

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES**

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## ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, December 7, 2015 4:30 p.m. Regular Meeting Simpkins Family Swim Center 979 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Santa Cruz, CA 95062

- I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
- II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL
- III. CONSENT AGENDA
- **IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** Opportunity for persons to address the Commission on matters which are within the scope of responsibility of the Commission but not on today's agenda.
- V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- VI. STAFF REPORT
- VII. REGULAR AGENDA
  - A. Action Items
    - 1. 2016 Public Art Plan
    - 2. Commissioner to serve on Government Center exhibits panel
  - B. Information Items
    - 1. New Commissioner
    - 2 Leaving an Arts Legacy
    - 3. 2015 Commissioner Attendance Report
    - 4. 2016 Goals
- VIII. AGENDA /MEETING FOR: Date TBD
- IX. ADJOURNMENT



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## JEFF GAFFNEY DIRECTOR OF PARKS

#### ARTS COMMISSION September 21, 2015, 4:30 PM 979 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor - Santa Cruz, California

I. Present: Evelyn Bernstein, James Nee, Cynthia Kilian, Paul DeWorken (4:40 arrival), Judy Stabile, Linda Levy, Joanna Phillips, Bobbi Todaro, Lynda Phillips

Excused Absence: Joe Foster Unexcused Absence: none

Staff: Kathy DeWild

II. Approved Agenda

Motion/Second: Stabile/L. Phillips

AYES: 8 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2

III. Approved Consent Agenda

Motion/Second: Stabile/J. Phillips

AYES: 8 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2

IV. Approved – Selection of Artist of the Year 2016

Motion/Second: Stabile/Bernstein

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1

III. Next meeting date: TBD, 9:00 a.m. Parks/SFSC Community Room.

IV. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.



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DATE:

**DIRECTOR** 

OCTOBER 14, 2015

TO:

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

ARTS COMMISSION

FROM:

GRETCHEN ILIFF, MAINTENANCE DIVISION

RE:

PARKS BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE STATUS REPORTS ON

**CURRENT PROJECTS** 

NORTH COUNTY PARKS (Highlands, Ben Lomond, Felton Covered Bridge, Probation, Michael Gray Field, Quail Hollow Ranch and the North Coast)

Staff added three additional picnic benches to Felton Covered Bridge Park.

A broken bench was repaired at Scott Creek Beach.

A barn cleanup occurred in the Quail Hollow Ranch stable area.

MID-COUNTY PARKS (AJC, Government Center, Emeline Complex, Twin Lakes, Brommer, Felt, Floral, Coffee Lane, Soquel Lyons, Jose Avenue, Winkle Farm, Willowbrook Lane, Moran Lake, Maplethorpe, Santa Cruz Gardens, Mid-County beach access areas)

Sand was added to playgrounds throughout the County Park system.

Another leak was repaired at Anna Jean Cummings Park. This one was discovered on the 2" mainline serving the upper restroom.

The tennis court bench at Willowbrook Park was repaired.

SOUTH COUNTY PARKS (Polo Grounds, Valencia Hall, Hidden Beach, Seascape, Aptos Village, South County Beach access areas, Scott Park, Scott Estate, Aldridge Lane, Mesa Village, Pinto Lake, Freedom Government Annex)

Staff is replacing the wood horse corral at Aldridge Lane Park.

Drywall and electrical repairs were made to the Merk Road rental house.

The restrooms at Pinto Lake Park were painted this month.

## SIMPKINS FAMILY SWIM CENTER

Staff received training on spill clean-up and stormwater protection.

A new chemical feed pump was installed this month.

Several diseased trees were removed.



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JEFF GAFFNEY DIRECTOR

DATE:

October 14, 2015

TO:

Parks & Recreation Commission, Arts Commission

FROM:

Gretchen Iliff, Facilities Management Division

RE: Status Report on Current Projects

Summary for Reservations in the Parks for the Months of September & October 2015, (excluding SFSC):

#### Attendance at Reserved Facilities:

2015 has been another full year of reservations and events in County Parks. Reservations have included hundreds of rentals for picnics, meetings, weddings, special events, athletic field and fitness programs scheduled countywide. Staff estimates that over 97,000 park visitors attended events in reserved facilities during the months of September and October.

