

*Status Report:*

*Western Snowy Plovers and  
Recent Changes in Human and Dog Use within the  
Snowy Plover Management Area at Ocean Beach  
and the Wildlife Protection Area  
at Crissy Field*

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## Introduction

The purpose of this report is to determine whether off-leash dogs are harassing or detrimentally affecting western snowy plovers (*Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*) at Ocean Beach and Crissy Field within Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), and, if such behavior is occurring, to recommend measures to mitigate impacts to snowy plovers. These two park locations within San Francisco, the Ocean Beach Snowy Plover Protection Area (SPPA) and the Crissy Field Wildlife Protection Area (WPA), support overwintering populations of the snowy plover from approximately July through the beginning of May each year. See Figures 1 and 2.

The western snowy plover was listed as a threatened species under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 1993 due to loss of habitat by encroachment of non-native vegetation, predation, disturbance from recreational use of beaches, and development. The plover's threatened status affords it protection from harassment, defined under the ESA as "an intentional or negligent act or omission which creates the likelihood of injury to wildlife by annoying it to such an extent as to significantly disrupt normal behavioral patterns which include, but are not limited to, breeding, feeding, or sheltering."

The 2006 National Park Service Management Policies (NPS 2006) provide guidance to the NPS for the management of threatened and endangered species. Section 4.4.2.3 states that "The Service will survey for, protect, and strive to recover all species native to national park system units that are listed under the Endangered Species Act. The Service will fully meet its obligations under the NPS Organic Act and the Endangered Species Act to both proactively conserve listed species and prevent detrimental effects on these species."

From 1997 until December 2004, dogs were required to be leashed within the Ocean Beach SPPA, and dogs were prohibited within the Crissy Field WPA, as recommended in existing GGNRA management plans.<sup>1</sup> The rulings in U.S. v. Barley (U.S. District Court of Northern California) allowed unleashed dogs in certain areas of the park including areas where snowy plovers are seasonally present. Since the court rulings, park visitors have been allowed to walk their dogs off-leash in these two areas.

Snowy plovers utilize overwintering habitat for feeding and resting to accumulate energy reserves necessary for successful breeding. Dogs, as domesticated predators, instinctively use their well-developed senses to locate other animals out of curiosity or in search of prey. Snowy plovers naturally perceive dogs as a significant threat and frequently respond by running or taking flight to move out of harms way. Such disturbances at overwintering sites require an increase in energy expenditure that may adversely impact individual survival and reproductive success, thereby affecting the species at the population level (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1997).

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<sup>1</sup> The Draft Snowy Plover Management Plan (GGNRA 1998a) recommended dogs be on-leash in the snowy plover area at Ocean Beach from Stairwell 21 to Sloat Boulevard. Enforcement of the leash regulation began in 1997. The Environmental Assessment for the Crissy Field Plan (GGNRA 1996) established a Waterbird Protection Area, excluding dogs from the beach in the vicinity of the former Coast Guard Station to provide habitat for shorebirds and waterbirds. The 'Waterbird Protection Area' was later formalized as the 'Wildlife Protection Area.'

This report analyzes newly available data since the Barley rulings. The data demonstrates an increase in the number of unleashed dogs in the Ocean Beach SPPA and the Crissy Field WPA, as well as an increase in incidents of off-leash dogs harassing and detrimentally impacting western snowy plovers and other shorebirds. The existing situation presents a serious threat to the western snowy plover. The present management regime of off-leash dog use is inadequate to protect the western snowy plover from harassment by off-leash dogs. Recommendations are provided to assist park management in meeting the goals of the ESA and NPS policy to protect the species.

The report is organized with a statement of objectives, followed by a description of the study area. Methods and results are then presented separately for Ocean Beach and Crissy Field, followed by discussion and conclusions, including recommendations, inclusive of both areas.

## **Objectives**

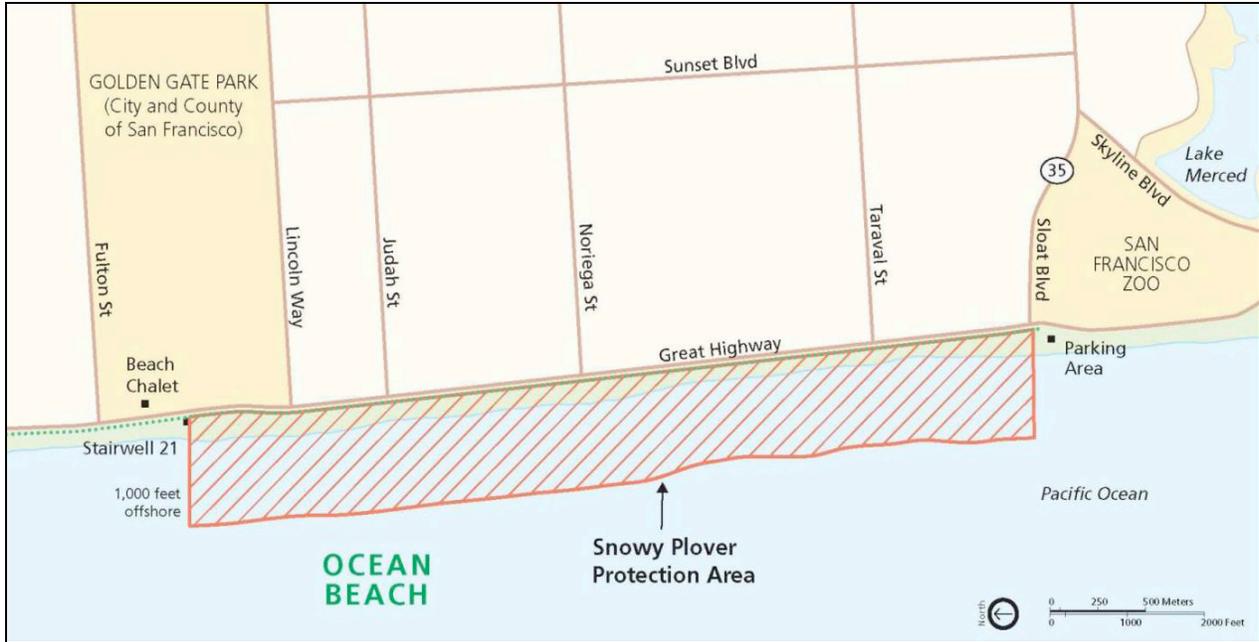
The principal objective of the analyses presented in this report is to test the assumption that present management (i.e. off-leash dog use) following the Barley rulings is inadequate to protect the western snowy plover from harassment and other detrimental effects of chasing by dogs.

Secondary objectives are to:

- 1) Provide a brief summary of snowy plover monitoring programs at GGNRA, as well as snowy plover use patterns at Ocean Beach and at the Crissy Field WPA.
- 2) Evaluate whether patterns of use by people and dogs have changed since the Barley rulings and how these changes may be affecting snowy plovers at Ocean Beach and at Crissy Field.
- 3) Recommend actions to adequately protect western snowy plovers in the park.

## ***Study Areas***

The study areas for this report encompasses the beach in the Snowy Plover Protection Area at Ocean Beach, extending from Stairwell #21 across from Golden Gate Park in the north, south to Sloat Boulevard, and including the tidelands managed by GGNRA (Figure 1). The Crissy Field Wildlife Protection Area encompasses the area from the Fort Point Mine Depot (a.k.a. Torpedo Wharf) eastward to the concrete riprap approximately 700 feet east of the former Coast Guard Station. In the north – south direction, the WPA extends north from the northern border of the Promenade (not including the fenced restored dunes and the developed area) and includes the tidelands to 100 yards off shore (Figure 2).



**Figure 1. Snowy Plover Protection Area at Ocean Beach, San Francisco**



**Figure 2. Wildlife Protection Area at Crissy Field, San Francisco**

# Ocean Beach Snowy Plover Protection Area

## *Methods*

Snowy plovers have been monitored on Ocean Beach using standard protocols since December 1994 (Stenzel et al. 1995). Surveys are typically conducted on one weekday and one Saturday every two weeks (depending upon weather and availability of trained staff and volunteers), from July until May, or until plovers are no longer observed on the beach for a two week period.

Trained observers walk 3.7 miles of beach from the Cliff House in the north to the start of the bank swallow cliffs at Fort Funston in the south (Figure 1). This length of beach is divided into 14 sectors. During each survey, observers record the following data for each sector:

- the amount of time spent in the sector so that encounter rates can be calculated
- the number of snowy plovers, and whether they are foraging or not, as well as their location on the beach, and beach substrate conditions
- the number of people
- the number of dogs, tallied by whether dogs are on-leash, off-leash within 6 feet of their owner, roaming (where dogs are observed more than 6 feet from their owner), chasing shorebirds, or chasing plovers (the number of plovers that were disturbed also is recorded). Dogs are only counted once in the category of greatest potential for disturbance it exhibits (e.g. if a dog is counted as leashed and its owner removes the leash, the dog's status is changed to unleashed)
- the number of equestrians
- the number of vehicles
- the number of raptors, including their behavior (perched, flying, attacking birds, or attacking plovers)
- the number of aircraft, helicopters, and kites flying within 1,000 feet of the beach
- weather and tides at the start of the survey

A survey year is considered to be the entire overwintering period during which snowy plovers are present in the park, which extends from early July through early May as follows:

2004 survey year – July 2004 to May 2005

2005 survey year – July 2005 to May 2006

2006 survey year – July 2006 to May 2007

Two approaches were utilized to analyze the data from Ocean Beach. The first was to compare data from the 2004 survey year to data for the 2005 survey year. Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) is a statistical procedure used to test for significant effects on dependent variables by examining the hypothesis that all groups have the same mean for the dependent variable (Zar 1996). Single-factor ANOVA analysis (MS Excel 2004) was used to test for differences in mean values of dependent variables related to dog use in the SPPA at Ocean Beach between years for 2004 and 2005. Figures used to illustrate significant results include error bars equal to one standard deviation (a statistical measure of spread or variation in the data).

The second approach was to examine patterns of snowy plover abundance, and human and dog use and behavior within the SPPA for the 2000 through 2005 survey years through graphical analysis, where interdependent phenomenon are studied by analyzing graphical representations

of the data. Most graphical depictions of data are presented as median values, or the number that has the same number of values above it as below it. The median is a better estimate of the data's central tendency as it is not skewed by unusually large or small values or outliers.

**Results – Ocean Beach**

From 2000-2005, a total of 184 snowy plover surveys were completed on Ocean Beach, with an average of 31 surveys per year. A total of 355 hours were spent on Ocean Beach during these 184 surveys (average of 59 survey hours per year). A total of 92 hours (average 15 hours/year) was spent by observers within sectors of the beach in which snowy plovers were observed. This amount of time is the window in which observers can actually observe potential impacts to snowy plovers. The surveys represent a snapshot in time from which one could extrapolate and infer that this behavior is occurring more frequently than is actually observed. In order to standardize comparisons across surveys, most variables are presented in per hour rates. One would need to extrapolate from these data and factor in other variables to estimate daily, seasonal, or annual totals.

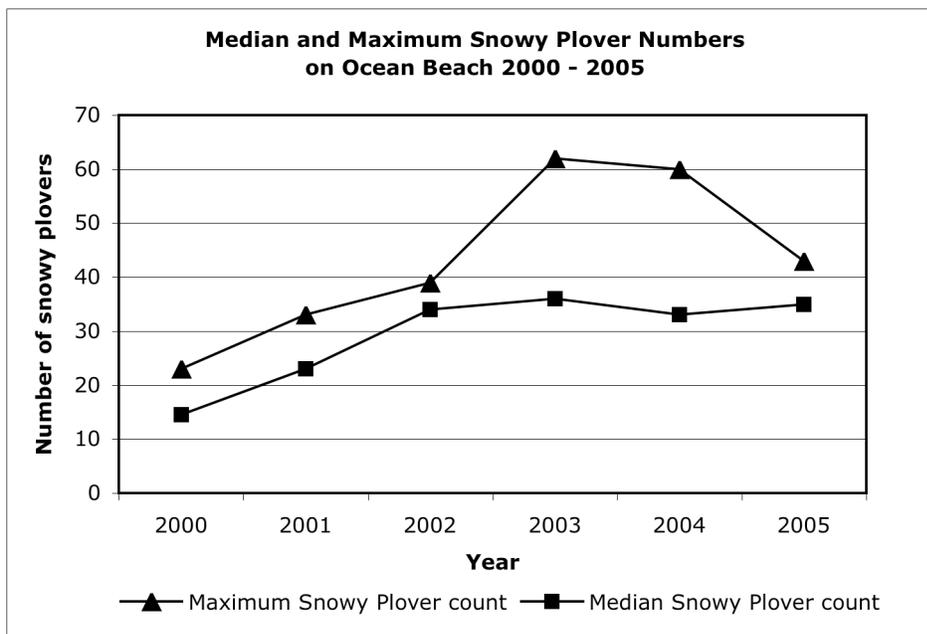
Based on monitoring conducted since the mid-1990s, snowy plovers use Ocean Beach for “overwintering” (non-breeding), tending to arrive starting in July, with plover numbers peaking in October or November, and remaining high and relatively consistent through the winter months, November through February. After February, plover numbers begin to decline through April or May, when plover numbers usually drop to zero at Ocean Beach (GGNRA 2006b, GGNRA 1998a). See Table 1. Although snowy plovers were often seen on the first and last complete survey dates, park staff conducted targeted surveys specifically to locate snowy plovers (without recording human and dog use) after the last complete survey date and before the first complete survey date, based on park management needs.

**Table 1. First and Last Dates Snowy Plovers Were Observed at Ocean Beach and Snowy Plover Numbers on Those Dates**

Survey Year	Date of First Complete Survey	First Date Plovers Observed / # of Plovers	Date of Last Complete Survey	Last Date Plovers Observed / # of Plovers
2000	7/05/2000	7/09/2000 2 plovers	4/11/2001	4/11/2001 9 plovers
2001	7/12/2001	7/25/2001 11 plovers	4/06/2001	3/30/2002 12 plovers
2002	7/24/2002	7/24/2002 8 plovers	5/21/2003	5/07/2003 2 plovers
2003	7/30/2003	7/30/2003 10 plovers	5/15/2004	4/28/2004 4 plovers
2004	7/28/2004	7/28/2004 16 plovers	5/25/2005	4/30/2005 4 plovers
2005	8/10/2005	08/10/2005 20 plovers	4/19/2006	4/19/2006 6 plovers

Winter season data is used to examine average or median plover counts because this is the period with the most consistent use of Ocean Beach by snowy plovers. Maximum annual single survey counts of snowy plovers from 2000-2005 ranged from a low of 23 in 2000 to a high of 62 in 2003 (Figure 3). Median plover counts per survey ranged from 14 in 2000 to a high of 36 in 2003. Median snowy plover numbers in winter increased from 2000-2002 and then leveled off at around 35 plovers through 2005, however plover numbers have still not matched those recorded in 1994 when a maximum of 85 snowy plovers and an average of 56 plovers were recorded (Hatch 1996, GGNRA 2006b).

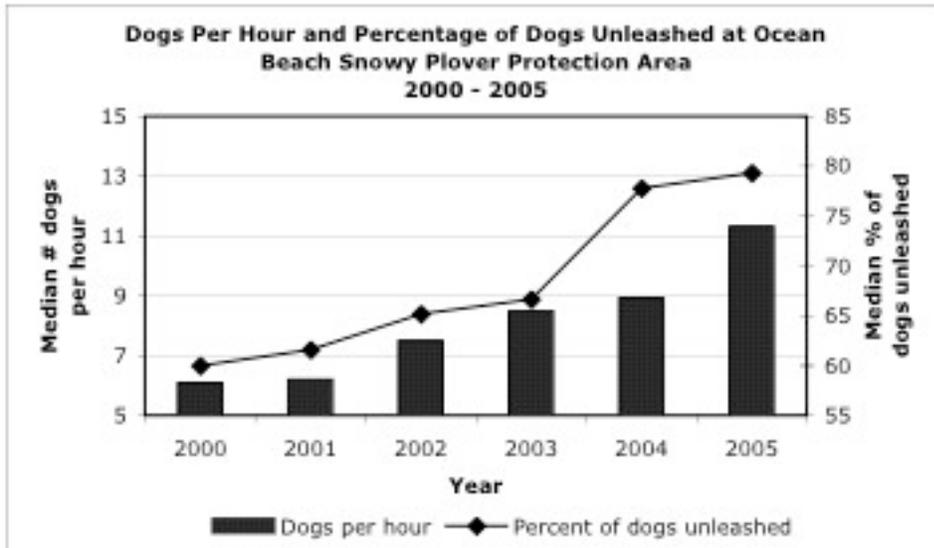
Snowy plovers have displayed a preference for certain areas of Ocean Beach for as long as they have been known to occur there, with the highest numbers occurring between Noriega and Rivera Streets, and between Lincoln Way and Lawton Street. The highest density of plovers appears to shift between these two locations from year to year, but with both areas used every year by at least some plovers. A small number of plovers have been observed between Taraval St. and Sloat Blvd., and between Lincoln and Stairwell #21. These last two areas were included in the original Snowy Plover Protection Area on Ocean Beach in 1995 to serve as effective buffers between off-leash dogs and the areas with the highest concentrations of snowy plovers.



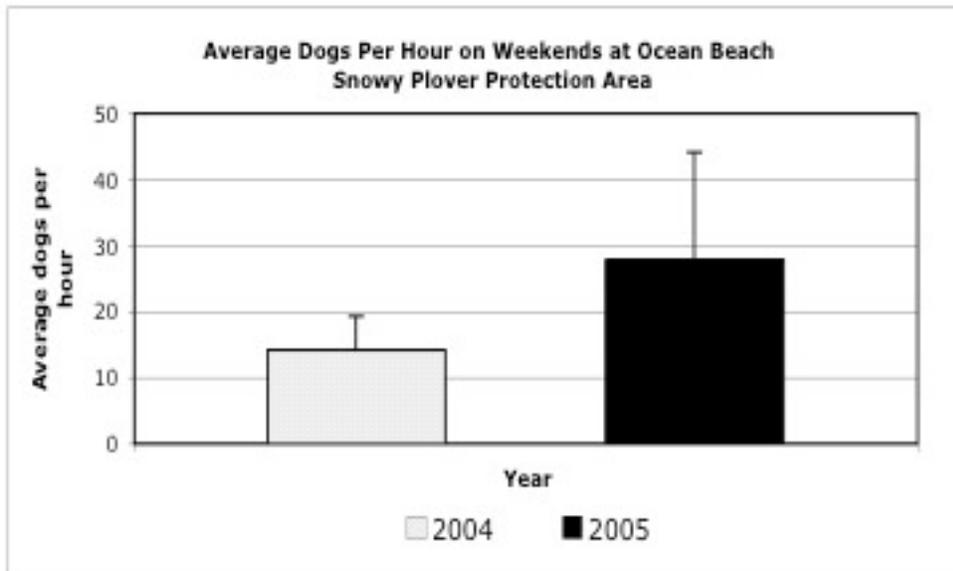
**Figure 3. Median and Maximum Snowy Plover Numbers at Ocean Beach 2000 - 2005**

One of the objectives of this analysis is to determine how patterns of human and dog use and behavior have changed since the Barley rulings, and to understand how this might be affecting snowy plovers. Figure 4 illustrates that the median number of dogs observed per hour in the Ocean Beach SPPA increased substantially in 2005, and that 75% to 80% of these dogs were unleashed. The median number of dogs per hour in the SPPA showed a significant increase from 2004 to 2005 on weekdays ( $df=1$ ,  $F=2.99$ ,  $P<0.10$ ), as well as on weekends ( $df=1$ ,  $F=7.74$ ,  $P<0.02$ ). There was an increase from 7.5 dogs per hour in 2004 to 10.1 dogs per hour in 2005 on weekdays, and an increase on weekends from 14.2 dogs per hour in 2004 to 27.8 dogs per hour in 2005. Separate weekend and weekday analyses were needed due to these large

differences in use of the beach on weekdays versus weekends. The weekend analysis is shown in Figure 5, where the error bars equal one standard deviation.



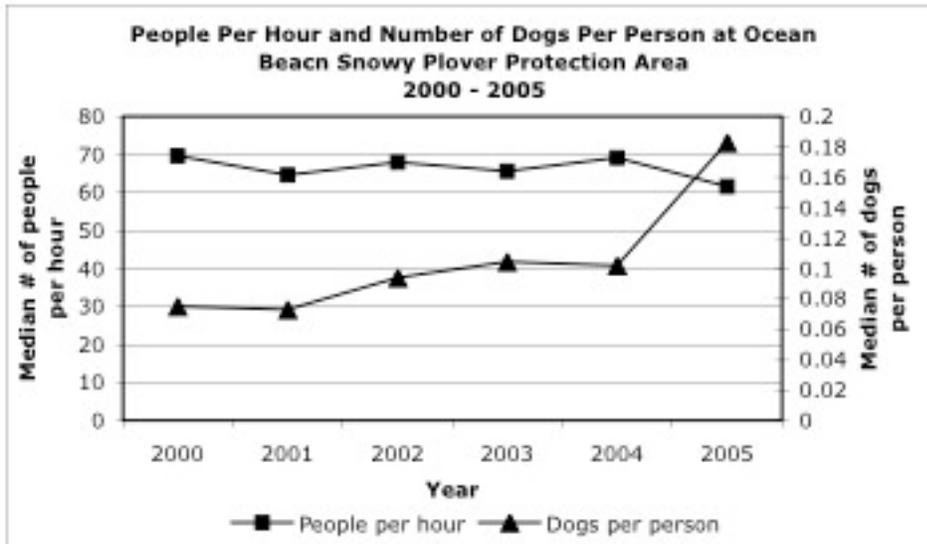
**Figure 4. Median Number of Dogs Per Hour and Percentage of Dogs Unleashed at the Ocean Beach SPPA, 2000 – 2005 (includes weekdays and weekends)**



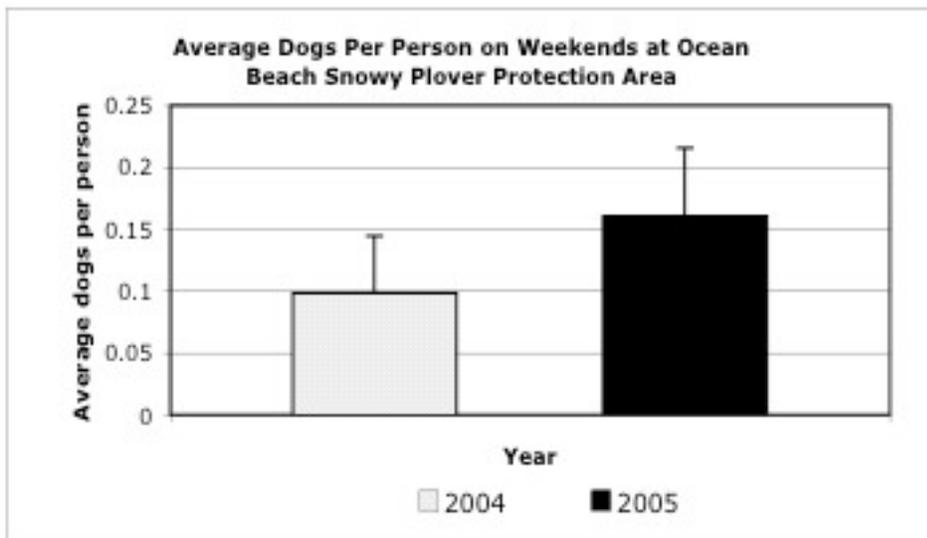
**Figure 5. Average Number of Dogs Per Hour on Weekends at Ocean Beach SPPA, 2004 and 2005**

Ocean Beach survey data from 2000 through 2005 also show that while the median number of people per hour (weekdays and weekends combined) did not increase, the median number of dogs per person increased dramatically in the 2005 survey year (Figure 6), indicating that people with dogs were bringing more dogs to the SPPA. Fewer weekend surveys were conducted in

2005, which likely explains the slight decline in people per hour in 2005 (since more people are encountered on weekend surveys). The median number of dogs per person in the SPPA was significantly greater in 2005 than in 2004, both on weekdays ( $df=1$ ,  $F=3.19$ ,  $P<0.09$ ), and on weekends ( $df=1$ ,  $F=5.16$ ,  $P<0.04$ ) (Figure 7).



