	100% leash compliance	82.9% leash compliance
Interactions with dogs and visitors	Any dog is observed exhibiting unwelcome behavior(s) to other dogs or visitors 10 times per month	0 instances	1 instance	0 instances	1 instance	0 instances	0 instances	0.33 instances per period

¹ The spatial data for waste counts was lost for November and December 2022