

SMC Parks Dog Pilot Project Work Group

Work Group Goals:

- Recommend to the Parks Department 1-2 park sites where on-leash dog access can be piloted and evaluated, based on the work of the Dog Management Committee, and
- Provide a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors about possible off-leash dog access

Participant Agenda

November 4, 2019

400 County Center, Supervisors' Chambers, Redwood City

Goals for this meeting:

1. Conclude discussion of location(s) and structure(s) for off-leash dog access for inclusion in recommendation to Parks Department
2. Begin development of evaluation criteria and policies that will be recommended for off-leash pilot(s)
3. Discuss the process for submitting the Work Group's recommendation to the Parks Department, the Parks Commission and Board of Supervisors

2:00 PM	Welcome, Introductions Brief Process Review	Facilitator
2:05	Approval of notes from the October Work Group Meeting	Facilitator
2:10	Summary of written input to the Work Group since the last meeting	Peggy Jensen
2:20	Follow up from October meeting	Ellie Dallman
2:25	Public Comment – 10 minutes	
2:35	Continue Discussion of Pillar Point Bluff as Off-leash Pilot Location	Peggy Jensen Park Staff
3:15	Discussion re. Evaluation Criteria for Off-Leash Pilot (on leash criteria attached to agenda)	Staff & Work Group
3:30	If Time Allows, Discuss Policy Guidelines for Off-Leash Pilot	Staff & Work Group
3:45	Process for conveying Work Group Recommendation to Park Commission and Board of Supervisors	Parks Staff

3:50	Timeline to develop recommendation to Parks Department and submit it to the Parks Commission and Board of Supervisors	Facilitator
3:55	Agenda for December 2, 2019 Work Group Meeting	Facilitator
4:00 PM	Thanks to All and Adjourn	

San Mateo County Dog Pilot Work Group 2019 Roster

Members

Barbara Bonilla, SMC Parks Commission

Faye Brophy, Equestrian Trails and Recreation Advisory Council*

Joel Cervantes, District 2, Ranger III (Huddart, Wunderlich, Edgewood, Flood, Friendship)

Christine Corwin, Coastside Dog Owners Group of San Mateo County*

Matthew Del Carlo, District 4, Ranger IV (San Pedro Valley, Devil's Slide, Sanchez Adobe, Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, Moss Beach Park, Pillar Point Bluff, Quarry, Mirada Surf, Tunitas)

Nic Erridge, Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council*

Jerry Hearn, Conservation community*

Chris Johnson, Coastside resident*

Neil Merrilees, SMC Parks Commission*

Kevin O'Brien, District 1, Ranger III (Coyote Point and Crystal Springs Trail)

Jim Sullivan, Pacifica Open Space Council and Mountain Biker*

**Served on Dog Management Committee*

Parks Department Staff

Peggy Jensen, Acting Parks Director

Ellie Dallman, On Special Assignment

Laurel Finnegan, Ranger IV

Priscilla Alvarez, Ranger IV

Carla Schoof, Public Information/Communication

Hannah Ormshaw, Natural Resource Coordinator

Facilitator

Pat Brown

On-Leash Dog Access Pilot Project Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Methodology/Method for Tracking	Baseline	Frequency	Lead
Environmental Impacts				
Vegetation	Staff will survey trails before, during and after pilot period for presence of native and non-native vegetation in pilot parks. Visual observations will be recorded in digital collector forms.	Visual assessment pre pilot.	Before pilot, and every 2 weeks during pilot.	Natural Resources
Wildlife	Staff will monitor change in presence, behavior, location, and timing of wildlife as recorded by the wildlife cameras. Any visual observation of dogs chasing wildlife will also be recorded.	Wildlife camera data collected before initiation of the pilot.	Ongoing monitoring before pilot and during pilot.	Natural Resources
Water Quality	Number of unattended dog waste observed by staff, including measurement of number of bagged waste and unbagged waste. Will be tracked by Ranger field forms and in digital collector form.	Visual assesment, including pre-pilot data observation.	Ongoing monitoring.	Natural Resources; Ranger staff
Visitor Interactions				
Visitor interactions	Staff will gather information regarding visitor interactions with dogs through field forms. Courtesy notices, incident reports, citations and public written comment will also be included. At Coyote Point, additional information will be gathered through cameras and documentation from animal keepers regarding impact of dogs on museum animals.	Field forms collected during first 6 months of dog access (Jan. 2019 - Jun. 2019) for Coyote Point. Assume baseline of zero for Junipero Serra Park.	Ongoing monitoring.	Ranger Staff
Parks Resources				
Staff Workload	Number of staff time hours required to implement pilots, including evaluation criteria monitoring as well as interactions between rangers and dogs and dog owners. The number of ranger contacts will also inform this measurement.	Field forms collected during first 6 months of dog access (Jan. 2019 - Jun. 2019) for Coyote Point. Assume baseline of zero for Junipero Serra Park.	Total will be reported at end of pilot.	Fiscal Staff; Ranger Staff
Signage and other infrastructure	Measured by cost of improvements and infrastructure required for dog access, including signage and waste stations, incinuing initial costs and any ongoing costs such as maintenance.	Assume baseline of zero.	Total will be reported at end of pilot.	Fiscal Staff
Park Use				
Park visitor numbers	Measured by change in number of park visitors using existing visitor counters, comparing pre and during pilot numbers. Data will be collected by automated trail counters.	Compare count data from corresponding month for 2018.	Ongoing monitoring before pilot and during pilot.	Visitor Services