**Figure 6. Median Number of People Per Hour and Median Number of Dogs Per Person at the Ocean Beach SPPA, 2000 – 2005 (includes weekdays and weekends)**

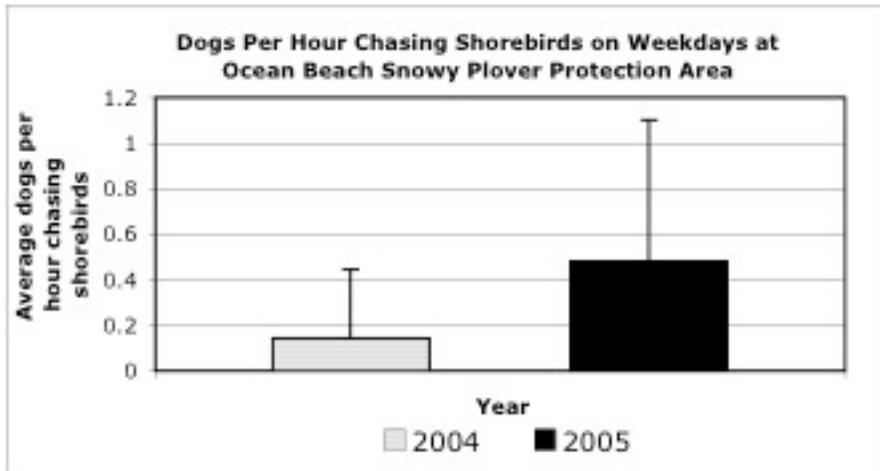


**Figure 7. Average Number of Dogs Per Person on Weekends at the Ocean Beach SPPA, 2004 and 2005**

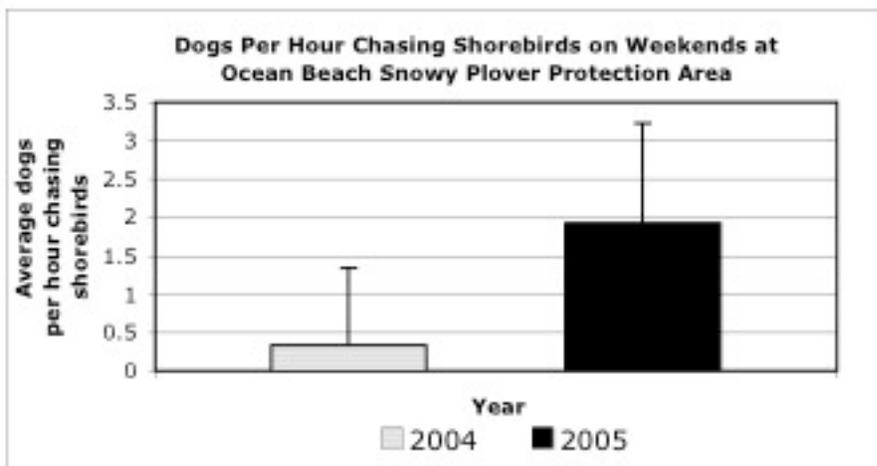
With an increase in the number of dogs per hour, there was also a significant increase in the average number of dogs per hour chasing shorebirds (other than snowy plovers) in the SPPA (Figures 8 and 9), again both on weekdays ( $df=1$ ,  $F=4.64$ ,  $P<0.04$ ), and on weekends ( $df=1$ ,  $F=6.75$ ,  $P<0.03$ ). The average number of dogs per hour observed chasing shorebirds jumped

from 0.14 in 2004 to 0.48 in 2005 on weekdays, and from 0.33 in 2004 to 1.92 in 2005 on weekends.

Snowy plovers also experienced a significant increase in the average number of dogs chasing them in survey year 2005 as compared to 2004 ( $df=1$ ,  $F=4.36$ ,  $P<0.05$ ). All survey observations of dogs chasing snowy plovers from the 2000 through 2005 survey years occurred in the 2005 survey year. Dogs were observed chasing plovers on 4 occasions, disturbing a total of 22 snowy plovers, in February and March of 2006. No dogs were observed chasing plovers in the 2004 survey year.



**Figure 8. Average Number of Dogs Per Hour Chasing Shorebirds on Weekdays at the Ocean Beach SPPA, 2004 and 2005**



**Figure 9. Average Number of Dogs Per Hour Chasing Shorebirds on Weekends at the Ocean Beach SPPA, 2004 and 2005**

A further look at the observed incidents of dogs chasing shorebirds (other than snowy plovers) again shows the disproportionate increase in this behavior in the 2005 survey year as compared

to the observed rate of dogs chasing birds for the entire period from 2000 through 2005. The observed rate over all years is what would be expected in each year if conditions remained constant. Table 2 shows the observed and expected values for 2004 and 2005. There was a 125% increase in the observed number of dogs chasing shorebirds during surveys in 2005 as compared to what was observed from 2000 through 2005. In addition, the percentage of these events taking place within the Snowy Plover Protection Area (79%) greatly exceeds the expected value of 58% observed from 2000 – 2005. The fact that so many of the incidents of dogs chasing shorebirds are taking place in the same area where snowy plovers occur puts them at greater risk of being chased or disturbed as well. Since other shorebirds occur in higher numbers than snowy plovers, there is more data available to analyze these incidents than there is with respect to dogs chasing snowy plovers.

**Table 2. Observed and Expected Numbers of Dogs Chasing Shorebirds during Snowy Plover Surveys at Ocean Beach, 2000 – 2005<sup>2</sup>**

<i>Year</i>	<i># Surveys</i>	<i>Observed or Expected Values</i>	<i>Surveys with Dogs Chasing Birds</i>	<i>Number of Dogs Chasing Birds During Surveys</i>	<i>Percentage in Snowy Plover Protection Area</i>
<b>2000 - 2005</b>	183	Observed	67 (37%)	108 (59%)	58%
<b>2004</b>	33	Observed	12 (36%)	16 (49%)	50%
<b>2004</b>	33	Expected	12.1 (37%)	19.5 (59%)	58%
<b>2005</b>	20	Observed	14 (70%)	25 (125%)	79%
<b>2005</b>	20	Expected	7.3 (37%)	11.8 (59%)	58%

<sup>2</sup> Table 2. Example calculation of observed and expected values. The 2004 observed value of ‘Surveys with Dogs Chasing Birds’ is the actual number of surveys in 2004 where that behavior was observed (12). The observed percentage equals the number of surveys where the behavior was observed, divided by the total number of surveys in 2004 ( $12 / 33 = 0.36$  or 36%). The expected values are those that would be observed if this behavior was constant over all the survey years (2000 – 2005). The expected number of surveys with dogs chasing birds in 2004 is calculated by multiplying the observed percentages in the first row (expressed as a proportion) by the total number of surveys in 2004 ( $0.366 \times 33 = 12.08$ ).

# Crissy Field Wildlife Protection Area

## *Methods*

There are currently two different NPS monitoring programs within the WPA at Crissy Field. The beach and nearshore survey program monitors use of the beach by birds as well as by people and dogs. The other NPS program conducts targeted monitoring of the snowy plovers in the WPA. In addition, Golden Gate Audubon Society volunteers monitor the snowy plovers and associated disturbance within the WPA, and share their data and reports with the NPS.

The beach surveys were implemented after the Crissy Field wetland and dune restoration to document trends in bird species' use of the site over time and determine the value of newly restored habitats for resting, foraging and nesting. These surveys have been conducted since 2000. Beach and nearshore areas are surveyed twice in the same day at both high and low tide. Surveys were conducted about 2-4 days per month through September 2004 and occurred biweekly during peak migration and breeding windows, and weekly at other times. Beginning in October 2004, the frequency of surveys was reduced by one-half since several years of data had been collected and it was determined that fewer surveys could still detect the patterns of beach and nearshore bird use. Observers count all people and dogs across the beach habitat at Crissy Field, but do not separate data out for the WPA, although information on dogs in the WPA is noted in the comment field. Comment field information was used to compile WPA information presented in this report. Observers were instructed to record all instances of dogs chasing wildlife or interfering with normal wildlife behavior patterns.

Snowy plover monitoring started in February 2005 (in the 2004 survey year), after receiving several reports over the preceding months of snowy plovers in the WPA. (Prior to February 2005, snowy plovers were not known to use the WPA for overwintering, although they had been observed on a total of 4 surveys during the 2002 and 2003 survey years.) Trained monitors walked the beach for between 10 and 30 minutes looking specifically for plovers. The objectives of this monitoring were to track plover numbers and persistence within the WPA. Starting in the fall of 2005, monitors recorded any disturbances and their source on the beach, including dogs present on the beach in the WPA. In September 2006 the Ocean Beach snowy plover monitoring protocol was adapted for use at Crissy Field to make the two programs more comparable.

Lastly, Golden Gate Audubon volunteers monitored snowy plovers in the WPA from October 2005 to February 2006, and again when the plovers returned in July 2006. Observers watch the beach with a spotting scope to count plovers and determine any sources of disturbance to the plovers and other shorebirds. These surveys were not initiated until after the Barley rulings, but provide another indication of current patterns of plover and dog use in the WPA.

Data from the different sampling efforts are summarized and described in the accompanying tables and text. Specific information from individual surveys is reported where relevant. Survey years are the same as described for Ocean Beach.

## ***Results – Crissy Field***

Sporadic sightings of snowy plovers first occurred in the WPA during the 2002 and 2003 survey years when one or two plovers were observed. Based on NPS monitoring, up to 4 snowy plovers used the WPA during the 2004 survey year (GGNRA 2006a). As many as 6 plovers used the WPA during the 2005 survey year from Fall of 2005 through March of 2006. In August 2006 (the 2006 survey year), 4 snowy plovers were observed in the WPA. Several plovers with color bands have been observed in the WPA, two of which were observed in more than one survey year. Two of the color-banded plovers (a 2004 fledgling from Pismo Beach, and a 2003 fledgling from the Monterey Bay Aquarium) were observed in the WPA during the 2004, 2005 and 2006 survey years. This indicates a preference by some snowy plovers to return to overwinter at Crissy Field.

As shown by the NPS beach surveys presented in Table 3, dog use of the WPA has increased since the Barley rulings were issued and the public became increasingly aware that off-leash dog walking was permitted at Crissy Field (GGNRA 2006a). No dogs were noted in the WPA from June 2004 to May 2005. 29 dogs were observed in the WPA from June 2005 to May 2006. In just two months of the 2006 overwintering season, 22 dogs were observed in the WPA. No dogs were noted chasing wildlife during the 2005 survey year. However, in only 8 surveys from June through July 2006, there were 2 instances of dogs chasing birds, with dogs observed in the WPA on 75% of the surveys. The total number of dogs recorded in the WPA during beach surveys has increased over the past two years.

**Table 3. Summary of NPS beach surveys in relation to dogs documented in the Crissy Field WPA**

	<i>June 2000 to May 2004</i>	<i>June 2004 to May 2005</i>	<i>June 2005 to May 2006</i>	<i>June 2006 to July 2006</i>
Total # of bird surveys conducted	229 (average per year = 57)	25	31	8
# of surveys with dogs noted on beach (in and out of WPA)	228 (average per year = 58)	25	31	8
Avg. # dogs per survey per year (in and out of WPA)	15.1	11.2	19.3	27.5
# of surveys with dogs noted in WPA	21 (average per year = 5)	0	8	6
Percent of surveys with dogs noted in WPA	11.9%	0	26%	75%
Total # of dogs in WPA (from Comments field)	36 (average per year = 9)	0	29	22
# of dogs chasing birds in beach area (from Comment field)	2	0	0	2 in WPA

Note: The frequency of surveys conducted was reduced by one-half beginning in October 2004.

Based on 22 snowy plover surveys conducted separately by NPS and Golden Gate Audubon (Zlatunich 2006) from November 2005 through March 2006, dogs were noted on 23% of surveys. At the start of the 2006 survey year (which will end in May 2007), snowy plovers were first observed in the WPA on July 25, 2006. Results of NPS and Golden Gate Audubon surveys conducted in July and August of 2006 are summarized in Table 4.

**Table 4. Summary of July-Aug 2006 Snowy Plover Surveys in the Crissy WPA**

<i>Survey Date</i>	<i>Who Conducted Survey</i>	<i>Number of Dogs – Leashed and Unleashed</i>	<i>Number of Birds Including Plovers Disturbed by Unleashed Dogs</i>
7/25/2006	Golden Gate Audubon Society	15 off-leash	1 Western gull flushed by 2 dogs
8/08/2006	Golden Gate Audubon Society	6 off-leash	1 snowy plover disturbed (alert posture – stood up and increased vigilance) by dog
8/15/2006	Golden Gate Audubon Society	16 off-leash, 1 on-leash	Snowy plovers flushed twice, and ran twice when disturbed by dogs, 3 other shorebirds flushed by dogs
8/22/2006	National Park Service	9 off-leash	4 feeding snowy plovers flushed by a dog

In summary, the data from surveys within the Crissy Field WPA indicate increasing dog use, including off-leash use, in addition to increasing harassment of snowy plovers, as well as increased disturbance to other shorebirds. Disturbances that cause snowy plovers to flush or run interrupt their normal patterns of feeding and resting, and require increased use of energy reserves needed for migration and breeding success.

## Discussion and Recommendations

Analysis of monitoring data from the Ocean Beach SPPA and Crissy Field WPA demonstrate that there has been an increase in harassment and disturbance of snowy plovers by off-leash dogs. These detrimental effects have occurred since the U.S. v. Barley rulings were issued and the public became increasingly aware that off-leash dog use was allowed in these two areas. As described in additional detail below, chasing and flushing of plovers by dogs presents a serious threat to the plover

Since June 2005, trained observers at Ocean Beach have recorded 4 separate incidents of dogs chasing and harassing snowy plovers, with a total of 22 plovers disturbed. No incidents of dogs chasing snowy plovers were observed in the previous 5 years of monitoring. Monitoring data from the Ocean Beach SPPA also documents a significant increase in the number of dogs per person and in the number of dogs encountered per hour from 2004 to 2005, with over 75% of dogs unleashed.

Coincident with the increase in number of dogs per hour, there was also a significant increase in the number of dogs per hour chasing shorebirds in 2005, with dogs observed chasing shorebirds on 70% of surveys. Shorebirds (other than snowy plovers) are usually present in much higher numbers than plovers, resulting in more recorded observations of dogs chasing shorebirds; however, these events represent the pattern underlying the concern for snowy plovers. Snowy plovers often intermingle with other shorebirds, and since shorebirds (including snowy plovers) tend to congregate in flocks, more than one bird is often disturbed when chased by dogs.

Observations at Crissy Field also indicate an increase in dog use, including off-leash dogs, within the WPA (the WPA was previously closed to dogs), since the Barley rulings, with snowy plover disturbances documented there as well. In June and July 2006, NPS observers recorded 22 dogs in the WPA, including 2 chasing birds, with dogs observed on 75% of surveys. Snowy plovers in the WPA were disturbed by dogs during 3 surveys in August 2006.

These data and other studies indicate a high potential for off-leash dogs to disturb snowy plovers and other shorebirds. Lafferty (2001b) found that off-leash dogs were a disproportionate source of disturbance to overwintering snowy plovers in Santa Barbara. A higher proportion of dogs than humans disturbed plovers, and at any particular distance, dogs had a higher probability of disturbing plovers than did humans. In a different study, Lafferty (2001a) found that 39% of dogs disturbed shorebirds compared to 10% of humans. At Ocean Beach, observational data of groups of snowy plovers collected in 1995 and 1996 indicated that people with dogs were more likely to disturb snowy plovers than people without dogs, and that snowy plovers were more likely to run or fly from people with dogs compared to people without dogs (GGNRA 1998b). Snowy plovers are also more susceptible to predation by peregrine falcons and other avian predators when disturbed, as they are more visible to avian predators when running or flying.

Other activities within the park that likely have some affect on snowy plovers include vehicle use for Beach Patrols on Ocean Beach, equestrian use of the beach, people walking or jogging in close proximity to plovers, flying kites (which may be perceived as avian predators), trash left on

the beach that may attract predators, and removal of kelp or driftwood that provides foraging habitat for plovers. However, the research cited above supports the argument that snowy plovers respond differently and more intensely to unleashed dogs, which they perceive as predators, than to these other sources of disturbance. In addition, the actions of unleashed dogs are often targeted directly at plovers and other shorebirds, unlike other beach activities.

Western snowy plovers have very specific feeding requirements associated with the coastal dune ecosystem. Studies of color-banded plovers, including those at Ocean Beach (Hatch 1996) and Crissy Field, document the preference of some birds to return to the same beach year after year. Because of their site fidelity and narrow habitat requirements they have few alternative roosting sites. This limits their abundance and makes them vulnerable to habitat loss and disturbance. The population decline over the past thirty years prompted the listing in 1993. The current population estimate for the listed Pacific Coast Distinct Population Segment of the western snowy plover is around 2,300 based on a survey in 2005 (Federal Register 2006), with the California estimate around 1,720. Recent maximum snowy plover numbers at GGNRA represented around 4% of the estimated total California population of plovers.

The following excerpts from a letter from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (1997) to the National Park Service (NPS) explains the effect that chasing or flushing by dogs has on snowy plovers, and why the emphasis with respect to harassment is on dogs rather than other common recreational activities at GGNRA:

*...Dogs, however, are domesticated predators that instinctively utilize their well-developed sense of smell to locate other animals out of curiosity or in search of prey. Plovers naturally perceive dogs as a significant threat and respond by flying to a distant location out of harm's way. Dogs have been documented chasing plovers and other shorebirds great distances at Ocean Beach.*

*Ocean Beach is a key stop-over habitat which allows plovers to get enough nourishment and rest to continue their migratory journey. These habitat values are lost when unleashed dogs are allowed to flush and harass these small shorebirds...*

*...the individuals which continue to use the sites may abandon preferred habitat and spend more energy on vigilance and avoidance behaviors at the expense of foraging activity (Pfister et al. 1992; Burger 1993; Burger 1994). Non-visible effects of human presence on feeding and breeding behavior, such as physiological stress, can occur below the flight threshold. This decrease in the duration and intensity of foraging may result in decreased accumulation of energy reserves necessary to complete the migration cycle and successfully breed. Dog disturbance at wintering and staging sites, therefore, may adversely impact individual survivorship and fecundity, thereby affecting the species at the population level...*

The results of the analyses presented in this report clearly indicate that the present management regime of off-leash dog use is inadequate to protect the western snowy plover from excessive disturbance and harassment at its overwintering sites within GGNRA.

### ***Recommendations***

The following measures are recommended to mitigate for the documented, adverse impacts that have occurred since the Barley rulings were issued and off-leash dog use in these areas increased:

- Require dogs to be leashed within the Ocean Beach SPPA and the Crissy Field WPA during the period when snowy plovers are present each year.
- Consult with USFWS under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act regarding this action.
- Conduct snowy plover monitoring at each location using similar protocols and ensure that monitoring captures the arrival and departure of snowy plovers in the park each year.
- Conduct outreach efforts to educate park visitors, including dog-walkers and the general public, about the leash requirement and other steps they can take to protect snowy plovers and other wildlife.
- Enforce the requirement that dogs be on leash within the Ocean Beach SPPA and the Crissy Field WPA.