## Center and Meeting Room Rentals in September and October 2015:

During these two months there were 38 weddings, receptions, and events held at our various Park Centers with rental revenues totaling \$38,600. There were also 46 meeting room rentals totaling \$1,500. The season has been extremely successful, thanks to hard work by the Facilities office staff, on-site Park Services Officers, and Parks Maintenance staff who have facilitated over 150 weddings and events since April. April through October 2014 had comparable numbers, yet due to various increases in fees, revenues for the base rental rates during the same time period increased by approximately \$20,000.

#### Picnic Rentals in September and October 2015:

There were 59 picnics in the reservable picnic areas with rental revenues totaling \$8700. The same months in 2014 hosted 49 picnics with \$6900 in revenue, reflecting a revenue increase of 20%. Non-profit organizations and some local businesses scheduled approximately 14 of these picnics rentals (about 24%).

#### **Athletic Fields:**

The fall sports season has been in full swing and baseball, soccer and volleyball programs have continued to grow, filling the 18 athletic fields with these sports activities. There have been 670 individual bookings with rental revenues totaling \$35,000 during these two months. Another successful Santa Cruz Classic Tournament took place in September with the Polo Grounds and Anna Jean Cummings Park hosting this annual countywide tournament through the Santa Cruz County Youth Soccer League, which boasts over 5,600 players between the ages of 6-18.

### **Special Events and ongoing programs:**

The special event season has included a wide variety of festivals, 5k fun runs, and non-profit community events and fundraisers. September hosted the delectable Grazing on the Green (Santa Cruz Cancer Benefit Group) at Aptos Park, SLV Fellowship Picnic at Felton Covered Bridge Park, I/You Venture Picnic (Family Services Association) at Aptos Park, Surf City AIDS Ride (Santa Cruz AIDS Project) at the County Governmental Center, and the 30th annual Coastal Clean Up Day (CA Coastal Commission/ Save Our Shores) in countywide beaches and rivers, with 8,699 pounds of pollution collected by 2,015 volunteers. Walk for Water 5k (Christ Lutheran Church) took place at Pinto Lake County Park. Seascape Park hosted the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's, October events included the 5 k Breast Health Walk (Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Sutter Health) hosted at Pinto Lake County Park. Boulder Creek Brewery hosted a Burger Bash at the Highlands Park center. Ongoing programs include a variety of fitness and recreational programs. All About Me Fitness takes place Monday and Tuesday evenings at Highlands Park. Together in the Park program, sponsored by Mountain Community Resources, provides for weekly parent-child play groups at Felton Covered Bridge. Santa Cruz Pickleball continues to enjoy weekly use of Willowbrook Park and Brommer Street Park courts. Tara Redwood School has scheduled weekday use of the Heart of Soquel Park for after school play time and weekly yoga. They will also enjoy a midday program twice a week at Anna Jean Cummings Park. Cross country season is taking place at Pinto Lake County Park, with 11 middle school and high school meets in September and October. Surf season has also resumed and September hosted 2 surf contests at Pleasure Point and the annual Skimboard contest at Moran Lake Beach.



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DATE:

Director

October 13, 2015

TO:

Arts Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM:

Kathy DeWild, Program Coordinator

RE:

Recreation and Cultural Services Division Status Report - October 2015

#### ARTS AND CULTURAL

<u>Public Art Program</u> —The 38 stained-concrete pylons have been poured in place at Seacliff Village Park. In the next few weeks, artist Kathleen Crocetti will be working with community members to install the mosaic tops; the mosaics, which feature local flora and fauna, as well as images iconic to the Seacliff area (e.g. the cement ship), were created in August by community members of all ages.

<u>Art Exhibitions</u> – Lisa Sheriden's wildlife and landscape photography will be on exhibition at the Simpkins Family Swim Center / Parks office from mid-October, 2015 until mid-January, 2016.

