

Agency Roundtable Meeting

March 14, 2006, 12:00 – 2:30

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Discussion Topics

1. Regional Context and Special Places

What makes GG and Muir Woods so special?

- Vistas, ocean views from ridges and bluffs
- Environmental diversity
- Proximity to large urban area
- contrast of urban area with wild open areas
- Symbolism of GG multi cultural
- International symbol
- Extraordinary coastal activities very diverse
- Opportunities to interpret the past – essential to experience
- Need to interpret agriculture on the coast – also into future keep alive

Players

Types of agriculture

- Conservation to military lands to conservation & recreation great symbolism national model
- Diversity of species pacific flyway
- Wildlife next to 8 million people
- Educational programs
- Kids programs
- Active restoration contributes to diversity of species & educational programs
- Access connectivity key getting people to the resources
- Backbone connecting all public lands wildlife and people
- Opportunities to experience many eras of history
- Get a sense of different a times
- Psychological and physical health benefits from the park
- Land sea interface
- Opportunities for stewardship
- Park aids environmental literacy
- Proximity makes it a model for a range of transportation choices
- Bike, pedestrian water
- Currently mass transit doesn't focus on parks
- Marin Cty bicycle master plan
- Funding Muir Woods shuttle need to look at west Marin shuttle
- Buses need to loop
- SWCTMP need to build upon
- Connection of mass transit to public parks
- The park is bringing scientific research to the area
- Park provides critical habitat for listed species
- RL Frog

- B Snake
- CH salmon
- SH Trout
- Importance of access to a wide range of people with mobility challenges
- Sustainability efforts e.g. Presidio will continue to be expected
- Branding of parks captures park history
- Positive experience with Staff
- Economic engine of the Bay Area
- Cal. Report on coastal tourism
- Marin Cty business targets recreation
- Egalitarian resource – equally available low cost to all users
- The number of partnerships from GGNRA
- Pacifica CC & GGNRA visitor Center
- The one and only GG Bridge
- Innovative visitor services
- Local food
- Local employees
- The community loves the park

2. Problems and Concerns – Threats

- Fire related risks to urban community and other emergency response
- Need to consider how to get people to the park
- Expectation that people will find their own way
- This area has a large # that are public transit dependent
- What role does NPS play
- Need to coordinate with public transit agencies
- Consider exclusive park shuttle
- Need to allow bikes on buses
- Access from the highway in Pacifica only accessible one direction and steep
- Threats to the marine environment all aquatic environments need of restoration
- Oil spills
- Drilling off shore
- Increase interaction
- Urban interface
- Citizen advisory oversight committee is needed bring back as recommendation in GMP
- Scale and diversity of park brings challenges
- Considered all things to all people
- Many points of access hard to manage boundaries
- Increase cost of managing aging
- Cultural sites
- Threats to all aquatic environments
- Need restoration
- Park activities

- Outside park dev and access
- Need comprehensive signing program interpretive and way finding
- Need to address cumulative impacts habitats access fire mgmt
- Global climate change
- Know biological baseline ecological capacity
- Cumulative impacts for visitor
- Services and employee housing
- Need to provide affordable housing for park staff
- If visitor services are expanded in the park need to consider effect on local communities
- Financial constraints on the NPS has an impact on neighbors
- Need to ramp up resources to keep discourse civil
- People can get turned off by the process
- Need connect existing trails including thse in other jurisdictions
- Consider highway overpasses
- Continue work of community stewardship continue to develop the art of stewardship
- Changing demographics
- Aging population
- Putting stains on carrying capacity
- Look at midcoast recreational needs assessment
- Need to consider integration of policies e.g .trail management dog management where lands connect
- Involving the public throughout implementation of the GMP need to follow through expectation of involvement
- What are options of keeping access when infrastructure is deteriorating and budgets are tight aging infrastructure
- When upgrades are made by other entities the park will be expected to follow suit
- Expectation that upgrades will be green
- Need to continue looking at appropriation opportunity possibly expand boundary in San Mateo county
- Another 1 million acres bay area open space council GGNRA needs to play a role
- Quality recreation protect natural values
- Protect open spaces
- Working with State to acquire lands and have subcommittees
- “Who does what best”
- NPS should work with cities and counties to help determine “who does what best”
- Prior org can help with acquisitions
- Invasive species in Marin County
- NPS absent during special events to deal with emergency
- Consider park structures for housing and community needs
- GGNRA should share interest based bargaining strategies with other agencies develop a common set of ground rules
- We need to reposition how we work together
- Regional issues
- Need to tap corporate funding
- Opportunities for support
- Natural factors e.g. erosion
- Tap into corporate sponsorship – infuse the
- Background reports on the con
- On website

- Need to keep partnerships consistent with park goals
- Park may be expected to be more sustainable
- Flood control sediment permitting impact on three watersheds need a universal approach Marin county public works Pacifica public works permitting watershed a universal approach is needed
- Continue to ensure tat there is public financing available to protect the park in the blank
- Need explore camping and hiking huts opportunities keep green Steep Ravine cabins