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**Memorandum**

**To:** San Mateo Leadership Team  
**From:** Acting Deputy Superintendent  
**Date:** December 19, 2010  
**Subject:** December 16, San Mateo Leadership Meeting

**Requested Action**

*Please review the below notes and review your action items, and ensure they are completed.*

**DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS**

Topic	Easements and encroachments on Rancho
Decisions	<p>POST will retain ownership of the property adjacent to the Gundel parcel (near the Coral Reef trailhead) until encroachment issue is settled.</p> <p>Katharine Arrow has finished Right of Entry permit. Frank has signed it and submitted it to POST. Once signed, permit is in effect as of 12/15. Permit requires 1 week's notice before entering RCDT. Regional Office is putting together a master easement map for RCDT.</p> <p>Hilary and Craig completed a more exact GPS boundary of Ocean View Farms, Ember Ridge and Moss Beach Ranch. Boundaries of each exceeds acreage stated by POST.</p> <p>Renegade Ranch is next for GPS survey.</p> <p>Petro Mountain Road runs through OVF, and Hilary wants to determine who owns land, easement, etc. to better inform how OVF handles visitation. We assume County Right of Way, but need to include this into lease language.</p> <p>Katharine suggests POST writes an amendment to current OVF lease.</p> <p>Kim says we can't enforce county law on county land, and so must determine if the road is actually ours before we begin enforcing laws on the road.</p> <p>Deborah Titone of Renegade Ranch is objecting to public access to trails through Renegade. Hilary will work on this.</p> <p>PWR is still working with Montara Water District regarding easements.</p>
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hilary will determine how to proceed with inaccuracy in listed acreage.</li> <li>• Hilary will work with Deborah Titone on access language</li> <li>• Hilary will determine ownership and easements for San Pedro Mountain Road (SPMR)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hilary will work with OVF on SPMR issue</li> <li>Susie will work with Maintenance to identify sites for new gates at Rancho</li> <li>Maintenance will develop cost estimate for gate installations throughout Rancho</li> <li>Susie will request that POST fix existing gate problems.</li> </ul>
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Topic	Planning
Decisions	<p>Transition date has been pushed back, in part due to the potential for further grants from LWCF.</p> <p>Brian requests staff defer questions on transfer date to POST</p> <p>Events already scheduled will require permit</p> <p>Brian will work with Brad Woldren in regional office on this issue</p> <p>Susie Bennett will continue to work on NR and trail use monitoring</p> <p>Contreras (flower farm immediately west of Aennelle) is asking for more time before leaving their property. GGNRA does not want to manage the lease, and POST has been diligent in attempting to deal with this issue.</p> <p>Regarding manager position, Aaron is asking the Conservancy to cover half of the cost, and considering using RCDT leasing revenue and other sources to pay for park's costs.</p>
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Katharine will request access permits for January and February interp programs</li> <li>George will change transition date on website</li> <li>George will work with POST on outreach strategy for xfer delay</li> <li>George/Howard will inform park staff about xfer delay</li> <li>George will attempt to use same website language as POST re: xfer delay</li> <li>Susie will consult with POST re: continued NR and trail use monitoring</li> </ul>

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Topic	PMIS Statements
Decisions	<p>Aaron requests that Keith write and submit a PMIS Statement for trails, with components or separate projects that logically follow-one another (assessment, planning, improvement, etc)</p> <p>Susie submitted PMIS statement for RCDT gates</p> <p>Dan Collman says Maintenance needs to work on FMSS before submitting PMIS statements</p>
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keith will write and submit PMIS statement (s) for Rancho</li> </ul>

Topic	Cultural Resources
Decisions	Peter Gavette, most recently from YOSE CR, is introduced.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>



Topic	Signs and Regulations on same
Decisions	Keith determines signs project material needs at \$2,200.  Aaron placed initial signs request in unfunded needs requests.  Daphne: we need to specifically allow bikes in compendium.  Icons allowing bike use will be on new signs
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aaron will secure funding for initial trailhead and equestrian area signs</li> <li>Dan C. will include sign installation in the initial maintenance plan to be presented at January meeting.</li> <li>Marybeth will include RCDT dog and bike regulations into federal register and confirm all Fed Register requirements--.</li> </ul>

Topic	Trailhead facilities on Rancho
Decisions	Susie and George presented RCDT overview at Midcoast Community Council meeting. Discussion of Coral Reef neighbors' concerns about trailheads and portables.  Craig Scott offered a host of historic maps of RCDT to inform trail names.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nancy will follow up with POST and PWR on Cabrillo Farms parcel easement request</li> </ul>

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Topic	Public Information, Programs and Transfer <del>Ceremony</del> Ceremony
Decisions	Aaron asks Howard develop a media communication strategy for RCDT acquisition – just simple media outreach and key messages. Asks that Howard works suggests that he work with David Shaw and Vita on media piece, key messages. Among suggestions for transfer ceremony are Earth Day.  RCDT website is up: <a href="http://www.nps.gov/gopa/rcdt.htm">www.nps.gov/gopa/rcdt.htm</a>  Michael Norelli showed current draft of padmap and took comments.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Howard will draft media communication plan for San Mateo with initial emphasis on RCDT.</li> <li>Michael will continue section 508 revisions to RCDT padmap</li> <li>Alex will develop press release for opening</li> <li>George will set up presentations at San Mateo community meetings.</li> <li>George will develop list of talking points for proactive messages: Mission, broad themes, connectivity, public recreational open space.</li> <li>Howard, Sue, Gwen will develop opening ceremony <del>in</del> coordination with POST.</li> </ul>

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Topic	Office Space with County Parks
Decisions	Sue Gardner has the terms of agreement for office space near Sanchez Adobe. San Mateo County has offered a good deal, and we will turn the agreement into a CUA.
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sue will work on CUA</li> </ul>

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**NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, Jan 27; ~~2010~~; 2011; 9:30-11:00 a.m. (Golden Gate Room).

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## Memorandum

**To:** San Mateo Leadership Team  
**From:** Acting Deputy Superintendent  
**Date:** ~~January~~ February 24, 27, 2011  
**Subject:** February 24 ~~January 27~~, San Mateo Leadership Meeting

### Requested Action

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### DECISIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

Topic	Transition
Decisions	<p><del>Park has hired a contractor to complete Title and transfer of RCDDT is ongoing, with transition of most or all of RCDDT now looking likely in late March or early April.</del></p> <p><del>Phase II Hazmat process-process @ Rancho. The process will completed by the end of April, and so the current projected transfer is toward the end of May. recommended a Phase II, which will take several weeks.</del></p> <p><del>Title and transfer of RCDDT is ongoing, with transition of most or all of RCDDT now looking likely in late March or early April.</del></p> <p><del>San Mateo Coordinator position has been announced, with 1 year's funding set and possibilities for a second year in progress. Sue G. recommends re-titling the position.</del></p>
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>

Topic	Easements and encroachments on Rancho
Decisions	<p><del>Hilary and Craig ground-truthed, GPSed and mapped a more exact boundary of Ocean View Farms, Ember Ridge and Moss Beach Ranch and Renegade Ranch. Boundaries of each exceed acreage stated by POST. are working with the county on an easement map for San Pedro Mountain Road. The county has a description, but no map.</del></p> <p><del>Katharine A. is lead on Hilary is working with the equestrian operations to develop access language for visitors travelling through leased areas.</del></p> <p><del>PWR Lands has confirmed that NPS has fee ownership of San Pedro Mountain Road (SPMR), and that the county has an easement. This means NPS can enforce its regulations on the road. We need to talk with county</del></p>

	<p><del>about dog and other regulation enforcement.</del></p> <p><del>Robin Camezzi of Ocean View Farms and Ember Ridge reports high bacteria counts in San Vicente Creek.</del></p> <p><del>PWR is still working with Montara Water District regarding easements.</del></p> <p><del>Susie Bennett and Pat Kocer visited RCDT to determine sites for new gates as well as gates needing repair. Existing gates are mostly in good repair. Pat developed cost estimates for gates. Gundle encroachment, and is working with solicitors office to counter the Gundles' claimed prescriptive easement. The county may also have an issue with the Gundle construction.</del></p>
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Shirwin and Marybeth will work with the county on regs on SPMR.</del></li> <li>• <del>Susie will request that POST fix existing gate problems.</del></li> <li>• <del>Susie will review prescriptions, including whether to install gates or fences with LE.</del></li> <li>• <del>Dan will put gates into PMIS where necessary and build some gates with existing funds.</del></li> <li>• <del>George will ask POST whether we need formal permission to lead hikes.</del></li> </ul>

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<b>Topic</b>	<b>Planning</b>
Decisions	<p><del>Brian Aviles reports on MGC meeting, recommending that the park participate in the ongoing Mobility Study with San Mateo County.</del></p> <p><del>Status of Contreras lease was discussed, but no new information is known about their extension request.</del></p>
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Katharine will request access permits for January and February interp programs</del></li> <li>• <del>George will develop talking points and have them reviewed, then will begin community presentations.</del></li> </ul>

<b>Topic</b>	<b>PMIS Statements</b>
Decisions	<p><del>Aaron requests that Keith write and submit a PMIS Statement for trails, with components or separate projects that logically follow one another (assessment, planning, improvement, etc) Maintenance has submitted draft PMIS statements.</del></p> <p><del>Aaron asks that each division bring their PMIS statements to March meeting so that we can combine/prioritize them.</del></p> <p><del>Susie submitted PMIS statement for RCDT gates</del></p> <p><del>Dan Collman says Maintenance needs to work on FMSS before submitting PMIS statements</del></p>
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Keith will write and submit PMIS statement (s) for Rancho Each division chief will bring PMIS statements to March meeting</del></li> </ul>

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<b>Topic</b>	<b>Cultural Resources</b>
Decisions	<p><del>Peter Gavette says there hasn't been an archaeological study, so there may be prehistoric sites outside the areas ID'd in Cultural Resource Study, most recently from YOSE CR, is introduced.</del></p>
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Natural Resources</b>
<u>Decisions</u>	<u>CalTrans Mitigation Wetland: CalTrans created a wetland south of Ocean View Farms as mitigation for work on Devil's Slide. They are asking to remove the fence along with the road leading to the mitigation site. They are also asking if we want to assume their funding for the remaining 5 years of their 10 year agreement. Team agrees to swap existing hurricane fence with post, cable and mesh fence, and to remove road. Team discusses the assumption of their funding, with Sue G. saying we can make more efficient use of the funding</u>
<u>Actions</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Sue F. will follow up with CalTrans regarding assumption of contract.</u></li> <li>• <u>Brian A and Steve G. will determine if we might use the CalTrans road.</u></li> <li>• <u>Susie B. will provide CalTrans with Mori Point fence design.</u></li> </ul>

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Signs and Regulations on same</b>
<u>Decisions</u>	<u>Aaron approved an additional \$15,000 for additional sign shop support parkwide from Concession Franchise Fee, some of which can go to funding materials for Rancho signs. Susie has temporary sign templates and is waiting for language revisions.</u>
<u>Actions</u>	<p><u>Leons allowing bike use will be on new signs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>George will develop language for entrance signs requesting visitors respect trailhead neighbors</u></li> <li>• <u>Maryboth will include RCDT dog and bike regulations into compendium and confirm all Fed Register requirements.</u></li> <li>• <u>Regarding determining sensitive natural areas and appropriate dog regulations, Daphne recommends we proceed with 2-15 (leashed dogs) until completion of a full NR review before proceeding with dog planning process at Rancho.</u></li> </ul>

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<b>Topic</b>	<b>Trailhead facilities on Rancho</b>
<u>Decisions</u>	<p><u>Steve G. is working with consultant on design of Le Conte trailhead to allow access and turnaround space for Farallone View parents. Park will not install portables at trailheads.</u></p> <p><u>In response to community concerns, group discussed terminology for trailheads (vs. "portals" or other terms).</u></p> <p><u>Aaron suggests listing all access points to Rancho in order to disperse impacts.</u></p> <p><u>Farallone View school children submitted a letter of concern regarding erosion west of Le Conte trailhead. This is not our land.</u></p>
<u>Actions</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Susie Bennett will write a letter to the school N/A</u></li> </ul>

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<b>Topic</b>	<b>Public Information, Programs and Transfer <u>CeremoneyCeremony</u></b>
<u>Decisions</u>	<p><u>Guided activities have been full and continue on into the Spring.</u></p> <p><u>Susie Bennett followed up Farallone View School's letter concerning erosion off of Le Conte. San Mateo County RCD is new POC for this issue. RCDT website text has been modified: <a href="http://www.nps.gov/gopa/rcdt.htm">www.nps.gov/gopa/rcdt.htm</a></u></p>
<u>Actions</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>George will complete map text</u></li> </ul>

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<b>Topic</b>	<b>Office Space with County Parks</b>
Decisions	<u>Sue Gardner continues to work on CMA with Bus. Management Site can hold 9 staff, 2 storage sheds and machinery as well. County will charge \$1K/month and include minor and medium maintenance. County thinks this will require a 3-5 year commitment. Working w/Solicitor's Office.</u>
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sue and Katharine will <u>continue</u> work on CMA</li> </ul>

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<b>Topic</b>	<b>New Lands Status</b>
Decisions	<p><u>Cattle Hill (Pacifica's portion) is #1 on our acquisition list. Pacifica needs to deal with encroachments and will take a 4 acre parcel for a playground.</u></p> <p><u>Pedro Point is #2 on our list, and also is awaiting action from Pacifica to mitigate a road mistakenly opened on private land.</u></p> <p>Greggerson: POST has offered a CMA to allow ranger housing and GGNRA management. Park will review.</p> <p><u>Montara Lighthouse: Katharine met with USCG re remediation needs. Next question is who will submit for federal funding. Both Montara and Point Bonita are expensive enough to require Directorate level approval.</u></p>
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Katharine will review proposal for Greggerson, push Pacifica to move on encroachments Maintenance will survey Greggerson house to determine site condition and determine if we can house employees on property we don't own.</u></li> <li>• Katharine will continue to follow lighthouse proposal.</li> </ul>

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**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Feb-March 24; 2010-2011; 9:30-11:00 a.m. (Golden Gate Room). <end of notes>**

## San Mateo Team Meeting Notes

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5-26-11 Meeting

Participants: John Craig, Nancy Hornor, Brian Aviles, Susie Bennett, Pat Kocer, Dan Collman, Katharine Arrow, Aaron Roth, Daphne Hatch, Howard Levitt

Discussion:

1. Update on Rancho Acquisition: NPS has received full funding for complete acquisition with the additional appropriation of \$4.1m. Final real estate requirements in progress with anticipated acquisition this summer (likely August)
2. San Mateo Community Planner/Coordinator Position – will move ahead with goal of hiring this position (GGNPC) in June.
3. Interim Trails Plan: we discussed the need for an interim trail designation plan that would consider condition and suitability of existing trails and make recommendations for in interim trails designation plan.

**ACTION:** Brian Aviles, Steve Griswold, Susie Bennett, Pat Kocer, a rep from LE will meet, review resource information, look at trails in the field as needed and make recommendations to:

- identify the primary routes that would be designated as the temporary trail system
- identify any trails that would need to be closed to dogs on leash in the short term
- identify any trails that would need to be closed to bikes/horses
- identify any trails that should be closed, or not signed or mapped as designated trails

**A published rule/regulation within 90-120 days of NPS ownership is the goal.**

4. Updating Maps and Web site – this will be required based on the outcome of # 3 above

**ACTION:** George Durgerian will work with Michael Norelli to update the pad map/web site map to delete the “P” symbol from neighborhood trailheads and show the designated trails

5. Community outreach: we discussed the need for expanded community outreach when we take ownership of Rancho

**ACTION:**

- Howard Levitt will work with Brian Aviles to draft a newsletter and press release that will be mailed/distributed at the time we take ownership.

- Howard Levitt will take the lead to set up a public meeting in the area, to be held within the first 30-60 days after we take ownership

## San Mateo Team

### 8-25-11 Meeting Notes

#### Rancho Corral de Tierra

- Status of acquisition (Nancy)

Remediation requirements remain, and we are determining whether approval WASO or Region will be the approving office. Funds for remediation may be withheld from purchase price. Main issue is at Moss Beach Ranch. Acquisition is still expected to happen this year.

- Sign Plan (Keith)

Julie and Rob La Port of the sign shop visited Ocean View Farms to review set up for sign plan. Signs are for pedestrians, bikes and horses and are informational and interpretive. Trail signs will be will not focus on Coral Reef and Ocean View entrances, due to neighbor concerns, but will be placed at appropriate spots. **The signs will include include dog regulations and other regulatory symbols. Regulatory language will be settled as soon as possible.** Kevin suggests installing plastic NPS boundary signs, as they're cheap and easily replaceable, while we wait for more permanent boundary signs.

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Robin Camozzi at Ocean View has reported visitors feeding and touching horses in defiance of her request. **ACTION COMPLETED:** George and Julie English will confirm sites for equestrian ops signs and begin installation Sept 8.

- Interim Trails Plan

**The group assigned to make recommendations for interim trails and regulations gave an update on progress and next steps ACTION: Susie Bennet will coordinate the follow-up meeting with the equestrian operators and a wrap-up meeting(s) with the trails group to complete this task.**

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- Newly reported trespass site at Bridgeport

Susie Bennett described an encroachment (planting of fruit trees, bench installation) off of Bridgeport, near the Coral Reef entrance to RCDT. Park has asked POST to remove the encroachment. **ACTION:** Kevin and Dan C will work together in crafting a PMIS entry for GPSing RCDT boundaries section by section. Susie and Scott will have the lead, and Nancy will talk with Aaron re: funding sources

- Update on community communications and Fire (Aviles/Hornor/Wong)

Staff will continue to regularly attend Midcoast Community Council meetings

Supervisor Horsely came in to meet with the Superintendent and staff primarily about dog rules at Ranch. He was supportive of our plans to provide for on-leash dog-walking..

Oscar Braun of Ca. Watershed Posse has expressed concern about wildfire on Rancho.

Roger Wong says Cal Fire will provide wildfire suppression on an “assistance by hire” agreement that is already in place. Wong has to evaluate fire dangers across the Bay Area Network and prioritizes projects based on potential danger and availability of funds. Cal Fire began evaluating the site many years ago, and say RCDT has low wildfire potential in general due to high relative humidity and little historical evidence of fire. Wong acknowledged that all areas have potential for fire and says neighbors to private land can apply for federal grants for fuel reduction, and encourages RCDT neighbors to apply. Roger will assist community by reviewing and supporting grant proposals.

**ACTION:** Nancy will check with POST about what they mow along the boundary and confirm status before transferring land. **ACTION:** Roger will ask Cal Fire to attend a meeting with Braun. (George – not in my notes – would you check with Roger?) **ACTION:** Roger will work with Keith Stegall to identify “fire danger “ signs for Rancho that would be activated as needed.

- Roll-out Strategy Updates

Per Nancy, Brian and Howard will prepare a newsletter to send out to the community when the transition occurs and schedule a public meeting in the community following acquisition.

- Other Updates

Pat Kocer is leaving GOGA for BALA and Dan will assign a new San Mateo Supervisor for Facilities.

Vika found high e coli in San Vicente Creek at RCDT. **ACTION:** Hilary will follow up on this and about a renewed dump site at Moss Beach Ranch.

Coastal Conservancy and Pacifica Land Trust interested in NPS moving ahead to complete the acquisition of Pedro Point Headlands, and Nancy will track that process with PWR and park managers to follow completion of Rancho Acquisition. Pacifica is completing acquisition of private parcels that include the Ca Coastal Trail connection to Pedro Point from Pacifica over the property they (illegally) bulldozed as a trail up to Pedro Point.

## San Mateo Team Meeting Minutes

1/26/12

Date: January 26, 2012, 9am – 12pm

Location: Fort Mason Center – C370

Attendees: Nancy Hornor (Planning Division Chief)  
Brian Aviles (Senior Planner)  
Dan Collman (Facilities Management)  
Mike Coffey (San Mateo Maintenance Supervisor)  
Larry Miranda (NEPA, Project Review)  
Kevin Cochary (Chief Ranger)  
Sue Gardner (Stewardship)  
Daphne Hatch (Natural Resources Division Chief)  
Susie Bennett (Natural Resources Specialist)  
Peter Gavette (Cultural Resources, Archaeology)  
Steve Haller (Cultural Resources, Archaeology)  
Christine Carey (San Mateo Coordinator)

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#### 1. Rancho Updates

- a) New fence was installed at the end of Coral Reef Avenue by Mike & Trail Crew to prevent vehicles from accessing Flattop – small investment, positive goodwill!
- b) Twelve trees on NPS property behind 100 Harbour Way in El Granada were cut down unexpectedly and now rest behind the fence on our property. Law Enforcement will proceed with removal and coordination with the neighbor. Daphne noted that a team of NPS staff met recently to update the boundary veg permit process and Wendy Poinot is preparing new draft. Note: we still need NPS staff member assigned to assist neighbors with the permit process.
- c) Small group met with POST a few weeks ago to discuss ongoing maintenance/operations. We will continue at least initially until we have workplans in place. If we plan to continue mowing, we need to coordinate with breeding season (before March 1) and bring to project review. A question about Structural Fire Coverage at Rancho was raised -- Kevin Cochary indicated that we are still in discussions about the best approach.
- d) POST reached a settlement with Gundel regarding the encroachment. Before we acquire the parcel, we will need to evaluate slope stability, coordinate Phase I hazmat and discuss boundary adjustment. Will be meeting to discuss in more detail with POST and PWR in next few weeks.
- e) PWR is currently coordinating preparation of official Rancho maps. Kevin requested printed copies of current padmaps for rangers to hand out to visitors.
- f) Neighbors have expressed concern about spreading manure on trails. Currently the only equestrian operation that spreads is Moss Beach Ranch. RCD Livestock & Land workshop suggested spreading compost instead. NPS currently does not allow composting on-site. Is this something we want to consider? Question raised about equestrian operators and responsibility for maintenance. Coordinate with Hilary and BMD in annual equestrian management plans.
- g) Water quality monitoring of creeks is currently conducted through RCD. POST previously paid for part of monitoring to get access to the results. Team agreed results will be beneficial to us and would like to continue contributing for access to data. Susie will confirm cost and whether we need to provide permits.

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- h) Daffodils – POST would like to continue annual event they have held at Rancho to pick daffodils. It is against NPS CFR. Is this something we want to allow? Check with Point Reyes for precedent. UPDATE: Pt. Reyes modified their compendium to previously allow daffodil picking, but determined it was not authorized and removed it from compendium.
  - i) Ember Ridge expressed concern for people accessing field behind Ember Ridge (adjacent to Aenlle property) and would like fence to prevent access. Team suggested “No Public Access” sign first to prevent unauthorized use.
  - j) We will be meeting with Coastside County Water District in next week to discuss the Denniston/San Vicente water supply project.
2. GGNRA Liaison Committee – Susie & Christine attended the monthly meeting to provide updates on San Mateo lands. The Committee indicated that the County is considering eliminating some committees to minimize cost, and requested support from GGNRA to strengthen their case to keep the Committee. Our Team agreed that their input is valuable and we will discuss letter of support from Frank Dean.
  3. Phleger Estate Gullies Trail – the restoration project from the Bella Vista settlement agreement is moving forward. The trail cost was higher than expected, and we are looking for ways to value engineer the design to still move forward with both projects. Christine is coordinating with Sharon Ferrell, Darren Fong, Keith Stegall and Steve Griswold.
  4. The team discussed our 2012, 2013, 2014+ workplans. See spreadsheet.