#### ADULT AND SENIOR PROGRAMS

On September 3, lucky winners of a lottery drawing were treated to a free cruise aboard the *Chardonnay II*, generously offered by Chardonnay II Sailing Charters.

On Oct. 3, registered participants traveled to Columbia & Railtown 1897 State Historic Parks. After time for browsing and lunch in Columbia, they were treated to a guided tour of the well-preserved Gold Rush town. At Railtown, following a ride on a historic steam train past the Petticoat Junction water tower, trip-goers toured the still-operating Railtown roundhouse and surrounding shops.

November will feature a trip to Golden Gate Fields on 11/7.

### YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMS

Mar Vista ACE - September was great at Mar Vista ACE. We kicked off the month with a Fabulous Food theme. Participants made foods such as cinnamon twists, ice cream in a bag, pretzel log cabins and campfires, and "ants on a log." They also played games such as Cut the Cake, BBQ Ball, Food Fight, Spud and more. The highlight of the week was a field trip to Simpkins Swim Center. Next was Theme Week, during which each day has its own unique theme. During Super Hero/Villain Day, children made masks and shields. On PJ & Stuffy Day, they donned their sleepwear, played Freeze Dance and made finger puppets. We also walked to Baskin Robbins for ice cream and finished the day playing games at Aptos Village Park. Water Week was next, which is always a favorite! Kids made shrinky-dinks, jellyfish crafts, and watercolor paintings. We also played games such as Octopus Tag, Bucket Brigade, Recover the Flipper and Sea Star Wars. The highlight was definitely Water Day, during which children got to take turns wading in a kiddy pool, gliding down slip-n-slides, soaking each other in the water zone, and more. We recognized the changing of the seasons during Festival of Fall Week. Participants made leaf animals, decorated fall trees with multi-colored leaves and made leaf rubbings. We played games such as Dead Ant Tag, Hot Lava Monster, Poison and All Sport Base. During Space Week we made spacecrafts, galaxy slime and pipe cleaner alien creations. Games were played such as Capture the Martian, disc golf and Beckon. Lastly, we took a fabulous field trip to the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History and Ocean View Park.

October began with Transportation Week. Children love this week because on Wednesday they get to bring their bikes and scooters (with helmets, of course) to ACE and participate in activities such as Red Light, Green Light and a timed obstacle course. We also played Transportation Jeopardy, Flo's V8 Café, Wheelbarrow Races, At the Train Station, scooter relays and more. Next was Animal Week, which featured games such as Crows and Cranes, Fire on a Safari, Snake in the Grass, and hunt for various animal prints to match to the correct animal. We also made flying snakes, pipe cleaner animals and an animal-themed food project. October will conclude with Pumpkins & Pals and Friendly Ghost and Ghouls Week. Participants will play festive games such as Guess the Ghost, Count Dracula and Graveyard. They will also create marshmallow mummies, spiders and jack-o-lantern quesadillas. Staff are also gearing up for a carnival on Oct. 28, complete with games, prizes and the ever-popular cardboard maze for kids to crawl through.

November is always fun, as staff and participants alike enjoy the festivities of the season. Upcoming themes include: Money Matters, Balloon Bash, Giving Thanks and Turkey Trails. We will also take advantage of the extra time with the kids during Parent Teacher Conference Week and go on several field trips. Stay tuned!