**Table 1. Summary of NEW Action Items from 1/26/12**

<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Assigned Staff</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Completion Date (verified by Christine)</b>	
1. Coordinate mowing with breeding season	Mike, Susie	3/1/12		
2. Meet with POST re: Gundel settlement	Nancy, Christine	2/23/12		
3. Print padmaps & provide to LE	Christine	2/23/12		
4. Determine cost and permit process for water quality monitoring	Susie	2/23/12		
5. Incorporate "No Public Access" sign into sign plans at boundary of Ember Ridge	Christine	2/23/12		
6. Meet with CCWD re: water access	Nancy, Christine, Susie	2/23/12		
7. Discuss support letter to GGNRA Liaison Committee	Nancy, Christine, Aaron	2/22/12		
8. Finalize workplans	ALL	2/23/12		

**Table 2. Summary of PAST Action Items from 1/5/12 (completed, outstanding)**

<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Assigned Staff</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Completion Date (verified by Christine)</b>	
1. Attend Rancho welcome & service event	TBD	2/11/12		
2. Coordinate installation of fence at Coral Reef area	Mike	2/11/12	1/17/12	✓
3. Resolve tree complaint - Harbour Way	Christine	1/26/12	Trees cut down unexpectedly. Kevin & Scott to follow-up	
4. Coordinate environmental compliance	Larry	On-going		
5. Coordinate with HEAL project	Christine, Susie	1/26/12	POST coordinating with Planning Dept on Consistency Determination	

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6. Respond to cell service email and dog email	Christine, Shirwin, Nancy	1/26/12	1/30/12	✓
7. Meet with County Parks	Brian, Christine	1/26/12		
8. Update unfunded needs lists to reflect current known unfunded costs for Rancho	ALL	ASAP		

## San Mateo Team Meeting Minutes 2/22/12

Date: February 22, 2012, 9:30am – 11am

Location: Fort Mason 201 – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Attendees: Aaron Roth (Deputy Superintendent)  
Shirwin Smith (Park Management / Dog Management)  
Scott Larson (San Mateo Law Enforcement Supervisor)  
Brian Aviles (Senior Planner)  
Dan Collman (Facilities Management)  
Mike Coffey (San Mateo Maintenance Supervisor)  
Daphne Hatch (Natural Resources Division Chief)  
Hilary Hobbs (Business Management)  
Susie Bennett (Natural Resources Specialist)  
Peter Gavette (Cultural Resources, Archaeology)  
Howard Levitt (Director of Communications & Public Affairs)  
Christine Carey (San Mateo Coordinator)

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1. A request was made to reconsider the time this group meets. The group agreed to keep at regular time, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, 9:30 – 11am. **Exception: March meeting will be held on the last Thursday, March 29. Due to Conservancy Board meeting, San Mateo team meeting will be held 10:30am-12pm on 3/29 in Golden Gate Room.**
2. Rancho Updates
  - a) The group discussed potential dates for next meet-and-greet event. Several dates were considered in April, but many weekends are already booked. Conservancy is busy in May with Bridge Celebration. Tentative date: May 5. UPDATE: Conservancy booked 5/5, suggested 5/12? Public Affairs suggested Sunday 4/15?
  - b) The Pacific Coast Dream Machines event, an annual aviation and auto show at Half Moon Bay Airport, will take place April 28-29, 2012. As GGNRA has participated in the past, the group discussed whether we would like to consider a booth at this year's event (note: need to discuss with Public Affairs). If we decide to participate, we should coordinate with Karen (last name?) from Marine Sanctuary, and discuss with Tamara Williams regarding Air Tour Management Plan since some of the events are not likely permissible.
  - c) Interim Trail Plan – A smaller sub-group met last week to discuss interim trail planning at Rancho. Maintenance indicated the need for comprehensive trail assessments but lack funding. Aaron indicated we all need to "try harder!" to make things work in the interim. Team will identify potential issues and minimal improvements necessary to make trails safe enough until full assessment and improvements complete. Stressed need for more defined interim trail use regulations to support Dog Management Plan Supplemental EIS. Christine will coordinate site visit with Steve Griswold and key staff to identify trail issues and verify proposed sign plan.
  - d) Maintenance expressed on-going issue that they need additional staff and resources to complete work required in San Mateo County.

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- e) Aaron noted that funding is available for use at Rancho, but the team needs to prioritize where it will be spent. Funding sources include signs (Keith), leases (Hilary). Aaron will provide a list of potential funding sources for the team to discuss and prioritize where it should be spent.
  - f) Scott indicated that we need to assess our risks for public safety and resource standards. Also noted that the process to hire a new San Mateo-focused ranger has started.
  - g) Ocean View Farms has expressed an issue that Rancho visitors are using the port-a-potty, which is on the leased property on other side of the fence. Team considered installing additional toilet on Rancho side, but agreed it was not preferred. Hilary will coordinate with Ocean View Farms to suggest putting a lock on port-a-potty and give only equestrians the code. If issue is not resolved, we will consider installing a toilet.
  - h) Ocean View has also received complaints about bikes traveling at high speeds through equestrian area. This is along County's trail. Christine & Brian will coordinate with County to determine whether there are improvements that can be made to slow bikes or direct them around equestrian facility.
  - i) Susie presented Caltrans proposal for us to enter into cooperative agreement to manage and maintain the wetlands Caltrans installed as part of the Devil's Slide mitigation. Daphne noted this is something that should be under the new Veg Ecologist, who will hopefully be hired by April? Daphne also indicated that we should consider taking this task, but we do not want the liability, which should remain with Caltrans. Aaron agreed that we do not want to take the endowment or be held to Caltrans required performance outcomes but would prefer to get funding annually in a task agreement.
3. Neighbor relations – Christine met with Connemara HOA, and we have been invited by others (Princeton by the Sea HOA). We recognize the value in maintaining these relationships, but need to make sure we are attentive and follow through. Daphne mentioned the Skyridge HOA and that they were required to pay us ~\$10k/year as a requirement from the City of Pacifica, but GGNRA did not follow through on our agreement and have therefor been losing money for years. Need to bring this issue back to the surface. May be another good task for the Veg Ecologist since it is a complicated issue.
4. Workplans
- NR indicated that not all of the priorities may have been captured.
  - Need a representative from Interp as part of this team. George? Michele?
  - Who else needs to be engaged? GOGA Fire Management?
  - Dog EIS is a critical path, should be noted on workplans
  - Christine noted these are going to continue to be a work in progress, but each division will be held accountable for what is included in this plan now! Check-ins will be quarterly.

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**Table 1. Summary of NEW Action Items from 2/22/12**

Action Items	Assigned Staff	Due Date	Completion Date (verified by Christine)
1. Finalize date for next meet-and-greet	Howard & Public Affairs	3/15/12	
2. Determine participation in Dream Machines event	Howard & Public Affairs	3/15/12	
3. Coordinate site visit for basic interim trails assessment and signage installation	Christine	3/29/12	
4. Clarify funding available and brainstorm allocation	Aaron & team	3/29/12	Aaron sent funding 2/27 for team review
5. Monitor port-a-potty issue at Ocean View Farms	Hilary	ongoing	
6. Meet with County Parks re: bike issue on Old San Pedro County Road	Christine & Brian	3/29/12	
7. Finalize Caltrans wetland agreement and revisit Skyridge HOA \$	New Veg Ecologist		
8. Update workplan per suggestions, get Interp input, clarify who else needs to be engaged.	Christine	3/15/12	
9. Try harder ☺ (per Aaron's request)	All	ongoing	

**Table 2. Summary of PAST Action Items from 1/5/12 & 1/26/12 (completed, outstanding)**

Action Items	Assigned Staff	Due Date	Completion Date (verified by Christine)
1. Coordinate mowing with breeding season	Mike, Susie	3/1/12	Delayed until after bird nesting season
2. Meet with POST re: Gundel settlement	Nancy, Christine	2/23/12	2/2/12 ✓
3. Print padmaps & provide to LE	Christine	2/23/12	Finalized 2/23, in production for print
4. Determine cost and permit process for water quality monitoring	Susie	2/23/12	Delayed to March due to staff availability
5. Incorporate "No Public Access" sign into	Christine	2/23/12	

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	sign plans at boundary of Ember Ridge				
6.	Meet with CCWD re: water access	Nancy, Christine, Susie	2/23/12	2/2/12	✓
7.	Discuss support letter to GGNRA Liaison Committee	Nancy, Christine, Aaron	2/22/12	Liaison Committee meeting cancelled for February	
8.	Finalize workplans	ALL	2/23/12	2/23/12	✓
9.	Attend Rancho welcome & service event	TBD	2/11/12	2/11/12	✓
10.	Coordinate installation of fence at Coral Reef area	Mike	2/11/12	1/17/12	✓
11.	Resolve tree complaint - Harbour Way	Christine	1/26/12	Trees cut down unexpectedly. Kevin & Scott to follow-up	
12.	Coordinate environmental compliance	Larry	On-going		
13.	Coordinate with HEAL project	Christine, Susie	1/26/12	Coordinated with Planning Dept. Site visit 2/21/12	✓
14.	Respond to cell service email and dog email	Christine, Shirwin, Nancy	1/26/12	1/30/12	✓
15.	Meet with County Parks	Brian, Christine	1/26/12	Delayed due to County availability	
16.	Update unfunded needs lists to reflect current known unfunded costs for Rancho	ALL	ASAP		

## San Mateo Team Meeting Minutes 4/26/12

Date: April 26, 2012, 9:30am – 11am

Location: Fort Mason 201 – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Attendees: Aaron Roth (Deputy Superintendent)  
Shirwin Smith (Park Management / Dog Management)  
Brian Aviles (Senior Planner)  
Mike Coffey (San Mateo Maintenance Supervisor)  
Dan Collman (Maintenance Facility Manager)  
Hilary Hobbs (Business Management)  
Susie Bennett (Natural Resources Specialist)  
Peter Gavette (Cultural Resources, Archaeology)  
Sue Gardner (GGNPC Stewardship)  
George Durgerian (Special Events/Interp)  
Larry Miranda (Planning/Compliance)  
Christine Carey (San Mateo Coordinator)

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1. **Action Items** – Reviewed outstanding and completed; see Table 2 for status.
2. **Recent & Upcoming events** – GGNPC had a booth at Pacifica Earth Day 4/21; George will be giving walk at Rancho on 4/28 and attend Dream Machines at Half Moon Bay Airport; George, Christine and Price will be attending Streets Alive! Parks Alive! 5/6. We need to continue to put in the extra effort to build our community relations in San Mateo County – thanks for all the help so far!
3. **SamTrans** – Christine presented with Darren Brown to the SamTrans Board on April 11 to invite SamTrans to partner with GGNRA and provide better access to the park by transit. SamTrans is currently preparing their Service Plan (SSP), which will help identify future key transit investments and direct planning of the long-term bus service. The presentation was well-received, and SamTrans is interested in partnering with us on their SSP while we prepare our Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).
4. **Pedro Point** – Peter noted that the San Mateo County Historical Association is preparing supplemental research to the 2010 Historic Resource Study. The team discussed acquisition timeline, still on track for Spring 2013. We hope to leverage potential funding from Coastal Conservancy to continue the volunteer work that Pacifica Beach Coalition (PBC) has been leading at Pedro Point. Sue expressed a strong desire to maintain the relationship with PBC and keep that volunteer effort going since no other park we have acquired came with an existing group of volunteers.
5. **Parks Stewardship** – Sue noted she is currently preparing a 3-year plan for Stewardship and will provide additional details as the plan progresses.
6. **Rancho update**
  - a. Christine presented Vika's environmental remediation work at Moss Beach Ranch. The preliminary results indicate some contamination is present but not as much as originally anticipated. Adjacent to the contaminated area, there is a significant amount of solid waste debris near the creek. The area is overgrown by stinging nettle, cape ivy and poison oak. Access to remove the solid waste will require some vegetation clearing. POST is responsible for the clean-up and intends to being in August.

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Vika's requests: Should POST remove the solid waste debris even if it is out of the original boundary? Team response: YES, encourage clean-up since it could be contaminated. If so, do we want to do native revegetation? Team response: YES, we should reveg with willow stakes (per Susie's suggestion). Aaron noted if POST has enough funding in the current contract, Vika should request inclusion of solid waste area. If funding is not sufficient to cover additional area, we can discuss at executive level.

- b. **Boundary Veg Permit Process** – Susie, Larry, Christine and Mark Warmerdam (LE) will be meeting with the resident at 100 Harbor Dr. who cut down eucalyptus trees on our property. We have not had a defined process to date to deal with this, but have determined that we will issue a clean-up permit in the interim to deal with this location. The Park still needs to assign someone to deal with boundary veg issues.
- c. **Signs** – The sign plan is being updated per feedback from Project Review and has been field-verified by the sign shop. Fabrication and installation of boundary signs will proceed this summer. Christine is working on a larger signage plan that will address wayfinding to all San Mateo parklands.
- d. **Mowing** – Susie, Mike and Christine will be presenting at Project Review on 5/2 to determine whether mowing (as POST previously conducted) needs to occur now or if it can wait until after bird-nesting season.
- e. **Outreach** – Frank, Brian and Christine met with Supervisor Horsley's office to discuss upcoming plans for Rancho. Their primary concerns were trailhead locations and dog regulations. To inform the public of our planning efforts, Susie suggested that for next open house we have rendering of the trailhead parking at the fallow field and at Etheldore. Susie & Christine met with ~ 15 neighbors down at Rancho to continue outreach efforts.
- f. **Equestrian budget** – Hilary presented recommended lease proceeds based on previous team discussion and clarification from Aaron on permitted uses. The proposed plan will be prepared as a workplan but does not need individual PMIS statements. Team agreed on plan outlined below:

**FY12:**

- (1) Planning division salary for BMP planning and implementation (Andrea Lucas): \$26k
- (2) Water monitoring by RCD: \$TBD
- (3) Mowing for fire protection of leased properties (frequency and amount pending 5/2/12 project review): \$TBD
- (4) Maintenance and drainage improvements of major trails adjacent to equestrian areas, to be prioritized by maintenance. \$: remaining funds

**FY13:**

- (1) Planning division salary for BMP planning and implementation (Andrea Lucas):
- (2) Water monitoring by RCD: \$TBD
- (3) Trail plan and development for "connector trail" from future Etheldore Trailhead area to major trails. This will reduce pedestrian and vehicle traffic on trails and access road adjacent to equestrian facilities.

**Next meetings:**

May 24 – 201 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	Sept 27 – Golden Gate Room
June 28 – Golden Gate Room	Oct 25 – 201 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
July 26 – 201 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor	Nov 29 (note date change for holidays) – 201 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
Aug 23 – Golden Gate Room	Dec 20 (note date change for holidays) – Golden Gate Room

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**Table 1. Summary of NEW Action Items from 4/26/12**

Action Items	Assigned Staff	Due Date	Completion Date (verified by Christine)	
1. Follow-up with SamTrans to integrate SSP & LRTP	Christine, Darren Brown	5/24/12		
2. Coordinate with Coastal Conservancy on Pedro Point volunteer grant	Nancy	5/24/12		
3. Present Stewardship 3-year plan to San Mateo Team	Sue	When ready		
4. Coordinate solid waste debris removal at Moss Beach Ranch	Vika	8/1/12		
5. Meet with neighbor at 100 Harbor regarding cut eucalyptus	Larry, Christine, Susie, Scott	5/24/12		✓
6. Prepare permit for 100 Harbor Dr.	Larry	5/24/12		
7. Finalize sign plan	Christine	6/1/12		
8. Present mowing at Project Review	Susie, Mike	5/24/12		
9. Prepare materials for Rancho trailheads for SM Open House	Christine, Brian, Nancy	7/17/12		
10. Prepare workplan for equestrian lease proceeds	Hilary	5/24/12		

**Table 2. Summary of PAST Action Items from 2/22/12 and 3/29 (completed, outstanding)**

Action Items	Assigned Staff	Due Date	Completion Date (verified by Christine)	
1. Coordinate Parks Alive event	Christine, Alex, Howard	5/6/12	Christine met with County 4/11	✓
2. Coordinate mowing of Old Pedro Mountain Road with County Parks	Susie	8/1/12		
3. Obtain cost estimate from Go Native and schedule mowing at Rancho	Mike	8/1/12	Will bring to Project Review 5/2/12	✓
4. Discuss Pedro Point acquisition with leadership, Maintenance, LE	Christine, Nancy, Brian	4/26/12	Discussed 4/16/12	✓
5. Obtain cost estimate and scope of work from RCD for water quality monitoring	Susie	4/26/12	RCD PM out on maternity, followed-up 4/24	
6. Compile cost estimates for tasks under potential equestrian lease funding and prioritize	Hilary, Christine	4/26/12	Prioritized tasks, still need final estimates	✓
7. Coordinate with Devil's Slide Task Force subcommittee on tunnel celebration	Alex, Howard, GGNPC, Christine	ongoing		✓
8. Finalize Caltrans wetland agreement and revisit Skyridge HOA \$	Susie coordinate with Alison	12/31/12	Waiting until Alison returns from maternity leave	
9. Print padmaps & provide to LE	Christine	2/23/12	Finalized map 2/23. Maint to provide \$ to print	
10. Incorporate "No Public Access" sign into sign plans at boundary of Ember Ridge	Christine	2/23/12	Incorporated in sign planning 4/16/12	✓
11. Resolve tree complaint - Harbour Way	Scott	1/26/12	Issuing clean-up permit, will meet again with resident May 4	✓
12. Update unfunded needs lists to reflect current known unfunded costs for Rancho	ALL	ASAP		✓

## San Mateo Team Meeting Minutes

5/24/12

Date: May 24, 2012, 9:30am – 11am

Location: Fort Mason Golden Gate Room

Attendees: Aaron Roth (Deputy Superintendent)  
Nancy Hornor (Chief of Planning)  
Kevin Cochary (Chief Ranger)  
Bill Merkle (Acting Chief Natural Resources)  
Shirwin Smith (Park Management / Dog Management)  
Howard Levitt (Director of Communications)  
Alex Picavet (Public Affairs)  
Brian Aviles (Senior Planner)  
Mike Coffey (San Mateo Maintenance Supervisor)  
Dan Collman (Maintenance Facility Manager)  
Katharine Arrow (Acting Chief Business Management)  
Susie Bennett (Natural Resources Specialist)  
Steve Haller (Cultural Resources, Historian)  
Peter Gavette (Cultural Resources, Archaeology)  
Sue Gardner (GGNPC Stewardship)  
Larry Miranda (Planning/Compliance)  
Christine Carey (San Mateo Coordinator)

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#### 1. **Important upcoming dates:**

- a. Thursday, June 28, 2012, 9am – 12pm. Next San Mateo Team meeting will be a site visit to northern San Mateo lands (coastside near Mussel Rock)
- b. Saturday, June 30, 11am – 1pm. Second Rancho “soup/cider” event. Location TBD (somewhere near Moss Beach)
- c. Tuesday, July 17, 4:30pm – 6:30pm. San Mateo Open House. Location TBD (coastside near Rancho)
- d. Saturday, September 29, 2012 (tentative date) – Ribbon-cutting/official Rancho ceremony

2. **Vandalism at Milagra** – We have received reports from Oceana HS student that vehicles have been off-roading at Milagra. Mike Coffey will do site visit to investigate damage. Ranger John Gibbs is preparing a case report. Susie will obtain more info from student regarding exact location and details, and follow-up with field visit with appropriate staff to make recommendations.

3. **Shelldance DOE** - Steve Haller updated the team on the Shelldance Determination of Eligibility for the National Register. Steve, Christine, Amy Hoke and researcher met with Nancy Davis (Shelldance owner) and discussed history and use. Steve indicated that the report would be done by the end of September. Shelldance agreement has expired; Katharine will be working on new agreement. The team emphasized the need to be consistent with the GMP and use for this site. (Follow-up: Susie discussed with Betty Young and Plant Conservation Committee and determined that this site would not be appropriate for growing native plants.)

4. **Rancho Dog Management Update** - Shirwin provided an update on the Dog Management Plan for Rancho. Shirwin, Susie and Christine ground-truthed the two proposed ROLA's and determined the site near Coral Reef in El Granada was not feasible primarily due to natural resource protection. The ROLA proposed near the McNee parcel will remain in the SEIS. See Shirwin for more details.

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5. **SFPUC Annual Meeting** - Several members of the San Mateo team will be meeting with SFPUC for the annual meeting directly after the San Mateo team meeting today. We will be discussing projects that SFPUC is working on in the watershed, where we have a Scenic Easement and Scenic & Recreation Easement. A subsequent field visit will be scheduled to review priority projects. Let Christine know if you'd like to participate.
6. **Driscoll Property Acquisition** – Nancy and Christine presented a potential new acquisition on the Pacifica/Daly City border. The 3.8 acre property is adjacent to other coastal property that we currently own. The Pacifica Land Trust is considering purchasing it from the owner and would donate to us. If acquired, it would be managed according to the GMP to protect shorebird habitat, allow natural shoreline processes to continue unimpeded and provide improved or new trails where appropriate. Nancy suggested a site visit to familiarize staff with the area. Our next San Mateo team meeting will be a field visit.
7. **Workplan Updates** - Each Division was scheduled to provide an update on their workplans. Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed. *Each Division should update the spreadsheet located here: O:\FOMA Common\San Mateo\San Mateo Team Meetings-Agendas & Notes\San Mateo Team-Detailed Divisional Workplans\2012 Divisional Workplans.* See Business Management Division (in that folder) for sample.
8. **Housekeeping** – Christine will be cleaning up the San Mateo team folder on the FOMA Common Drive. It will all stay in same general location, but double-check if you have any shortcuts and let Christine know if you can't find something.

### Next meetings:

- June 28 – Site Visit – northern Pacifica lands. Meet at FOMA at 9am, or at end of Westline Drive near Mussel Rock in Pacifica at 9:30am.
- July 26 – 201 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- Aug 23 – Golden Gate Room
- Sept 27 – Golden Gate Room
- Oct 25 – 201 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- Nov 29 (note date change for holidays) – 201 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- Dec 20 (note date change for holidays) – Golden Gate Room

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**Table 1. Summary of NEW Action Items**

<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Assigned Staff</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Completion Date (verified by Christine)</b>	
1. Update workplan with quarterly progress – send to Christine	Division Chiefs	6/22/12		
2. Identify projects to be presented at 7/17 San Mateo Open House – send to Christine	ALL	6/22/12		
3. Investigate Milagra vandalism; recommend improvements	Susie, Mike	6/28/12		
4. Meet with SFPUC in office to discuss projects and in field	Nancy, Brian, Christine, Kevin, Susie, Mike	5/24/12, 7/26/12	Office meeting 5/24 Site visit scheduled 7/19	
5. Coordinate with Senior Management and PLT on Driscoll acquisition	Nancy, Christine	6/28/12		

**Table 2. Summary of PAST Action Items (completed, outstanding)**

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1. Print padmaps & provide to LE	Christine	2/23/12	Add'l accessibility revisions needed	
2. Obtain cost estimate and scope of work from RCD for water quality monitoring	Susie	4/26/12	RCD PM out on maternity, followed-up 4/24	
3. Follow-up with SamTrans to integrate SSP & LRTP	Christine, Darren Brown	5/24/12	Meeting scheduled for June 14	✓
4. Coordinate with Coastal Conservancy on Pedro Point volunteer grant	Nancy	5/24/12		✓
5. Meet with neighbor at 100 Harbor regarding cut eucalyptus	Larry, Christine, Susie, Scott	5/24/12	5/4/12	✓
6. Prepare permit for 100 Harbor Dr.	Larry	5/24/12	6/1/12	✓
7. Prepare workplan for equestrian proceeds	Hilary	5/24/12		✓
8. Present mowing at Project Review	Susie, Mike,	5/24/12	5/2/12	✓

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	Christine			
9. Finalize sign plan	Christine	6/1/12	6/4/12	✓
10. Prepare materials for Rancho trailheads for SM Open House	Christine, Brian, Nancy	7/17/12		
11. Coordinate solid waste debris removal at Moss Beach Ranch	Vika	8/1/12		
12. Coordinate mowing of Old Pedro Mountain Road with County Parks	Susie	9/1/12	Deferred until August	
13. Obtain cost estimate from Go Native and schedule mowing at Rancho	Mike	9/1/12	Deferred until August	
14. Finalize Caltrans wetland agreement and revisit Skyridge HOA \$	New Veg Ecologist - Alison	12/31/12	Waiting until Alison returns from maternity leave	
15. Present Stewardship 3-year plan to San Mateo Team	Sue G.	When ready		

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Date: May 23, 2013 9:30-11am

Location: 201 Fort Mason, Golden Gate Room

Attendees: Aaron Roth (Deputy Superintendent)      Larry Miranda (Planning, Compliance)  
Kevin Cochary (Chief Ranger)      Daphne Hatch (NR Chief)  
Matt Wallat (LE Supervisor)      Alison Forrestel (Veg Ecologist Supervisor)  
Rachel Lewis (LE Ranger)      Susie Bennett (NR, Specialist)  
Dan Collman (Maint, Facility Manager)      Peter Gavette (CR, Archaeologist)  
Mike Coffey (Maint Supervisor)      Craig Scott (GIS)  
Nancy Hornor (Planning Chief)      George Durgerian (Special Events/Public Affairs)  
Brian Aviles (Senior Planner)      Price Sheppy (GGNPC – Stewardship)  
Christine Carey (Coordinator)      Betty Young (GGNPC - Nursery)  
Meghan Steinharter (GGNPC - Nursery)

**Meeting Minutes**

**1) Staff Updates**

- a) Maintenance – Ed Bastien has completed his detail as Maintenance Supervisor and is returning to Area A. Mike Coffey will resume the Supervisor position for San Mateo and Ocean District. The role Mike was in as zone steward was a significant asset to the San Mateo team to accomplish work in the field; however, the position is unfunded and will not be filled. Aaron noted that Maintenance can allocate duties of funded positions as needed. Dan will coordinate with Keith to have Corbett perform Zone Steward duties when he is not working on trails.
- b) Law Enforcement – Ranger Justin Webster resigned to join SFPD, which leaves Rachel as the only ranger assigned to San Mateo. Aaron indicated that there is a pool of rangers that can be deployed at any time as needed. A request was made to fill Justin’s position, but due to FTE ceiling, permanent hiring will not be approved. The position could potentially be filled as a term. Aaron and Kevin will continue discussions on how to proceed to ensure adequate coverage for San Mateo.

**2) Rancho**

- a) Benches – The donation of a bench from a Montara neighbor has been accepted (discussed last month). Susie and Christine found a suitable location in the field with the neighbor that is more consistent with our guidelines. Additional neighbors have offered to donate benches, which will be evaluated on a case by case basis until further site furnishing planning is completed for Rancho.
- b) Off-road vehicle barricades – no update from Maintenance
- c) Camera funding – no update from Aaron
- d) Fire Plan progress – Wendy Poinot and fire team are proceeding with Fire Plan as discussed last month. She will be sending materials for IDT to review in advance of the public scoping notice and public meetings scheduled for June. Please allow for time to review and provide feedback when requested.
- e) Dogs in Moss Beach – Several neighbors oppose the signs that were recently installed in Moss Beach, which indicate that dogs are not permitted near the equestrian areas. Regulations have been in place since NPS acquired Rancho; neighbors are questioning timing given the status of the Supplemental EIS for

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the Dog Plan. Shirwin and the dog management team will coordinate with the Solicitor on whether it is appropriate to restrict dog walking in the interim or if regulations need to be modified.

- f) RCD Cooperative Agreement – Susie has been coordinating with Contracting to establish a Cooperative Agreement with the San Mateo Resource Conservation District to assist with work at Rancho. Specifically the agreement is intended to focus on water quality monitoring, vegetation management and development of best management practices for the equestrian stables. The funding is currently from the FY13 equestrian lease funds; Susie noted that the future allocation of these funds should potentially include a “slush fund” to cover unexpected costs.
  - g) Neighborhood Watch – El Granada neighbors suggested a neighborhood watch to help organize their efforts and communication with the park. Matt Wallat is developing a pilot program and will coordinate with Christine to present at a home owners meeting. Specific issues include parties at Flat Top, off-road vehicles, vandalism etc. The purpose of the program is not to provide neighbors with enforcement ability but to add additional “eyes on the park” and streamline communications so that we can more effectively target our enforcement actions.
- 3) **Fire Season/Sweeney & Phleger fires** – Fire season has been active in Bay Area so far this year.
- a) Sweeney Ridge – 4/30/13, Fire occurred off Mori Ridge Trail, cause unknown but likely smoker under tree. Response from CalFire, Daly City, Pacifica, Coastside Fire. Burned footprint approximately 3,800 sf. Primarily burned pine straw and one mature Monterey Pine Tree; no post-fire rehabilitation needed.
  - b) Phleger Estate – 5/10/13, Fire occurred off-trail near Richards Road. Wind event knocked a tree top onto a PG&E utility line; fire started when deer came in contact with energized wires. Response from Woodside Fire, Redwood City Fire, CalFire. Area burned was approximately 50’x50’. Larry will follow-up with PG&E regarding vegetation clearing project under utility lines in Phleger.
- 4) **Future Nursery Needs** – Betty Young and Meghan Steinharter run the nursery program for GGNPC in San Mateo and are evaluating future needs. The nursery at Funston is the oldest in the park and in need of work; Oceana nursery operates differently and is not capable of handling significant growth. Betty requested identification of future vegetation needs to determine whether to invest in improving Funston or consider a new facility further south. Team identified the following potential projects and associated fund sources:
- Daly City/Vista Grande – earliest 2016
  - Potentilla protection – 2016-17 (applied for SCC funding)
  - Rancho fallow field – likely 2017-18
  - Sweeney gateway at Sneath Lane – PG&E endowment, \$15-20k/year
  - California Coastal Conservancy currently funds Pedro Point restoration and may extend funding
- The GMP identifies a potential future stewardship center at Rancho in the “diverse opportunities zone” at the equestrian facilities, but further planning still needs to be completed. Betty noted that the operating cost for a new nursery is ~\$100-120k/year. Given the timing of major future projects in San Mateo, team agreed that it was best to invest in Funston Nursery for now and consider new facility at a later date.

5) **Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) Lands**

- a) Wicklow – 478-acre property is adjacent to southeast corner of Rancho and is now managed by San Mateo County Parks. Potential opportunity for future trailhead connection from El Granada neighborhood to Rancho.
- b) Gregerson – San Mateo County Parks will temporarily take responsibility for maintaining the Gregerson Estate. Gregerson property still under management by POST with intention to transfer to NPS in future.
- c) Eng (Gun Club) – 900-acre property separates eastern boundary of Rancho from SFPUC. POST in negotiations with owners (3 of 4 owners willing to sell). Estimate \$4M, will be seeking court representative in July to proceed.
- d) Cabrillo Farms – Property was excluded from Rancho transfer to preserve agricultural use. Currently leased by farmer, Dave Lea. POST expects sale to Lea in coming months, but will continue to lease Ocean View Farms to Lea.

6) **Devil's Slide**

- a) Coastal Trail – Caltrans and San Mateo County are currently converting old Highway 1 segment of Devil's Slide to Coastal Trail. The parking lots at north and south ends are expected to be completed in June. Barrier rails, traffic signals, vault toilets and gates will be installed in next few months. County has \$50k/year for pampas grass removal. Estimated opening date of trail has been accelerated and may be open to public by September/October 2013.
- b) Green Valley Trail – Trail will connect south end of Devil's Slide Coastal Trail to McNee Ranch and Rancho. Funded by CA Coastal Conservancy, currently in design phase. San Mateo County currently in process of securing easement rights from private landowner.

7) **Pacifica**

- a) Planning Department Updates – Pacifica is updating the General Plan and expects to have Admin Draft available within next 30 days. No progress yet on Gypsy Hill property – developer has not submitted plans to City yet for approval. City Manager Steve Rhodes retiring in July.
- b) GGNRA Liaison Committee – City Council voted this month on whether to reinstate the GGNRA Liaison Committee and combine with the Open Space Committee. The terms of the ordinance were opposed by several residents; council intends to revise terms but proceed with reinstating committee.
- c) Pedro Point Headlands – Coastal Conservancy and City of Pacifica are still negotiating with private landowner Colt to acquire the property that would allow for completion of Coastal Trail through the Pedro Point Headlands. Landowner is requesting \$1M, City estimates value at \$300k. Appraisal will be completed within next 30-days with attempt to acquire property prior to transfer to NPS.
- d) Milagra Ridge Homeless – Neighbors adjacent to Milagra have reported increase in homeless living near Connemara entrance. Matt encountered an individual and requested that he remove items from the battery. Price and volunteers removed garbage from area and noted that additional visit is necessary to remove larger items. LE to coordinate with Maintenance on follow-up and removal of additional items.

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8) **Upcoming Events**

- 6/1 10am-1pm National Trails Day – Mori Point
- 6/12 9:30am-11am San Mateo Fire Safe Council – Woodside Town Hall
- 6/25 6pm-8pm Rancho Fire Management Plan Public Meeting – Farallone View School
- 7/14 10am-1pm Committee for Green Foothills Hike at Rancho – meeting location TBD
- First week of August – Dog Plan Supplemental EIS
- TBD August – Next Rancho Volunteer Day

**Table 1. NEW Action Items**

Action Items	Assigned Staff	Due Date	Completion Date	
1. Finalize donation letter / Relocate Rancho bench	Christine / Mike, Corbett	6/15/13		
2. Review Draft Fire Plan	IDT	6/7/13		
3. Attend Fire Safe Council	Susie, Christine, Kevin, Matt	6/12/13		
4. Attend Rancho Fire Public Meeting	Howard, Brian, Nancy, Kevin, Matt, Rachel, Dan, Christine, Susie	6/25/13		
5. Present Neighborhood Watch to Rancho HOA	Matt, Christine	8/1/13		
6. Follow-up on Connemara homeless; remove garbage	LE, Maint	7/1/13		

**Table 2. Summary of PAST Action Items (completed, outstanding)**

Action Items	Assigned Staff	Due Date	Completion Date	
7. Vehicle barriers – Montara	Mike, Dan	7/1/13		
8. Coordinate vehicle barriers with adjacent property owners	Christine	7/1/13		
9. Identify video camera locations	Rachel, Matt	7/1/13		
10. Explore neighborhood watch program & outreach	Christine, Matt	6/15/13	In progress	
11. Coordinate bench relocation	Christine, Susie	6/1/13	5/22/13	✓
12. Meet with Pacifica City Planning staff re: PCAs	Nancy, Christine, Brian	6/1/13	5/22/13	✓

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13.	Coordinate Volunteer discussion w/GGNPC & NPS Sr. Mgmt	Christine	4/15/13	Delayed until June	
14.	Site Visit to Cattle Hill	TBD	2013		
15.	Revise Milagra panel	Theresa	2013		
16.	DSC data collection for SM	Kevin/Christine	2013	Kurt Veek to schedule	
17.	Wildlife (bird) education - Rancho	Susie	2013	discuss with Raptor Obs.	
18.	Explore video camera use for vandalism/dumping	Randy	2013	Aaron to consider funding	
19.	Print padmaps	Christine	2013	Hold - trails plan update	
20.	Finalize Caltrans wetland agreement and revisit Skyridge HOA \$	Alison	2013	Alison & Susie coordinating	
21.	Provide Daly City w/ visitor amenities guide for Mussel Rock	Christine	2013	Guide still being finalized	
22.	Determine management agreement with Daly City for Mussel Rock	Nancy	2013		
23.	Work with ETRAC on horse tie locations at Sweeney	Christine & Mike	2013		
24.	Prepare PMIS for 250 <sup>th</sup> Portola Discovery Site	CC, Steve, George, Interp	2013	Met 1/22 to prep	
25.	Present Stewardship 3-year plan	Sue G.	2013		

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Date: July 25, 2013 9:30-11am

Location: 201 Fort Mason, Golden Gate Room

Attendees: Aaron Roth (Deputy Superintendent) Susie Bennett (NR, Specialist)  
Randy Lavoisier (Deputy Chief Ranger) Peter Gavette (CR, Archaeologist)  
Matt Wallat (LE Supervisor) Steve Ortega (Compliance)  
Rachel Lewis (LE Ranger) Shirwin Smith (Dog & Park Mgmt)  
Mike Coffey (Maint Supervisor) Howard Levitt (Comm./Public Affairs)  
Nancy Hornor (Planning Chief) Hilary Hobbs (Business Mgmt)  
Brian Aviles (Senior Planner) Christine Carey (Coordinator)

## Meeting Minutes

### 1. Regional updates

- Devil's Slide – Caltrans will be finishing their work along Coastal Trail in next few weeks and will officially transfer property to San Mateo County. Consultant working for County Parks is preparing Plans, Specifications and Permitting for future trail; anticipate completion by mid-September. Construction must be completed by March 2014.
- Peninsula Working Group – Frank and Christine met with land managers to discuss potential management strategies to improve efficiency across open space on San Mateo coast. PWG is applying for a grant from Bechtel Foundation to help identify opportunities, which may include cooperative agreements to more effectively distribute management responsibilities.

### 2. Priority Conservation Areas – The grant program administered by ABAG/MTC solicited Letters of Interest for projects within the PCAs. NPS/GGNPC partnered with the following agencies on letters; if selected, full proposals will be due in November.

- Pedro Point: South Ridge connector trail. Partner with San Mateo County, Pacifica Land Trust, Coastal Conservancy. Planning, design, compliance, construction. Realign existing trail to sustainable alignment; connect to Devil's Slide; erosion control; vegetation management. Cost estimate ~ \$1M
- Phleger Estate: Skyline Trail. Partner with SFPUC, Bay Area Ridge Trail. Planning, design, compliance. Extend Ridge Trail near Skyline Blvd from SFPUC to Lonely Trail. Cost estimate ~ \$60k.
- Milagra Ridge: Milagra-Battery Trail. Partner with City of Pacifica. Planning, design, compliance, construction. Establish trail from Connemara to Milagra Ridge; hiking only; habitat restoration. Cost estimate ~\$400k.

### 3. Rancho

- Dog update – Based on issues raised by Congresswoman Speier and Montara Dog Group regarding interim dog regulations, the Dog Management team has directed a change in dog use until the Dog Management Plan is complete. On-leash dog walking will now be permitted in all areas of Rancho (not just on trail, anywhere in park). Most signs have been updated to reflect new regulations.
- Mowing – Fire Management plan is progressing on schedule; mowing has been approved in targeted areas starting August 1. Mike, Susie and Corbett will proceed as planned.

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- PG&E – Multiple projects have been approved and will be under construction in next few months. Vegetation clearing along Martin Transmission line on Montara Mountain; new utility poles in Montara area of Rancho. Christine and Larry are coordinating with PG&E; field staff: please monitor on-going work to ensure consistency with approved plans.
- Encroachments – Rancho neighbors are continuing to encroach on NPS land; LE has been addressing individually. Christine and Katharine Arrow will be sending letters to all neighbors along boundary to emphasize that encroachments will not be tolerated. Mike and Susie noted that multiple redwood trees were planted with memorial plaques in Montara. Will coordinate with LE on removal (at least of plaques).
- Neighborhood Watch & cameras – Matt and Christine met with Princeton by the Sea HOA to present a Neighborhood Watch concept; outlined process, identified structure and recommended organized strategy to streamline communication and address problem areas. Neighbors were interested but concerned with amount of time they would need to invest.
- Trail cameras – Several locations could benefit from trail cameras to monitor activity (off-road vehicles etc). Aaron indicated that LE could pay for cameras up to \$3k out of division funds. Cameras with GPS tracking cost ~\$600 each. Christine to follow up with Randy and Matt on camera options and locations.
- Pesticides at Cabrillo Farms – Agriculture Commissioner met with Princeton by the Sea HOA to discuss pesticide use on fields. Neighbors expressed concern and have contacted EPA; would like more communication, frequent updates, and clarification on type of pesticides being used. Elevated public health concern; Christine will continue to communicate with POST and monitor use on farm.
- Equestrian Projects – Hilary provided an update on current and upcoming projects at stables, including:
  - Relocation of stalls at Ocean View off of Martini Creek
  - Set back stalls at Ember Ridge
  - Pasture access road improvements at Moss Beach Ranch
  - Eucalyptus removal near San Vicente Creek
  - Remedial Action Plan at Moss Beach Ranch proceeding in September

#### 4. **Pacifica updates**

- GGNRA Liaison Committee – Interviews were held for the new committee, which will serve as our liaison to the City of Pacifica. Near-term issues likely to be discussed include acquisition of Pedro Point, Cattle Hill.
- Calera Parkway – Caltrans finally provided response to NPS comments (2011) regarding the widening of Highway 1 through Pacifica between Mori Point and Sweeney Ridge. Final EIR will be released in next few weeks.

#### 5. **Open Discussion**

- LE vacant position – LE received approval to fill Justin Webster's position. Vacancy announcement released with intention to fill by September.

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**6. Upcoming events**

- 8/24 Geology Hike at Rancho
- 8/24 Montara Volunteer Day
- 9/7 Sweeney Volunteer Day – painting
- 9/21 Coastal Clean-up Day – team meeting!

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1. Implement fire breaks/mowing	Mike, Susie, Corbett	8/15/13		
2. Monitor PG&E projects	Christine, Larry, field staff	ongoing		
3. Address Rancho encroachments	Matt, Rachel, Craig	ongoing		
4. Confirm cameral funding	Randy, Matt	10/1/13		

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5. Submit PCA Grant applications	Christine	7/19	7/19/13	✓
6. Meet with CC to discuss workplans	All Divisions	8/22		
7. Present Neighborhood Watch to Rancho HOA	Matt, Christine	8/1/13	7/19/13	✓
8. Install vehicle barriers – Montara	Mike, Corbett	7/1/13		
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# GGNRA Dog Management Plan and Rulemaking

## Alternatives Briefing

April 2, 2007

# Major Milestones

- Internal Scoping
- NOI Rulemaking
- NOI EIS
- Reg Neg Meetings
- Public Scoping
- Data Collection and Analysis
- Alternatives Development
- Impact Analysis
- IDEIS/Reg Neg Recommendation

# Alternatives Development Process

- Purpose, Need and Objectives
- Attributes/Constraints of Sites
- Key Issues and Interests
- Public Scoping
- Laws, Policies and Regulations
- Risk Factors and Criteria
- Additional Data and Research=

NEPA's Full Range of  
Reasonable Alternatives

# 2002 FP Report

- 1. “Locations exist within GGNRA that appear to be suitable for VC Dogs without causing *unacceptable impacts*. (Section 8, now also in Section 1 of MP)...these include designed landscapes with minimal natural habitat value, such as large grassy areas, ornamentally landscaped parkways, roadways, and other designed landscapes...”

# 2002 FP Report

- 2. “Public safety and user conflict issues involving VC dogs in GGNRA may be adequately mitigated through appropriate measures...including fencing, closures (to dog use)...staff could establish partnerships to teach and encourage safe and appropriate dog walking behaviors...”

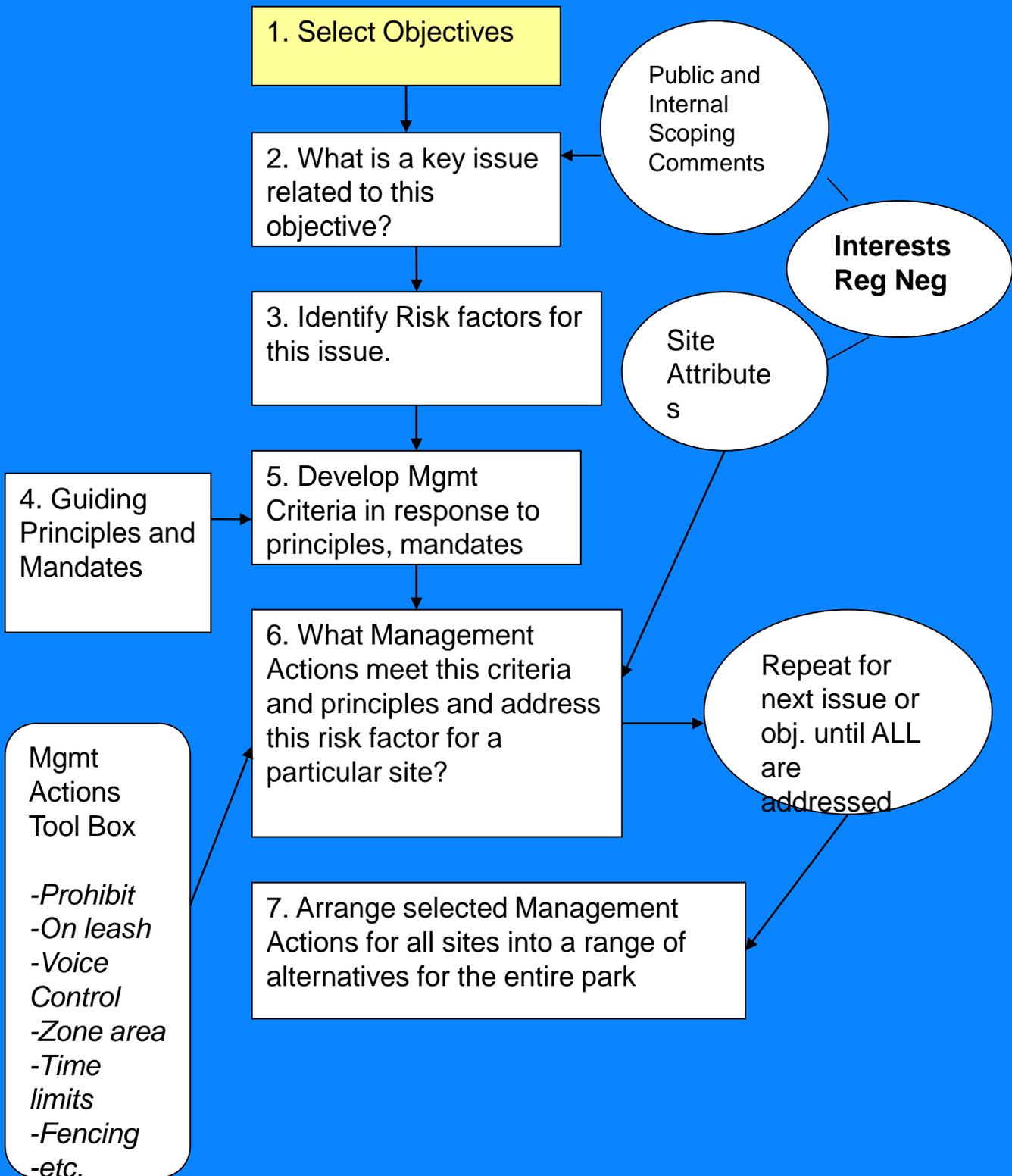
# 2002 FP Report

- 3. FP Evaluation Factors
- In addition, FP set up evaluation factors, and recommended GGNRA add to them for evaluation of sites on a case by case basis. These factors include...
- TE species
- Multiple use
- Cultural resources