La Selva Beach ACE – La Selva Beach A.C.E. (After-school Childhood Enrichment) is off to a great 2015-2016 school year! One of our recent weekly themes included Welcome Fall week, with activities such as a new autumn trees activity, a game of chaos, a marshmallow tower contest, a fall tree craft, a sun flower card craft, a game of back tag, island tag and our weekly Mind Craft session at the La Selva Beach library. A highlight for Welcome Fall week was a field trip to Manresa Beach. The following week's theme was Awesome Autumn which included activities such as a quesadilla cooking activity, parachute games, kick ball, a game of sea/shore/sand, a corn-husk dolls craft and a game of star wars. A highlight for Awesome Autumn week was a field trip to the Simpkins Swim Center. Our most recent weekly theme was Myths & Legends which included Zeus's obstacle course, a flying sea-snake craft, a touch and feel fall

scene craft, a game of pumpkin toss, a game of Gods vs. Titans and a paper harvest craft. Myths & Legends week also included reading Greek mythology each day during silent homework & story time. One of the highlights for Myths and Legends week was a special cook guest who made individual strawberry shortcakes with each child. In addition to our weekly Mind Craft session on Thursday afternoons at the library the children also have the option to go there on Tuesday afternoons for additional homework help with retired school teachers. We look forward to an upcoming field trip to the pumpkin patch and Anna Jean Cummings Park. We also look forward to an upcoming Halloween Costume Potluck Party and to a festive rest of October.

<u>Kinder Programs at Mar Vista</u> – September, our first full month programming ended with a week about the five senses. We used Mr. Potato head to show the children where on their bodies the senses start from. We did a sniff test, a taste test and tried to draw blindfolded. As the month progressed, the children better understood the flow of the day between school and the kinder program.

October started and zoom – we are now serving 22 families! The children learned about the reason tall tales are different from other stories. The children made a giant bean stock, a blue ox named Babe, and cowboy boot, all items from the tall tales that were read at story time.

The spookiness of Halloween is creeping into the décor of the room bit by bit. We used our imaginations to create monsters, skeletons with Q-Tips, crawled and tumbled through a monster tunnel, and constructed spiders and marble-painted webs. The children had experienced all things wonderfully grand about pumpkins with the week's theme, pumpkins and friends. We cooked homemade pumpkin muffins and sang songs about the season. The final week of the month is what we've been gearing up for: a black and orange party two days before Halloween. The staff calls this theme Moonlight and Characters. We will have a contest to see who can wear the most black and orange for the party and the winner will get a prize. We will also prepare some eerie food dishes for the party, orange and black necklaces, and construct some flying bats along with having spider relays outside.

In November the children will start off by learning about scarecrows and end by exploring the concept of thankfulness.

## QUAIL HOLLOW RANCH INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

## Recent Interpretive Programs and Activities:

- Star Gazing with the Santa Cruz Astronomy Club took place on Friday, September 11 from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. About 34 people attended the event.
- Ponderosa High School came out for three successive weeks of community service on Friday, September 18, 25 and October 2 from 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Attendance ran from 18 to 8 to 12 respectively for each date. The group was able to prune back vegetation along the entire Chaparral Loop and Italian Trails in that time.
- Landscape Garden Design with Carri Wagner was enjoyed by seven people on Sunday, September 20 from 1:00 3:00 p.m.
- Water Smart Gardening with Vai Campbell took place on Sunday, September 20 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in which the same seven people attended.
- Carri Wagner offered a Native Plant Garden Design program on Sunday, October 4 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

• Fun with Succulents, offered by Simon Stapelton and Sue Procter, was held on Sunday, October 11 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Lee Summers has been working on a new visitor center display entitled, "Quail Hollow: A Sanctuary for the Rare Ones," which will cover the endangered, threatened, and rare species of plants and animals that make Quail Hollow their home.

Trout Farm Inn offered to donate to the Friends of Quail Hollow Ranch \$6 per meal of customers who stated their interest. This benefit took place on Thursday, September 17.

## **Upcoming Interpretive Programs and Activities:**

- The Santa Cruz Astronomy Club will be back on Friday, October 16 from 6:00 p.m. midnight for Star and Moon Gazing. A large Girl Scout group, along with their families, is planning to attend.
- Lee Summers will offer Water's Footprints on Sunday, October 25 from 1:00 2:30 p.m.

Granite Rock will have their Open House on Saturday, October 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In the past they have donated proceeds to Quail Hollow Ranch. It is uncertain if that tradition will continue, however the Friends of Quail Hollow has been working to help advertise the event.