# Purpose, Need and Objectives

- Get from Sarah

# Examine Purpose, Need, and Objectives

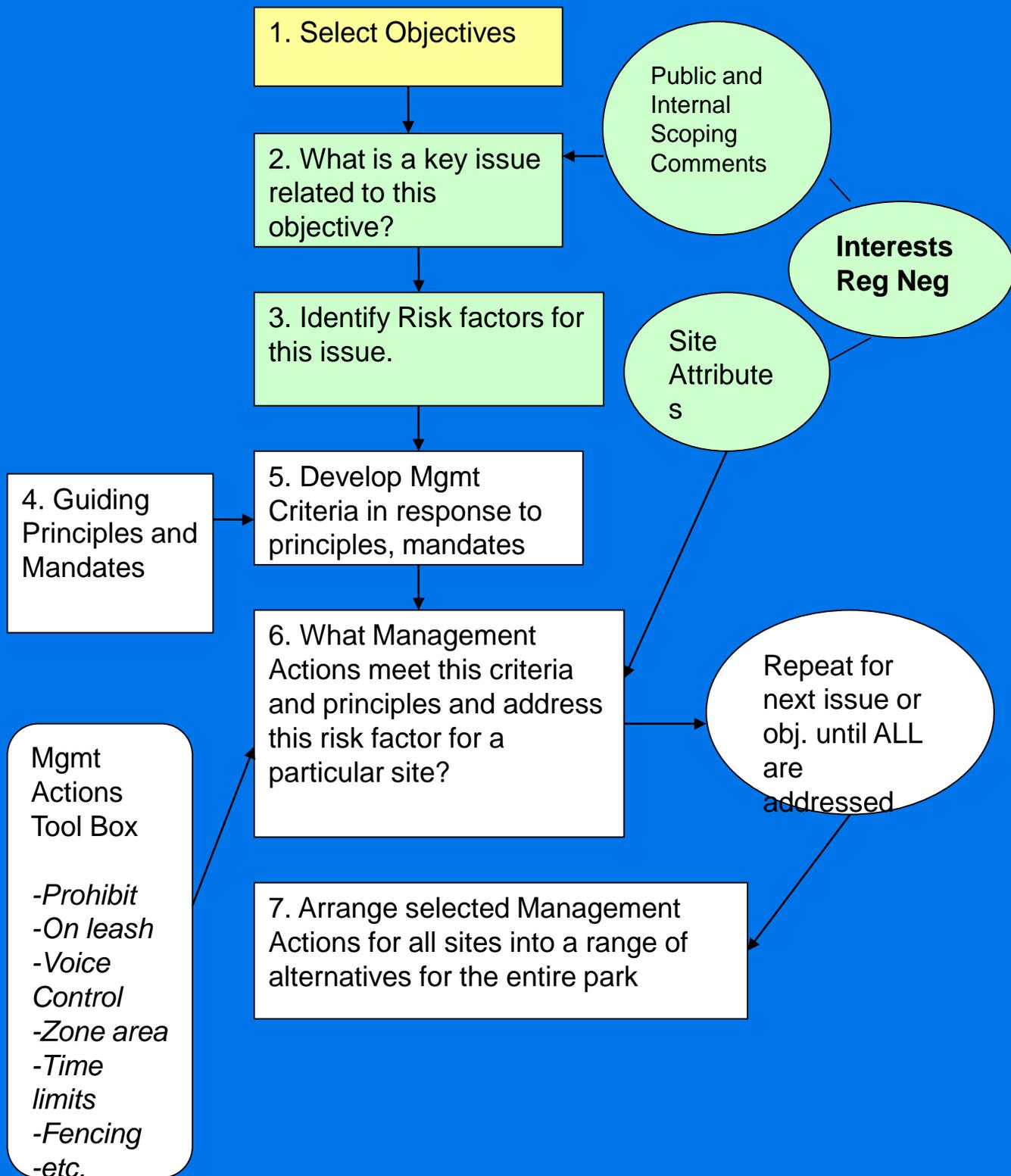


# 1. Objective A

Protect sensitive species and their habitat – including federal and state-listed, unique or rare species, from the detrimental effects associated with dog use.



# Examine Purpose, Need, and Objectives

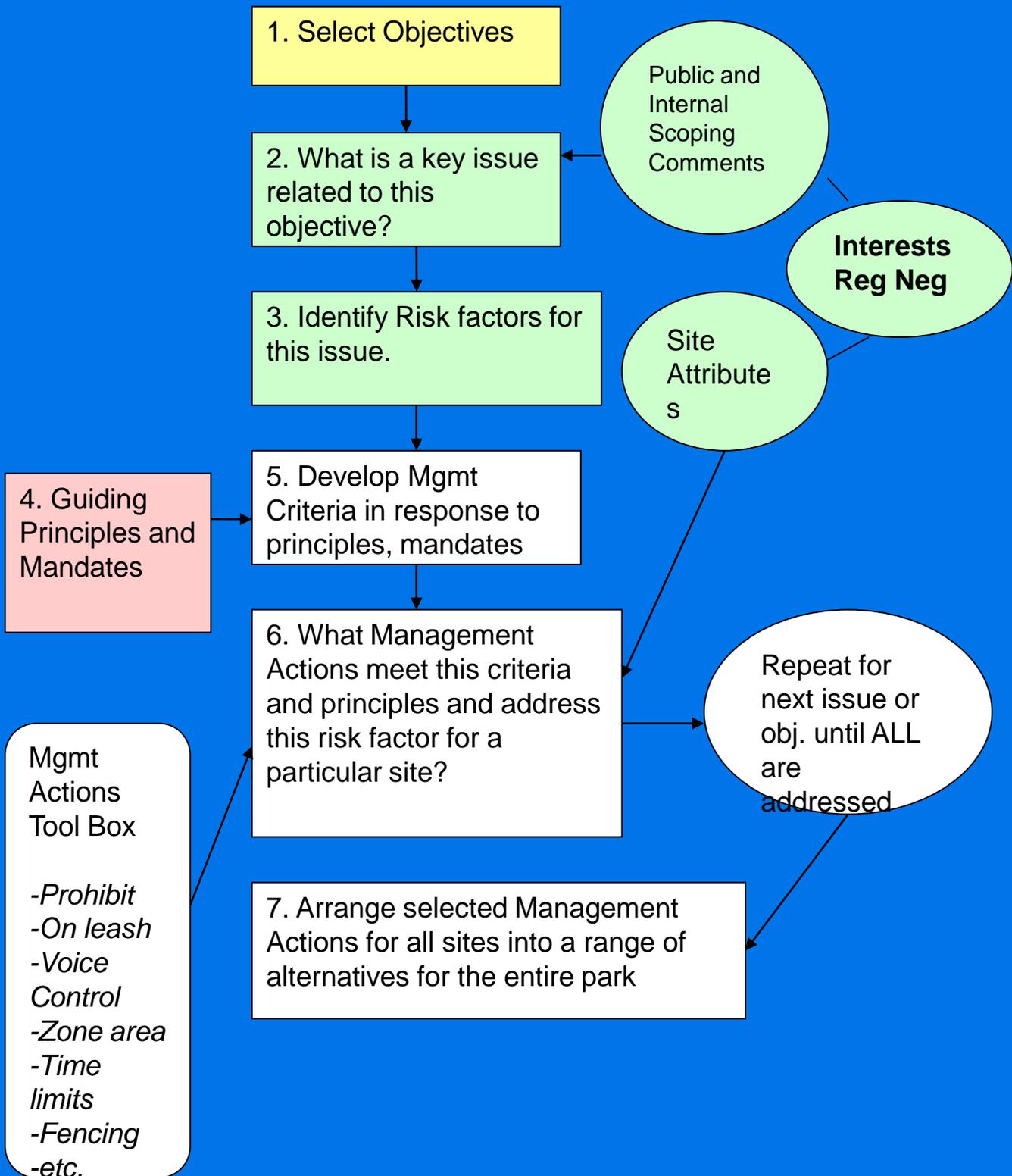


# Objective A

## Key Issue and Risk Factor A1

Dog trampling and waste can adversely affect host plants and threaten the mission blue butterfly (FE), San Bruno elfin butterfly (FE) and their habitat (Marin Headlands, Alta Ave, Milagra)

# Examine Purpose, Need, and Objectives



# Objective A

## Management Principles for Key Issue Risk Factor

- Survey for, protect and strive to recover all listed species and their habitats. Manage habitat recovery areas to maintain and enhance their value for the recovery of T&E species. Participate in the recovery planning process (4.4.2.3).
- Endangered Species Act, 16 USC 1531 *et seq* (federal agencies must conserve, including actions for recovery of, T&E species)
- 36 CFR 2.1(a) applies to possessing, destroying, digging, removing, injuring, disturbing from its natural state...living or dead wildlife or fish...

# Continued

- USFWS Recovery Plan for San Bruno elfin butterfly indicates reduced pesticide use, recreation and vegetation management, and monitoring.
- USFWS Recovery Plan for mission blue butterfly includes monitoring, removal of nonnative trees, reintroducing host plants, closing areas to visitors.



# Objective A

## Management Criteria based upon NPS Policies and Principles:

Habitat where populations of listed butterflies and their larval host plants occur will be kept *free of disturbance from dogs.*



# “*Free of Disturbance*” General Definition

“Maintain natural ecosystem functions and components intact”

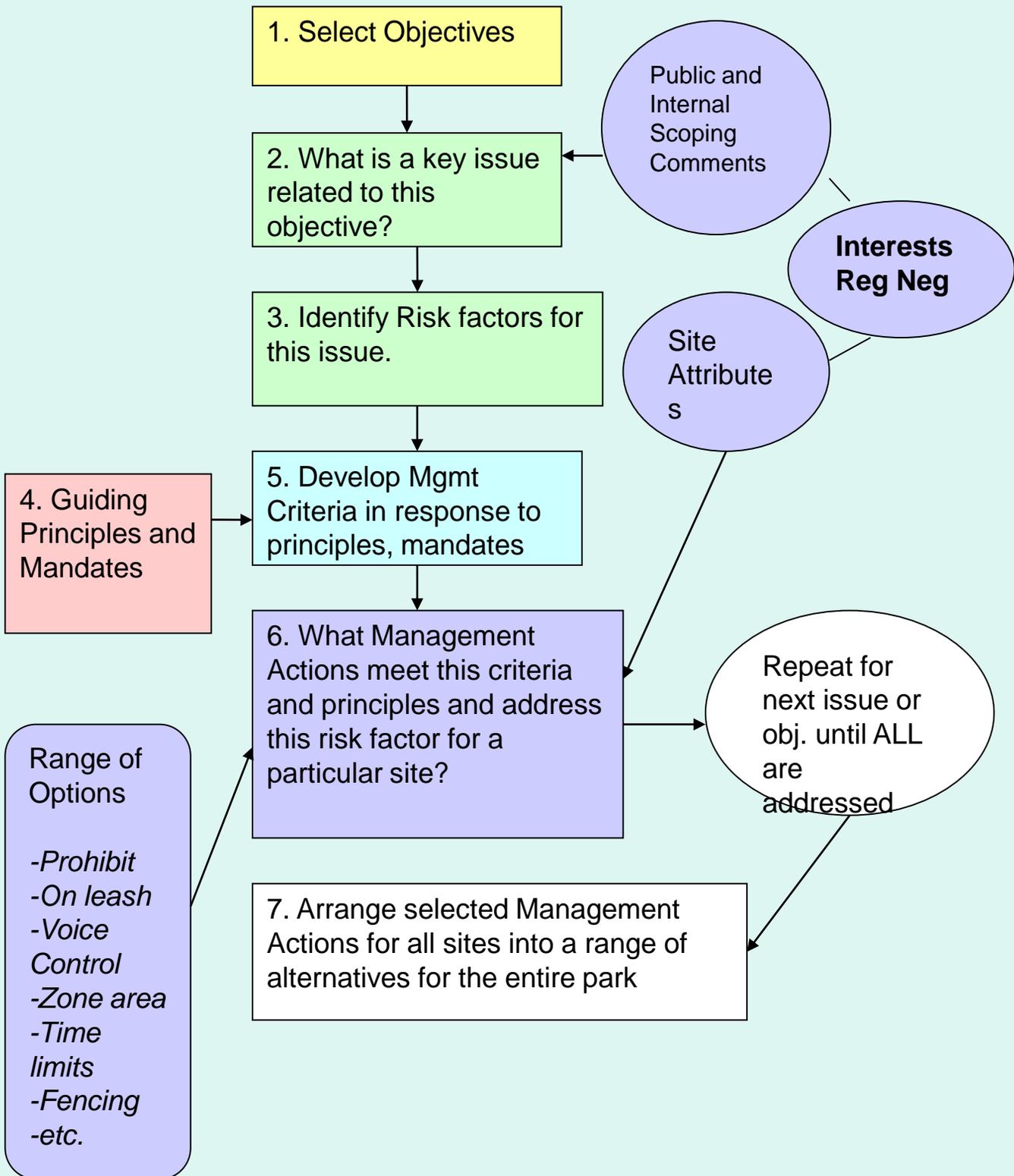
Where did this come from??

NPS Management Policies

GMP

Statements For Management

# Examine Purpose, Need, and Objectives



# Applying Process to Alternatives

- For Sites with Host Plants Supporting MBB and SB elfin (e.g. Marin, Alta, Milagra)

Start with Parameters List (Reg Neg)

Possible Alternatives:

- A. Current Management
- B. No Dogs
- C. Dogs on Leash

# Applying Other Risk Factors and Information

- For Example at Alta, Other Risk Factors are also Applicable:
  - High Commercial Dog Walking
  - Multiple Use, High on Weekends
  - Compliance Issues
  - Etc.

# Applying Risk Factors and other Information

- To address at Alta—
- Restrict number of commercial use authorization permits at Alta
- Number of dogs per walker
- Enforcement strategy
- Partnerships with dog walking groups, etc.



# Objective B. Protect native wildlife and their habitat from detrimental effects of dogs, including harassment or disturbance by dogs.



# Objective B

## Risk Factor B5

The park is on the Pacific flyway and offers sometimes scarce and important resting and feeding habitat for birds. These birds can be disturbed, chased or displaced by dogs during migration.



# Objective B

## Risk Factor 5B

### Management Principles

- The Service will use management strategies that are intended to **maintain migratory animal populations in parks (4.4.1.1)**.
- 16 USC 703-711, Migratory Bird Treaty Act also applies





# Objective B

## Risk Factor B5

### Criteria

Park sites with habitat used by migrating birds will be kept free of disturbance by dogs. (natural processes and components intact)



# Applying Process to Alternatives

- For Sites with Migratory and other Resident Shorebirds, consider habitat functions and critical life cycle needs:
- Possible options (Beaches)
  - A. Current Management
  - B. Leashed Dogs
  - C. Seasonal Voice Control
  - D. Seasonal No Dogs/Leashed
  - E. Etc.

**Objective E. Minimize conflicts related to dog use by providing a variety of safe, high quality, visitor use experiences, including areas where dogs are allowed**

# Objective E

## Key Issue and Risk Factor

- Some visitors seek areas in the park that are completely free of dogs and their disturbance including noise, waste, and sight of dogs. Others seek areas where they can recreate safely with their dogs.

# Management Principles

- NPS will consider a park's purposes and the effects on park resources and visitors when determining the appropriateness of a specific recreational activity (8.2.2.1).
- 36 CFR (Various Parts)

# Criteria

- The park will provide a variety of visitor experiences, including some that are free of dogs.
- Some areas will also be provided for a visitor experience including dogs.

# Application to Alternatives

- Consider Attributes of Sites and Visitor Experiences, Mix of Uses, and Desired Conditions
- Promenade for Example—
  - A. Current Conditions
  - B. On Leash
  - C. Timing Restrictions
  - D. Etc.

# QUESTIONS?



# Reasonable Alternative

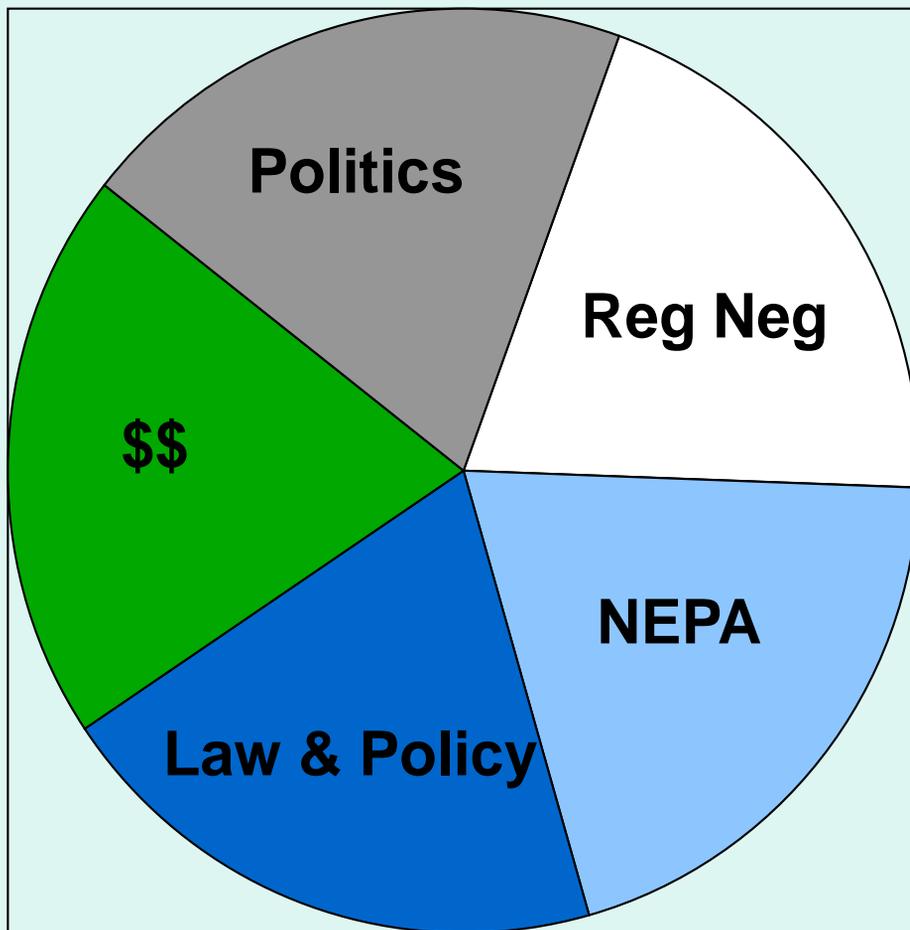
Meets requirements of long-standing NPS management policies, Organic Act, and other mandates;

Displays Common Sense;

Meets to a large degree the plan's objectives for taking action...

*This isn't the same as cheap, easy or your favorite alternative.....*

# How it's supposed to work



**Decision-Maker**

# Overview

- Alternative A: Current Conditions
- Alternative B: 2.15 All Dogs On Leash
- Alternative C: Risk Factors and Criteria
- Alternative D: Elements of C, with consideration of additional data and literature
- Alternative E: Landscape Scale Treatment

# Overview

- Alternative C and D respond to risk factors with a variety of management prescriptions for each site.
- Alternative E also responds to risk factors, but applies, to the extent possible, a consistent approach to all beaches and trails

# Overview

- Alternative E Concept: All beaches are generally treated the same—seasonal voice control (May-July), with some exceptions for proposed closures to address visitor experience or other management concerns.
- All trails are generally treated the same; no dogs in “interior” of habitat, leashed throughout park

# MUIR Beach





# MUIR BEACH

## Beach Only

- Parameters— VC
- Alternative A- Current Conditions: VC on Beach
- Alternative B- 2.15
- Alternative C- On Leash:
  - High Density Use
  - Resource Concerns with Lagoon
  - Potential for Seasonal VC at south end March-July, w/ improved education/signage about Lagoon

# Muir Beach

- Alternative D: VC Year Round with Hard/Improved Fence at Lagoon
- Alternative E: Not Appropriate for VC for factors included in 2002 FP report.

# Rodeo Beach (Beach Only)









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# Rodeo Beach

- Parameters-VC
- Alt A: VC On Beach
- Alt B: 2.15, Fencing of Lagoon.
- Alt C: VC except for algae bloom season, then OL on northern beach, VC on SB; Possible restrictions in July for elegant tern. Fencing of Lagoon.
- Alt D: No dogs on northern beach, VC on SB, possible July restrictions. Fencing of Lagoon
- Alt E: Not Appropriate for VC for factors included in 2002 FP report.

# Crissy Field









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# Crissy Beach

- Parameters All Beaches – VC except for WPA (no dogs, which is now under current conditions, OL)
- Alt A – East Beach, Central : VC, West Beach and WPA, OL
- Alt B – 2.15 OL
- Alt C – East Beach and West Beach: On Leash, High Visitor Use; Central, possible seasonal VC, depending on shorebird data

# Crissy Beach

- Alternative D – East and Central Beaches, VC, possibly seasonally depending on shorebird analysis. West Beach, including WPA, no dogs.
- Alt E – Not Appropriate for VC for factors included in 2002 FP report.

# Baker Beach





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GGNRA005607

# Baker Beach

## (no dogs south of inlet)

- Parameters – VC
- Alt A – VC North of Lobos Creek; OL in parking lots and picnic areas
- Alt B – 2.15
- Alt C – No dogs, Provide for no dog experience
- Alt D – VC May: Sept because shorebirds including godwits counts low, OL rest of year.

# Baker Beach

- Alt E – Not Appropriate for VC for factors included in 2002 FP report.

# Ocean Beach







# Ocean Beach North, Central and South

- Parameters: VC (Plover Area is On Leash)
- Alt A: VC (Plover Area is On Leash)
- Alt B: 2.15 On Leash
- Alt C: North – VC June-Aug, OL rest of year; Plover Area/Central—OL; South-OL
- Alt D: North-VC; Central-No Dogs; South- No Dogs
- Alt E: Does not meet criteria

# Ft. Funston











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# Ft. Funston (Beach)

- Parameters: VC
- Alt A: VC
- Alt B: 2.15
- Alt C: OL except for May thru August
- Alt D: North of beach access trail no dogs (N. Thornton Beach); South VC to sand ladder,
- Alt E: Not appropriate for VC

# End of Beaches!

- Ft Funston Excluding Beach
- (Maps)

# Ft. Funston



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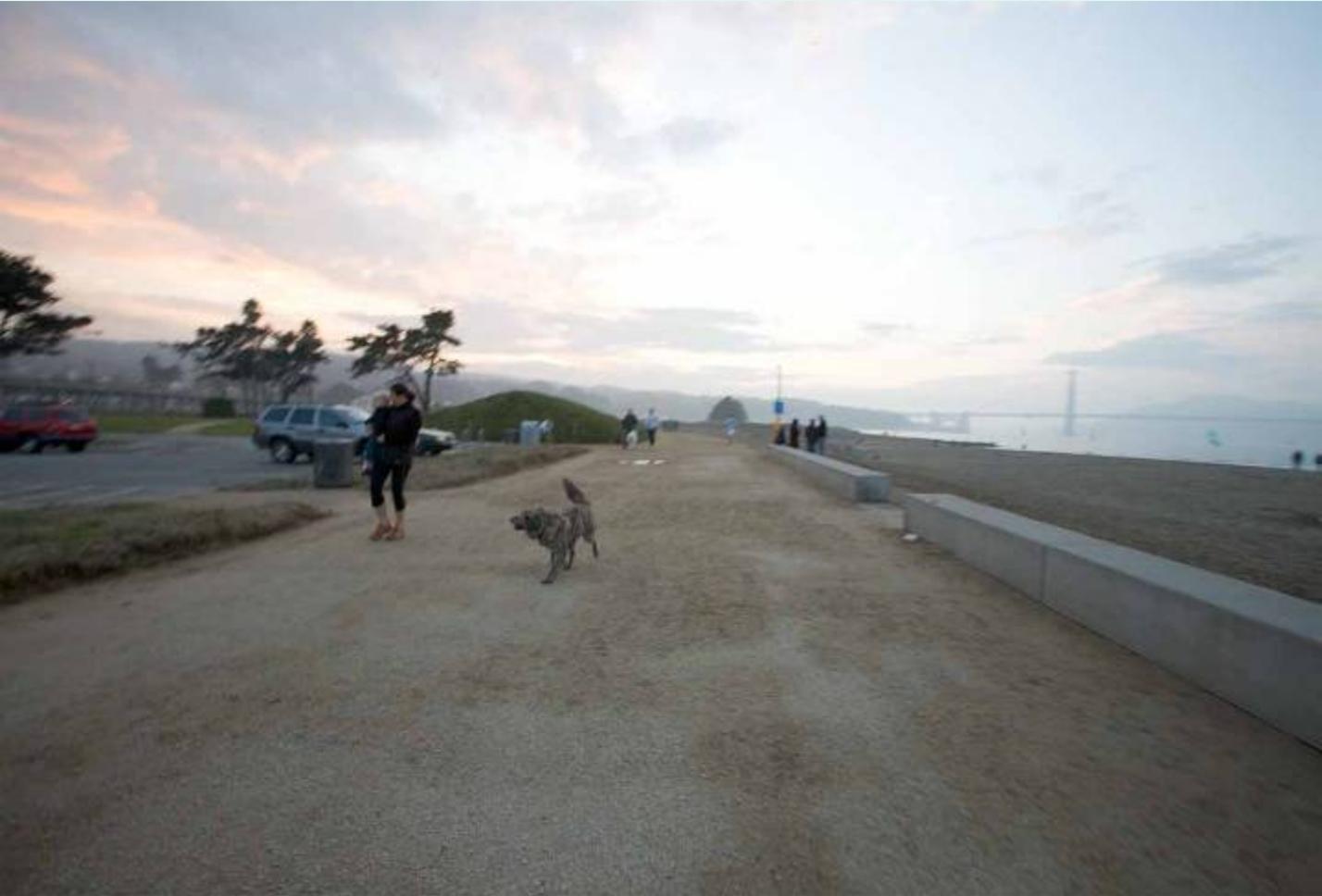
# Crissy

## Excluding Beaches

- Promenade
- Airfield

# Crissy

- Promenade and Airfield





# Stinson parking lots and picnic areas

- Parameters on leash
- Basically all alternatives on leash except for Alt. E, possible conversion of picnic area to south as VC, with barriers (fence or vegetation) as it is a manipulated landscape, not characterized by native habitat.



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# Homestead Valley

- Parameters On Leash
- Alt A—VC
- Alt B—2.15
- Alt C—OL Fire Road and Trail except during Spotted Owl seasonal closure on Trail (Feb-July)
- Alt D—VC on Fire Road and Trail, except no dogs on trail Feb –July.
- Alt E—No VC

# Marin Trails

- Parameters Primarily On Leash
- Alt A: Primarily VC
- Alt B: 2.15
- Alt C: Concept—no dogs in interior, OL around the exterior
- Alt D: Same as C except Old Bunker Fire Road VC as it's a manipulated landscape
- Alt E: All trails not appropriate for VC except for Bunker FR.

# Alta Ave

- Parameters—On Leash
- Alt A—VC
- Alt B—2.15
- Alt C—On Leash on Fire Road then no dogs
- Alt D—On Leash Everywhere on Fire Road and Alta Trail
- Alt E---Not an appropriate VC site

# Oakwood

- Parameters—VC
- Alt A—VC
- Alt B—2.15
- Alt C---OL on Trail but Seasonal Closure (Feb-July) Owl. No dogs on Oakwood FR (interior trail, MBB)
- Alt D—No Dogs
- Alt E --- Not an appropriate VC site.

# Ft. Baker

- Parameters—Primary On Leash
- Alt A—OL in Designated Areas
- Alt B—2.15
- Alt C—Same as 2.15, except no dogs around conference center, Museum, Battery Yates. More info from GOGA needed.
- Alt D—No Dogs
- Alt E—Not an appropriate VC site.

# Ft. Point Promenade

- Parameters: OL
- Alt A: OL
- Alt B: 2.15
- Alt C: Same as B
- Alt D: Same as B
- Alt E: Not an appropriate VC site.

# Upper Ft. Mason

- Parameters—Parade Grounds and Great Meadow VC
- Alt A: OL
- Alt B: OL
- Alt C: OL Parade Ground; VC Great Meadow with spatial/timing restrictions.
- Alt D: VC with fence or veg buffer at Parade Ground; Great Meadow, 9-5 on leash, VC other times
- Alt E: Possible Appropriate Site VC

# Lands End

- Parameters: VC
- Alt A: VC
- Alt B: 2.15
- Alt C: OL
- Alt D: Primarily OL, some portion of trail maybe VC
- Alt E. Not an appropriate VC site overall



# Ft Miley

- Parameters: VC
- Alt A: VC
- Alt B: 2.15
- Alt C: West and East; OL
- Alt D: Same As C except for December to March, VC at West because few or no special use events at this time.
- Alt E: See D

# Sutro Heights

- Parameters: OL
- Alt A: OL
- Alt B: 2.15
- Alt C: 2.15
- Alt D: Same as C, except No Dogs within Garden and parapet.
- Alt E: Possible areas for VC, but only on paved trails when special events are not occurring.

# Milagra Ridge

- Parameters: OL
- Alt A: OL
- Alt B: 2.15
- Alt C: OL on Fire Road, no dogs elsewhere
- Alt D: Same as C.
- Alt E: Not an appropriate VC site.

# Sweeney Ridge

- Parameters: On Leash
- Alt A: On Leash.
- Alt B: 2.15
- Alt C: On Leash, no dogs elsewhere.
- Alt D: No Dogs
- Alt E: Not an appropriate VC site.

# Mori Point

- Parameters: On Leash
- Alt A: OL
- Alt B: 2.15
- Alt C: OL on Fire Road, otherwise no dogs.
- Alt D: No Dogs
- Alt E: Not an Appropriate VC Area.

# Cattle Hill

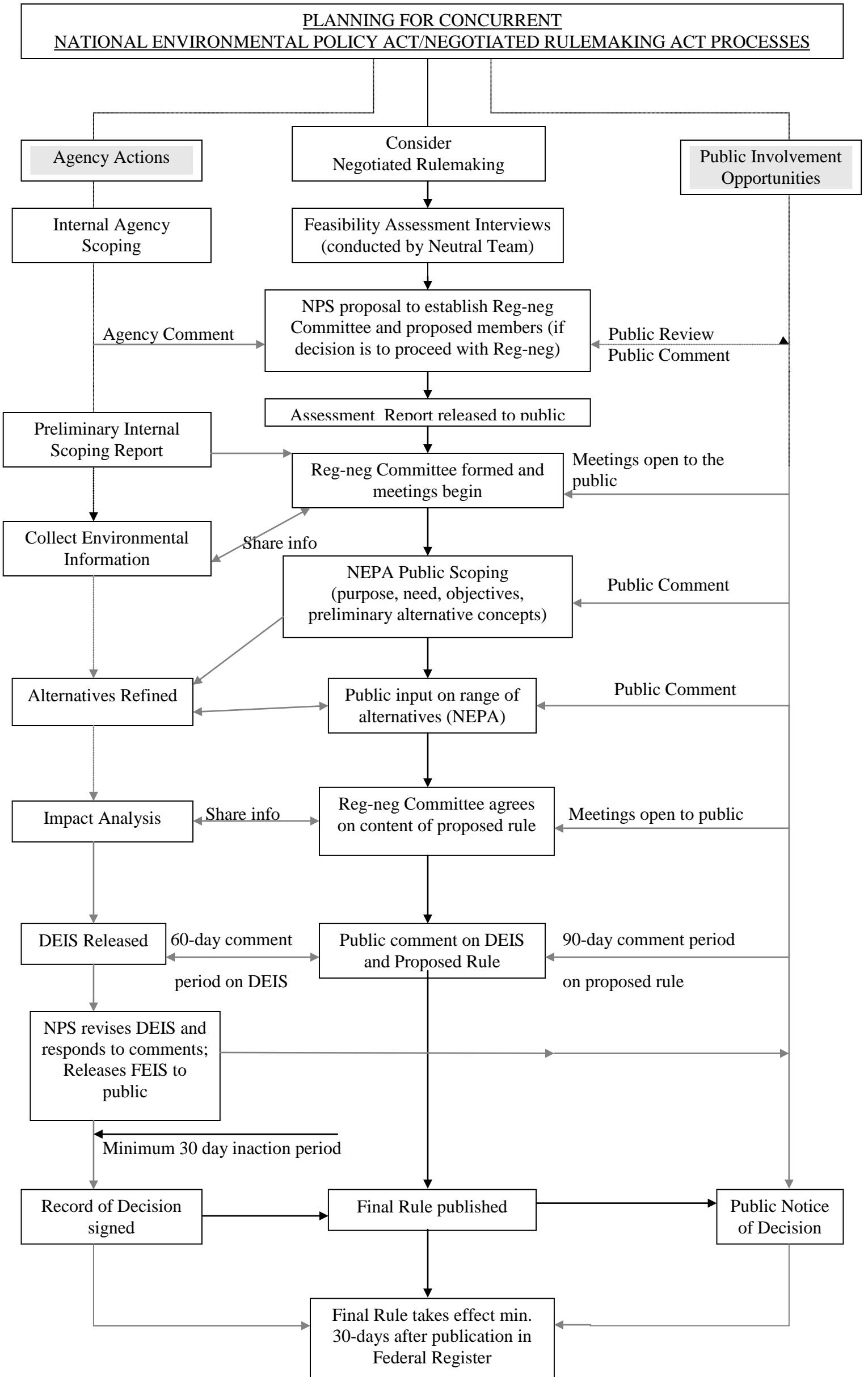
- Parameters: VC
- Alt A: OL
- Alt B: 2.15
- Alt C: OL on Fire Road, no dogs elsewhere.
- Alt D: Baquiano Trail and Fire Road VC, no dogs elsewhere
- Alt E: Not an appropriate VC site (need more information)

# Pedro Point

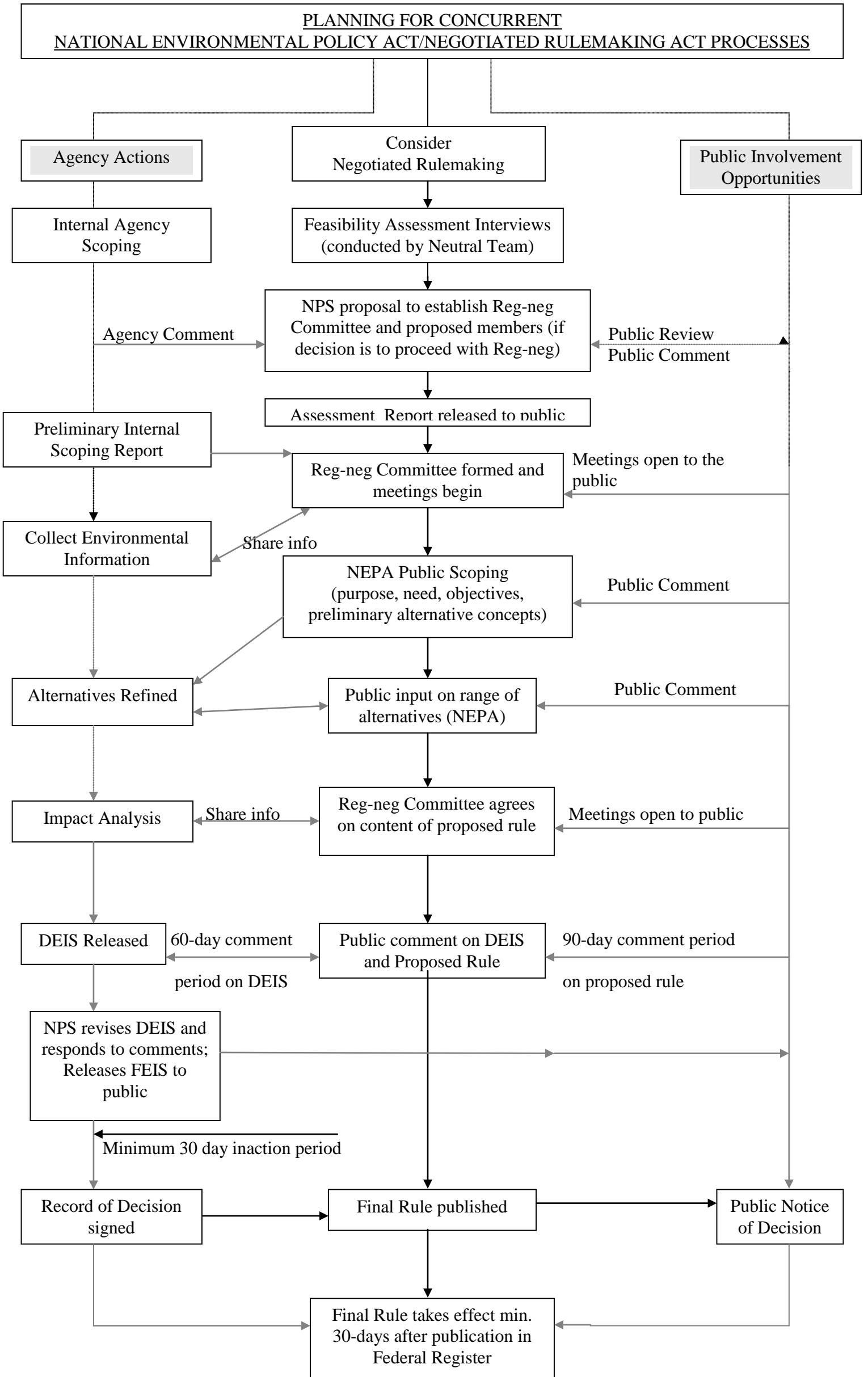
- Parameters: VC
- Alt A: OL
- Alt B: 2.15
- Alt C: OL
- Alt D: No Dogs (Alt C reasons plus safety)
- Alt E: Not an appropriate VC site.

# Done.

**GOGA Dog Management Plan/EIS Rulemaking**



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Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee for Dog Management at  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Meeting Planning Checklist for NPS and Facilitation Team

<b>As Far Ahead as Possible</b>		
	Select potential meeting dates and send Meeting Wizard availability request to Committee members, alternates, and additional NPS staff	McCracken (after consulting with Powell, Bourne, Harty re: dates and Matthews re: locations available)
	Review availability information and confirm meeting date	FacTeam discussion
	Meeting Wizard confirmation to all individuals who received availability request	McCracken
	Confirmation of meeting space and equipment needed	Matthews
	Add confirmed meeting date/time/location information to meeting notices on PEPC	Smith
<b>6 Weeks Prior to Meeting</b>		
	List of agenda items to Smith for FR notice	FacTeam
	Submit FR notice text to Washington to meet publication deadline	Smith
	<u>Create PR for FR notice and send to Washington</u>	<u>Matthews</u>
<b>At Least 2 Weeks Prior to Meeting</b>		
	Circulate draft meeting agenda to Committee Planning Group for comments	FacTeam
	Revise agenda as necessary based on input from Planning Group and circulate to Committee	FacTeam
	Drafting/review/finalizing meeting materials, presentations, <del>and</del> other needed materials <u>-(maps, etc.) and any AV needs</u>	FacTeam/NPS <u>and Solicitor</u> /Presenters (FacTeam coordination)
	<u>Reserve any AV equipment needed</u>	<u>Matthews</u>
<b>At Least 15 Days Prior to Meeting</b>		
	[Publication of FR notice]	NPS
	Add FR notice and final draft agenda to PEPC	Smith
<b>At Least 7 Days Prior to Meeting</b>		
	Send meeting reminder with materials (draft versions if necessary) to Committee	FacTeam

	members/alternates	
<b>At Least 3 Days Prior to Meeting</b>		
	Final version of meeting materials to Matthews for photocopying (FacTeam provide backup via CCP admin. staff for photocopying if needed)	NPS/FacTeam/presenters
<b>Day of Meeting</b>		
	Pre-meeting with NPS and FacTeam to discuss any outstanding issues ( <u>should this be the day before instead? The day of mtg gets pretty hectic</u> )	NPS (Powell, Smith, Matthews, others as needed) and FacTeam
	Meeting room set up complete 1 hour prior to meeting start time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee table/chairs</li> <li>• Materials, nametags, and table tents for Committee members/alternates</li> <li>• NPS Staff and public seating areas</li> <li>• Sign-in table and handouts for public</li> <li>• Public comment table w/public comment forms</li> <li>• Equipment in place and tested: screen, table for A/V, laptop, projector, flip chart easel/paper/markers/tape, sound system, any additional equipment needed</li> </ul>	Overall room setup – venue; equipment and materials: NPS with FacTeam assistance if needed  McCracken – markers, painters tape, power strip, “meeting box”  Bourne – CCP admin. staff print nametags and table tents
	Refreshments for Committee	NPS
<b>Within One Week After Committee Meeting</b>		
	Provide final Meeting Summary of previous <u>meeting</u> to NPS for posting on PEPC	McCracken
	Meeting materials mailed to Committee members/alternates not at meeting	NPS
	Written public comments received at meeting redacted, scanned, and sent to McCracken for distribution to Committee with draft meeting summary <u>and to Smith for posting on PEPC with finalized summary</u>	NPS
	PowerPoint presentations added to PEPC website	Smith

	<p>Meeting summary preparation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write Draft #1</li> <li>• Review and comments on Draft #1</li> <li>• Revise to Draft #1</li> <li>• Review and comments on Draft #2</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revise to Draft #2</li> <li>• Draft #3 sent to Committee members and alternates (within two weeks of meeting date with attachments and copies of written public comments)</li> </ul>	<p>McCracken  Bourne, Harty  McCracken  Powell (coordinates circulation/comments from other NPS staff); McCracken coordinates review by presenters (if needed) to confirm content accuracy  McCracken  McCracken</p>
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# Communications Strategy Overview

## Goals

- Maximize awareness of plan
- Minimize misunderstandings and objections to process
- Frame the message
- Enlist support

## Pre-Release

- Alert political decision makers on release date and public comment process; brief on content – Congressional and Senate Offices (set for 5/23); SF Mayor's Office, SF Board of Supervisors; Marin County Board of Supervisors; San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
- Alert dog community and environmental community stakeholder groups of release date
- Update Website
- Media advisory on release date and public comment process
- Prepare press release with overview of plan and public process

## Post Release

- Conduct public meetings in each county
- Proactive outreach to newspaper editorial boards to frame message
- Hold media briefing
- Seek radio opportunities – i.e. KQED Forum
- Offer presentations to neighborhood and stakeholder groups

## At Conclusion of Comment Period

- Issue press release with stats on number of comments/commenters, etc., and next steps in process
- Publish summary of comments (approx 2-3 months post comment period)

**GOGA Conf Call  
6.21.06**

- 1) **Dates for next Technical Subcommittee and Reg-Neg meeting**
  - Tech. subcommittee – July 18
  - Reg Neg – July 31
  
- 2) **Subcommittee meeting (Greg Bourne to lead) prep for July 18th meeting**
  - EQD or TQNEPA role –info asked for by NEPA
    - Need Greg to weigh in as to whether this would be appropriate place for introduction of the questions – should be done by facilitated discussion or should it be take-home
    - Don't send out to committee without discussion so they understand
    - Chris suggests having conf. call to discuss this with Greg
  - Data that has been gathered to date
    - EQD compiling large matrix breaking all info into table that sorts by area
    - If not ready, present as annotated bib
  
- 3) **EQD participation in July 31 reg-neg meeting**
  - Summary of public comment on public scoping (may be ready)
    - Will send to park first and will present verbally to committee if park has not reviewed doc yet
  
- 4) **Agency scoping and letter**
  - a. FWS informal consultation
  - Chris – no response yet from Trust; no response from other agencies except Marin Co. and SF; NOAA not contacted since decided not necessary at this time
  - Agency scoping meeting: letter is ready.
  - Check with Steve about his availability to set date – would be good if it could coincide with July 31 meeting
  - SES send letter to Chris
  
- 5) **Public scoping comments**
  
- 6) **Options timeline (requested by MLB)**
  - Sarah has worked on first draft
  
- 7) **Scope of work for next phase**
  - Waiting for budget clarification
  
- 8) **Update of park review of description of no action, affected environment, & thresholds**
  - SES to send reminder out late this week about due date 7/7
  
- 9) **Update on Marybeth's review of Brent's FOIA's, etc.**
  - SES to meet with MB Thursday to review info from FOIAs/CBD petition

- 10) Update on maps from Craig Scott**
  - a. add City of SF Mgmt. Plan GIS layers (open spaces, T&E, veg)
    - SES contact Daphne about working with Craig
    - Make sure to add Significant NR Area Plan from SF (had T&E and veg info on it)
- 11) Past and future surveys on Crissy Field**
  - SES add to data needs list
- 12) Statistics on dog waste and staff hours--what is needed?**
  - Get number of trips per day trash is emptied in all areas – get list of area where trash picked up (SES)
  - Get range of hours used currently on dog issues by divisions (CP)
- 13) Need email from Presidio Trust clarifying that they are no longer interested in being a cooperating agency**
- 14) Issues spreadsheet from neutrals – clarifying email needed**
  - Will be clarified at July 31 reg neg meeting
- 15) Status of new areas (to which category do these belong?)**
  - a. Cattle Hill – to be discussed for voice control, on leash or no dogs (to be donated to NPS soon)
  - b. Pedro Point – to be discussed for voice control, on leash or no dogs (to be donated to NPS soon)
  - c. Sharp Park – in boundary but owned/managed by SF
  - d. Devil’s Slide – in boundary but not NPS managed but not imminent (in GMPA but says Dog Man. Plan will take care of those areas by criteria in Plan)
  - e. Coral de Tierra – in boundary but not NPS managed but not imminent (in GMPA but says Dog Man. Plan will take care of those areas by criteria in Plan)
- 16) Discussion with John Strylowski on rule writing**
  - Works in Secretariat office – responsible for rulewriting in a number of agencies – will write GOGA rule. Willing to present to committee about rulewriting.
- 17) Other**
  - SES to poll about meeting in first two weeks of Oct.
  - Project agreement draft to GOGA

# SELECTION CRITERIA FOR REG-NEG CONVENER - DRAFT

## INTRODUCTION

During the first (assessment) phase of the negotiated rulemaking process, the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution will hire a convener – an impartial person(s) – to assist the NPS in determining whether the establishment of a reg-neg committee is feasible and appropriate.