The Next Box Checking Volunteers will have their wrap-up season meeting and potluck on Sunday, October 18 from 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Nest boxes will be stored, statistics will be tallied, and plans will be made for next year's program.

Lee Summers met with personnel from California Department of Fish and Wildlife for a tour of the Department's property, including the East Ridge Sandhills habitat. Possible restoration work to promote the declining population of Santa Cruz Wallflowers was one topic of discussion. Terris Kasteen will be in communication with Lee regarding possible dates for work parties. It is hoped that a select group of volunteers will be invited to help rake up leafy debris, thus providing additional habitat for the wallflowers.



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DATE:

October 14, 2015

TO:

Arts Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM:

Margaret Ingraham, Aquatics Supervisor

RE:

Aquatics Division Status Report - October, 2015

### **AQUATIC PROGRAMS**

## Our fall pool schedule runs August 24 - November 30th and is as follows:

#### Lap Pool

The lap pool is open for lap swimming the following hours:

Monday thru Friday: 6:00 am to 7:30 pm.

Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sundays 9:00 am - 12:30 pm.

#### Warm Water Pool

The warm water pool is available for general use on:

Monday, Wednesday and Fridays:

6:00 am - 10:30 am

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Tuesday and Thursday

6:00 am - 7:30 pm

Saturday

9:00 - 10:30 am Adults only

10:30 am - 12:30 pm Adults and children 6 years and under.

1:00 – 4:00 pm all ages for Rec Swim

Sunday

9:00 am - 12:30 pm (all ages)

#### Swim Lessons -

Annually our swim lesson programs teach over 20,000 lessons! Our swim lesson program continues to be a huge success with the majority of the classes being full.

Private lessons are very successful. In addition to private lessons with our lifeguard/instructors we have with 3 private swim contractors, Stacy Henderson, Matt Nauman, and Becky Gomoll are now teaching private swim lessons at the swim center.

**Fall and Winter Swim lessons** will be held Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:30am – 12:30pm and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evening from 4:00-7:00 pm.

Adult Fitness Swimming - Adult Fitness Swimming is very popular at the Simpkins Family Swim Center. The best-attended workouts are Tuesday and Saturday mornings; up to 45 swimmers fill the 50-meter pool at these times. Fitness swimmers may choose from several different workout times: Monday's 6:00 am; Tuesday and Friday workouts are at 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursday's 6:00 a.m., 12:00 pm. and 6:00 pm.; Saturday and Sunday workouts are offered at 9:00 a.m.

Water Aerobics & Exercise - The water exercise classes this year continue to reach their highest capacity to date. Water exercise is an excellent way for people to meet their fitness goals without impact on the joints. Classes are designed to appeal to all levels of ability including, healthy, pre-natal, seniors, and rehabilitating or cross training fitness enthusiasts. A monthly calendar is available with dates, times and instructors names. Previous swimming or water-exercise experience is not required for participation in any of the water exercise classes.

Water Polo - Sundays from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Participants must be a member of USAWPA to participate in the program.

Lifeguard Training Exercises – The October In-service training focused on being prepared to make rescues during the winter months. Staff practiced taking off heavy clothes and performing rescues in their long pants and rain gear. The training is designed to educate the lifeguards on the appropriate clothes to wear during a winter rescue as well as build their confidence in their ability to swim with heavy water soaked winter clothes. In addition to the winter wear practice, lifeguards also practiced running around the building to get their adrenaline rushing and then performed a variety of first aid and CPR related skills on manikins.

#### Special Events -

On August 29<sup>th</sup> the Parks Department held the first annual Parks and Rex Event! Over 300 people attended and many pooches enjoyed the event as well. Over \$4500. Was raised for youth programs! Participants enjoyed live music, paddle boarding on the pool, playing in floating hamster wheels on water, yummy food, and local beers.

On Labor Day the Parks Department held their **annual FREE SWIM** which is co-sponsored by the Simpkins Family! Over 900 people enjoyed the pools, slide, Wibit, climbing walls, live music and a BBQ sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club.

**Swim Teams -** The Cabrillo Threshers and Santa Cruz County Aquatics swim teams continue to rent lanes in the 50-meter pool. The swim teams offer school-age competitive swimming programs Monday through Friday from 4:00-7:30 p.m.

**Private Pool Parties** –A variety of rental packages are available to accommodate small gatherings as well as groups of up 110 people. Private Pool Parties are scheduled on weekends, spring through fall, after the facility has closed to the public.

### Swim Scholarships -

Friends of Santa Cruz County Parks gave over 28 learn to swim scholarships this past summer season.

## Preventative Lifeguarding, Rescues and First Aid

With over 150,000 visits annually at the Simpkins Family Swim Center we constantly interact with patrons using preventative lifeguard techniques. Despite our efforts we still have to make rescues and perform first aid.

On a daily basis the preventative lifeguarding interactions between lifeguards and patrons are over 100. Some of the preventative measures lifeguards are responsible for are: recognizing non-swimmers before they get into the deep end, stopping patrons from diving, stopping children from rough housing, running etc...

Rescues and first aid responses are also a part of the daily responsibilities of the lifeguards. So far this year the lifeguard staff has rescued over 20 children, and provided first aid care for over 25 patrons.

#### Pool Closures -

The pool will be closed to the public on Sunday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Kid Triathlon.

The pool will also be closed on Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 26th.

## Live Oak Community Rooms -

The Live Oak Community Rooms at the swim center are rented out regularly throughout the year for meetings, small events and classes.



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JEFF GAFFNEY DIRECTOR DATE:

OCTOBER 14, 2015

TO:

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM:

SHERYL BAILEY, PLANNING DIVISION

RE:

PARKS PROJECT PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORTS ON

**CURRENT PROJECTS** 

NORTH COUNTY PARKS (Highlands, Ben Lomond, Felton Covered Bridge, Probation, Michael Gray Field, Quail Hollow Ranch and the North Coast)

Quail Hollow Brook Restoration Project is underway and is scheduled to be complete by the end of November 2015.

MID-COUNTY PARKS (AJC, Government Center, Emeline Complex, Twin Lakes, Brommer, Felt, Floral, Coffee Lane, Soquel Lyons, Jose Avenue, Winkle Farm, Willowbrook Lane, Moran Lake, Maplethorpe, Santa Cruz Gardens, Mid-County beach access areas)

Twin Lakes Beachfront Project, including the parkway, went to bid and the bids were over the project's budget. A report back to the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for 10/27/15. A grant from the Waterways and Boating Division of the State Parks Division is awaiting review and if approved, this source of funding may allow the project to move forward.

A Regional Trails Grant application was submitted to the State Parks Department for the trails and a portion of the restroom and other associated infrastructure at the Chanticleer Park. Staff is working with the SSA Design Team and the All Inclusive Playground folks to coordinate design efforts consistent with the Park Master Plan.

An all day Land and Water Conservation Funding Grant (LWCF) training workshop, sponsored by the State Department of Parks, in San Pablo was attended with Mariah Roberts. This grant funding is applicable to many of the County's Parks and also allows for acquisition. It is anticipated that Mariah, myself and other staff will be submitting a grant application this December.

Farm Park- Ribbon Cutting and Steve Boysal Community Garden dedication was well attended on October 8th. The General Contractor will be removing and replacing dead plants within the 1.5 acres of habitat restoration work and will be complete with the job at the end of November 2015. Staff is currently considering purchasing and installing a pedestrian bridge consistent with the Park Master Plan.

Heart of Soquel- Notice of Completion is pending resolution of a wage labor penalty.

SOUTH COUNTY PARKS (Polo Grounds, Valencia Hall, Hidden Beach, Seascape, Aptos Village, South County Beach access areas, Scott Park, Scott Estate, Aldridge Lane, Mesa Village, Pinto Lake, Freedom Government Annex), Seascape Village Park

Seacliff Village Park Phase 1 is under construction and is scheduled to be completed by the end of November 2015.