The convener will:

1. interview interested parties to determine if a balanced committee can be convened to adequately represent the concerns of interest groups;
2. identify representatives willing to negotiate in good faith;
3. recommend if the process can succeed and should move forward.

This chart is intended to assist in defining criteria important to selecting a convener.

## USE OF THIS CHART

1. For each criterion, please review the “points to consider” and mark the options you feel are most important to the selection of a convener for this process. In some cases, an initial preference has determined by the project team.
2. Please feel free to comment on each criterion/preference in the far right column.
3. If there are “criteria” or “points to consider” that you would like to see added to the list, please note them in the relevant column or at the end of the document.

**SELECTION CRITERIA FOR REG-NEG CONVENER - DRAFT**

SELECTION CRITERIA	POINTS TO CONSIDER	PREFERENCE  (Please check the option(s) you prefer)	COMMENTS
<b>1) LOCATION OF CONVENER</b>	Should convener should be based locally?	<p style="text-align: center;">√</p> <p><i>Convener within car-commuting distance (concern that significant travel would increase costs and slow down process). Will still request list of conveners for all of northern CA.</i></p>	

## SELECTION CRITERIA FOR REG-NEG CONVENER - DRAFT

SELECTION CRITERIA	POINTS TO CONSIDER	PREFERENCE  (Please check the option you prefer)	COMMENTS
<b>2) AFFILIATION OF CONVENER</b>	<p>Is it acceptable for convener to be formally affiliated with any interests connected to stakeholder group(s)?</p> <p>Interests to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog owners</li> <li>• Parents with children</li> <li>• Seniors</li> <li>• National/state parks</li> <li>• Environmental Groups</li> <li>• Other interests?</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">√</p> <p><i>A convener who is not formally affiliated with any groups that might relate to stakeholders in this issue.</i></p>	
<b>3) EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND OF CONVENER</b>	<p>Is training in a particular subject desired?</p> <p>(If so, which subject(s)?)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">√</p> <p><i>Convener does not need to be specifically trained in a discipline relevant to this issue. Technical expertise can then be sought from Park staff and other resources.</i></p>	
	<p>Is a particular level of education desired?</p> <p>(If so, what level?)</p>		

## SELECTION CRITERIA FOR REG-NEG CONVENER - DRAFT

SELECTION CRITERIA	POINTS TO CONSIDER	PREFERENCE  (Please check the option you prefer)	COMMENTS
<b>4) PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE OF CONVENER</b>  (Please check areas of desired professional experience, and list any others you may think of).	Familiar with land management and resource issues	✓	
	Has facilitated for the federal government before (ie. familiar with federal regulations and processes)	✓	
	Familiar Bay Area urban issues	✓	
	Familiar with NEPA	✓	
	Experience with FACA	✓	
	Familiar with dog walking issues		
	Has dealt with similar stakeholder groups before (in terms of professions, age, interests, etc.)		
	Are there other important areas of experience?		

**SELECTION CRITERIA FOR REG-NEG CONVENER - DRAFT**

SELECTION CRITERIA	POINTS TO CONSIDER	PREFERENCE  (Please check the option you prefer)	COMMENTS
<b>5) NEED FOR A CONVENER TEAM</b>	Is one convener only sufficient?		
	Is pair or trio of conveners is preferred? (If so, is it necessary that they are each allied/familiar with different viewpoints?)		
	Should the convener be willing to collaborate with community-based conflict resolution organizations?	✓	
	Should convener be able to provide logistical support, or have a team that can do so?  (If so, what logistical tasks must the convener be able to perform – either for reasons of efficiency or neutrality?)	✓  <i>Convener with enough logistical support to allow prompt delivery of the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Meeting minutes</i></li> <li>• <i>Transcripts</i></li> </ul>	

**SELECTION CRITERIA FOR REG-NEG CONVENER - DRAFT**

SELECTION CRITERIA	POINTS TO CONSIDER	PREFERENCE  (Please check the option you prefer)	COMMENTS
<b>6) STYLE OF CONVENER</b>	What characteristics are desired?	✓  <i>Convener who is firm but calm, not adding to existing emotions.</i>	
	Other desired characteristics?		

Please fill in additional criteria you feel should be evaluated in the selection of a convener.

SELECTION CRITERIA	POINTS TO CONSIDER	PREFERENCE  (Please check the option you prefer)	COMMENTS

# SELECTION CRITERIA FOR REG-NEG CONVENER - DRAFT

## COMMENTS RECEIVED

NAME	COMMENT
Howard Levitt	Via e-mail, 12-10-03 "I think you've got the right criteria...you'll know the right convener when you see her/him/them. References will be the key. HL"
Susan Hurst	Don't consider location too much, because this might prevent getting the best candidate out there. Don't overemphasize either geographic location, or familiarity with issues specific to San Francisco (these can both be overcome).

**From:** [Shirwin Smith](#)  
**To:** [Juanita Barboa](#)  
**cc:** [Chris Powell](#); [Michael Edwards](#); [Suzanne Boltz](#); [Tracy Layfield](#)  
**Subject:** County Dog maps edits  
**Date:** 06/26/2008 02:36 PM

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Hi Juanita - maps are looking good - we're getting close! Will call you to give you a heads up about this email and figure out a good time to talk these over if need be.

## **County Maps**

All - use red text to call out voice control/ROLA areas, like we are in the matrix. If red text in blue boxes doesn't work, can you further shade back the blue or make them white?

### **Marin all:**

- Call out Alta Ave either in separate box, or retitle Oakwood box as Oakwood Valley/Alta Ave.
- Oakwood Valley Fire Road, not just Road
- Hard to tell which are roads, which are trails in the area around Muir Woods, possibly because some of the major roads are missing and partial trails start to look like roads. Suggest completing main roads in this area and maybe not even showing any trails north of Highway 1 since they're not called out in the plan.
- Boundary north of Marin Headlands area not correct - as shown is apparently incorporating State Park land and Marin Municipal Water District lands.
- Muir Beach is in the cove below the headland that the label points at now
- NPS lands along Marin Coast not shown - NPS owns part of coastal lands west of highway 1
- Off shore boundary in Marin is not continuous; there are sections of state lands.
- Suggest working with Craig Scott to get correct Marin boundaries and offshore boundary corrections.

### **Marin A:**

- Marin Headlands box: bold "On Leash" subtitle

### **Marin C:**

- Oakwood Valley Road and Trail "to junction of trail and fire road"
- Rodeo Beach: On leash "NPS/Partner Operations Area" not NPS Partner Operations Area
- Marin Headlands, add to On Leash options: "Old Bunker Fire Road"

Loop"

### **Marin D:**

- For consistency, don't label "no dog" areas - only show areas with on leash and ROLAs
- Rodeo beach - let's change "bridge" to "foot bridge"..makes more sense. I'll change in matrix as well.

### **Marin E:**

- Alta Ave - add "On Leash - Alta to Orchard Fire Road, Orchard and Pacheco Fire Roads."
- Oakwood - "To junction with Oakwood Valley Trail"
- Oakwood - On Leash, from junction of Fire Road and Trail to gate at Alta Ave.
- Marin Headlands - "Coastal Trail Bike Route (includes Julian Fire Road) from Hwy 101 to Rodeo Beach parking lot." paren. only around "includes J. Fire Road"

### **San Francisco all:**

- Red line indicating street or highway starting at the GG Bridge is not correct in Lands End/Ft. Miley area. Streets do not go through Lands End/Ft. Miley; surface streets go around that area.
- Call out East and West Ft. Miley separately
- Boundary of E. Ft. Miley is too big - is shown as including the adjacent city golf course and museum.
- Can you add boundary that shows Presidio Trust area rather than including those lands within GGNRA boundary?
- Boundary below Funston is too far inland.
- Title Fort Mason "Upper Fort Mason"

### **San Francisco A:**

- Ft. Mason; simplify to "On Leash"
- Crissy - add Seasonal leash restriction at Wild. Protection Area
- Baker Beach - change to "Voice Control" Beach north of Lobos Creek Inlet. "On leash" All trails
- East and West Ft. Miley, Lands End and Sutro Heights; simplify to "Voice Control"; we don't specify trails.
- Sutro Heights, simplify to "On Leash"
- Ft. Funston; simplify to "Voice Control" excluding area fenced for safety/habitat protection.

### **San Francisco C:**

- Ft Mason - "Lawn below Laguna Street path" instead of Laguna Street Path.
- Baker Beach - Beach is on leash as well as all trails

- Ft. Funston - ROLA "South of Beach Access Trail" not just "Beach Access".
- Ft. Funston - On Leash "on Sand Ladder and Handicap Trail south of main parking lot

### **San Francisco D:**

- Ft. Mason - All of Great Meadow is on leash, not just Inner Great Meadow
- Ft Mason - "Lawn below Laguna Street path" instead of Laguna Street Path.
- Don't label "No Dog" areas
- Crissy; Eastern portion of airfield is on leash
- Crissy - paths to Central beach are no dogs, not on leash
- Lands End - Coastal trail only on leash to connector steps to El Camino del Mar
- Ft. Funston "South of Beach Access Trail" not just "Beach Access".
- Ft. Funston - On Leash "on Sand Ladder and Handicap Trail south of main parking lot
- Ft, Funston -On leash - "All other trails except Equestrian Trail"

### **San Francisco E:**

- Parade Ground is "Alternate ROLA"
- Ft Mason - "Lawn below Laguna Street path" instead of Laguna Street Path.
- Crissy - add East Beach as on leash
- Crissy - remove W. Bluff picnic area designation as no dogs - not in this alt.
- Baker Beach - On leash: Beach north of N Parking Lot and all trails (simpler description - I need to change in matrix, too)
- East Ft. Miley has ROLA in east side trail corridor; West Ft. Miley has on leash on road only
- Sutro Heights - paths (there's more than one)
- Ocean Beach - ROLA in Plover Protection Area May 16-June 30. Plover Protection Area on leash from July 1 - May 15.
- Ft. Funston - On leash Beach N. of Beach Access Trail (with seasonal closure at base of cliffs for Bank Swallow April 1-August 15)
- Ft. Funston - On Leash "on Sand Ladder and Handicap Trail south of main parking lot
- Ft. Funston - On leash west on all trails west of Equestrian Trail to northern boundary of Ft. Funston. (don't use FOFU - I'll also change in matrix)
- Ft. Funston: ROLA includes Chip Trail

**San Mateo all:**

- Mori Pt./Sweeney Ridge boundary encompasses too much land - appears to include Sharp Park which is outside of GGNRA

**San Mateo A:**

- Sweeney Ridge, change from "Portola Gate" to "Portola Discovery Site"

**San Mateo C:**

- To be consistent, don't mark the "No Dog" areas - so no label at Sweeney and Cattle Hill

**San Mateo D:**

I was about to say same as above...to be consistent, don't mark no dog areas. Then realized the map would be blank. So in this case, it's fine as is, with the no dog labels.

**San Mateo E:**

- Mori Point - on leash - Coastal Trail, neighborhood connector trail, fire road, beach within GGNRA boundary.
- Sweeney Ridge - Portola Discovery site (not Discover) - need to change on matrix, too!
- Sweeney Ridge - makes more sense to list like this: Sneath Lane, Mori Point Trail, Sneath Lane from Portola Discovery Site to Notch Trail.

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Hi,

The latest set of maps is available on the following ftp site. All aerials print nicely at 8.5x11 except for Marin Trails, which looks better at 11x17. The county maps print nicely at 11x17.

Today I'll be available by cell (720-971-3187) to discuss any changes; tomorrow I'll be in the air from 10:00 MT - 4:00 Alaska time, but before and after that I'll be available by cell. Thursday and Friday I'll be unavailable during working hours, but available before 7:00 Alaska time and after 6:00 Alaska time. After Saturday I'll be back on Mountain Time. Feel free to call any time and I'll get back to you asap.

Michael, I'll be in Denver today and can drop off a CD if you prefer.

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From: General Superintendent, Golden Gate NRA

Subject: Decision Regarding Fort Funston Habitat Protection Closure

### **PROCEDURAL PROCESS**

Consistent with 36 C.F.R. Section 1.5, the proposed 12-acre year-round closure and solicitation of comments was noticed by publication in the Federal Register on July 18, 2000 (65 Fed. Reg. 44546). The Golden Gate National Recreation Area's web page also provided notice of the proposed project along with the "Proposed Habitat Protection Closure, Fort Funston, Golden Gate National Recreation Area" (Attachment A), referenced in the Federal Register notice. The public comment period closed October 6, 2000.

This proposed closure was originally considered by the National Park Service (NPS) in mid-1999. In February, 2000, a reduced version of the proposed project, including approximately 10 acres, was implemented. However, today the fence gates remain open allowing public access to the 10-acre parcel. As of July 18, 2000, NPS began a new administrative decision process for the new 12-acre year-round closure. This new administrative process supercedes any previous NPS decision regarding the 10-acre closure.

The original 12-acre project is being proposed again because the reduced project was found not to meet the project purposes, nor the mandate of the NPS to conserve the park resources unimpaired (16 U.S.C. § 1). The original 12-acre project is more protective of the park resources and is the least restrictive means to meet the goals and objectives of this project and the NPS mandate, by:

- providing the requisite protection to the new nesting location of the bank swallow colony at Fort Funston;
- increasing biological diversity by restoring native coastal dune scrub habitat;
- increasing public safety by keeping visitors and their pets away from the cliff areas; and
- protecting geological resources, including bluff top and interior dunes from accelerated erosion by reducing human-induced erosion.

NEPA compliance for this project was completed by the NPS on December 5, 2000. The attached Project Review (NEPA compliance) form describes the proposed 12-acre year-round closure, and was submitted and discussed at the November 22nd Project Review Committee meeting. The Committee reviewed the project, and I received and approved the following categorical exclusions: C(20), D(2), E(2), E(4), and E(6) (Attachment B).

On December 5, 2000, I approved the Completion of Certification for Project through Preservation Assessment Form (5X), Bank Swallow and Habitat Protection Project, Fort Funston, Golden Gate, Certification Number GOGA-01-032 (Attachment C).

Upon consideration of the public comments, the recommendations of the Advisory Commission, and based upon the following reasons, the NPS hereby adopts the proposed 12-acre closure as described in Attachment A, the “Proposed Habitat Protection Closure, Fort Funston, Golden Gate National Recreation Area.”

### **CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public provided approximately 1500 comments on the proposed closure, which are summarized in the “Public Response to NPS Proposed Habitat Protection Closure at Fort Funston, November 28, 2000” (Attachment E). Approximately 1100 comments objected to the closure. These comments can be summarized into four prevailing concerns which are addressed below.

First, many comments objecting to the closure argued that recreation overrides resource preservation within Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), and that recreation is the overriding purpose of the creation of GGNRA. The NPS is mindful of the GGNRA’s recreation mandate and has sought to balance recreational uses at Fort Funston with competing resource protection needs, in accordance with NPS laws and regulations. When recreational uses and resource protection are in conflict, the Director of the National Park Service, through the Director’s Order 55: Interpreting the National Park Service Organic Act, dated November 17, 2000, (along with the September 15, 2000, Federal Register notice further interpreting that order), has provided specific direction (Attachment F):

The “fundamental purpose” of the national park system, established by the Organic Act and reaffirmed by the General Authorities Act, as amended, begins with a mandate to conserve park resources and values. . . . Congress, recognizing that the enjoyment by future generations of the national parks can be assured only if the superb quality of park resources and values is left unimpaired, has provided that when there is a conflict between conserving resources and values and providing for enjoyment of them, *conservation is to be predominant*. This is how courts have consistently interpreted the Organic Act... (emphasis added)

As to National Recreation Areas, "...the mandates of the Organic Act and the General Authorities Act apply equally to all units of the National Park System." 65 Fed. Reg. 56004, September 15, 2000, (Attachment G).

Accordingly, the NPS concludes that the need to protect the bank swallow, native plants, and coastal bluffs, by closing just 12 acres at Fort Funston overrides the recreation values of these same 12 acres. Ample alternative recreation opportunities exist within Fort Funston and the other areas in the GGNRA.

Second, many comments opposed to the project stated or inferred that off-leash dog walking is an appropriate form of recreation within a national park area. To the contrary, 36 C.F.R. Section 2.15 requires that all dogs be on leash where permitted within national park areas. While GGNRA has exercised discretion in the enforcement of this regulation, off-leash dogs remain prohibited within all national park areas, pursuant to 36 C.F.R. Section 2.15. Many thousands of acres within GGNRA (including over 100 acres at Fort Funston) remain open to park visitors and their leashed pets. This year-round closure of just 12 acres is necessary for protection of natural resources and public safety.

Third, many of those opposed to the project objected to the science relied upon by NPS regarding erosion, birds and plants. Some comments suggested that the NPS resource management activities at Fort Funston have harmed the swallow habitat by citing a correlation between NPS management activities and swallow relocation and decline. It is a basic tenet of scientific inquiry that correlation does not equal causation. Therefore, NPS considers these assertions without merit. NPS has determined that this 12-acre year-round closure is necessary to protect the natural resources at Fort Funston, as well as public safety. This determination is based upon NPS expert opinion, numerous scientific studies, as well as professional recommendations of NPS staff and state resource agency experts, and NPS mandates and guidance documents (including NPS-77, the NPS Natural Resource Management Guidelines, GGNRA's General Management Plan, Executive Order 13112 governing Invasive Species, and the park's Natural Resource Management Plan). The NPS concludes that there is ample evidence that this closure will benefit the bank swallows. Further, law enforcement records show that public safety will benefit. Evidence also indicates that native plants, and animals associated with native plant habitats, will benefit from the closure. Finally, closing the cliffs to off-trail use will eliminate human and pet induced erosion of this unique park resource.

Fourth, many comments suggested that the closed area should be smaller than 12-acres. In addition to all the reasons stated above (resource protection and public safety), the specific size and dimensions of the project were refined with the following important considerations:

- ability to maintain and sustain the fence line, particularly in light of limited park resources available to frequently replace fence lines near the cliffs or in unstable sand dune areas; and
- ability to enforce the closure, to assure success of project goals.

NPS staff, including the Natural Resources, Maintenance and Protection Ranger staff for GGNRA, visited the proposed closure area at least on two occasions in order to refine these determinations.

## **ADVISORY COMMISSION ACTION**

While not within the scope of the procedures called for in Section 1.5 of 36 C.F.R., I decided to place the proposed closure on the agenda of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area Advisory Commission, in order to provide a forum for public speaking and participation. On November 28, 2000, after two hearings accepting public comment, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area Advisory Commission made the following recommendations to the park regarding the proposed habitat closure at Fort Funston (Attachment D):

### **FORT FUNSTON RESOLUTION #1 CLOSURE OF 12 ACRES AT FORT FUNSTON**

\* \* \* \* \*

RESOLVED, that the decision of the GGNRA superintendent to close twelve acres of Fort Funston to dogs is appropriate and necessary, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in preference to permanent closure, the Commission requests that the superintendent consider removing the fences and having a trail through the area accessible to dogs on leash.

Adopted by unanimous vote by the Advisory Commission on November 28, 2000.

### **FORT FUNSTON RESOLUTION #2 GMP UPDATE**

RESOLVED, that the Advisory Commission requests that the National Park Service as early as practicable update the General Management Plan (GMP) for Fort Funston and in that process work with neighbors and user groups.

Adopted by unanimous vote by the Advisory Commission on November 28, 2000.

The NPS has determined that implementing the proposed closure is in the best interest of the threatened bank swallow colony, other park resources, and public safety. Because establishment of newly planted native vegetation requires total protection (usually in the form of fencing) for an initial period of time and because the fencing will serve as a physical barrier to the dangerous cliff areas to which the public is currently accustomed to having access, NPS has determined the fencing is currently necessary. However, in light of the GGNRA Advisory Commission resolutions, NPS will study the option of removing the fences and permitting public access and on-leash dog walking on designated trails within the closure area as an alternative means of protecting the resources and public safety, after the native plants are established and the public is adequately informed of and accustomed to the prohibition on access to the cliff areas and

the regulatory dogs-on-leash requirement. This consideration may take the form of an overall NPS planning effort for Fort Funston or parkwide.

## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the forgoing and in consideration of the attached documents, I have determined that the proposed year-round 12-acre closure is the least restrictive means to meet the original four goals and objectives for the project and that the project will be implemented as described in Attachment A, the "Proposed Habitat Protection Closure, Fort Funston, Golden Gate National Recreation Area."

*(Original Document Signed December 14, on File)*

Brian O'Neill  
General Superintendent

Attachments (7):

- (A) Proposed Habitat Protection Closure, Fort Funston
- (B) Project Review Committee Recommendations for NEPA compliance
- (C) Completion of Certification for Project through Preservation Assessment Form
- (D) GGNRA Advisory Commission Resolutions, November 28, 2000
- (E) Public Response to NPS Proposed Habitat Protection Closure at Fort Funston, November 28, 2000
- (F) Director's Order 55
- (G) Federal Register Notice for Director's Order 55, 65 Fed. Reg. 56003 (Sept.15, 2000)

# Overview

## Initial Draft EIS for Dog Management

### Purpose

Determine the **manner and extent** of dog walking in the park.

### Objectives

**Visitor Experience – Minimize conflicts** by providing a variety of safe, high-quality visitor use experiences, including dog walking.

**Compliance – Maximize compliance** with clear, enforceable dog walking parameters.

### Park Operations

- Provide management adaptability - **monitoring** data as basis for future decision.
- Ensure a **safe and healthy** working environment for staff.

### Natural Resources

- Protect wildlife and habitat (including sensitive species and habitat, federally or state listed, unique, or rare species)
- Minimize degradation of vegetation, soil and water resources
- Preserve opportunities for future natural resource restoration

### Cultural Resources

- Preserve opportunities for cultural resource restoration
- Protect cultural resources

### Education

- Build community support for the plan
- Increase public understanding of NPS policies.

# GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA



RED TEXT INDICATES  
GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA  
SITES INCLUDED IN **DOG MANAGEMENT PLAN/EIS**



**REGULATED OFF-LEASH AREAS (ROLAs)**



**GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA  
MANAGED LANDS**



Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Legislative Boundary



Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Offshore Areas



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## Alternatives

### No Action (Alternative A)

#### 4 Action Alternatives

- Alt B – Applies NPS leash regulation in all areas
- Alt C – Balances dog walking with other uses in each county –provides a range of uses in each
- Alt D – Provides most protection of resources and visitor safety – greatest restriction of dog walking
- Alt E – Provides the most dog walking access while still providing protection to resources and visitors. Most management intensive.

#### Preferred Alternative

Site by site treatment selected from range of action alternatives. **Overall emphasis on Alternative C**

## How Alternatives Were Developed

*According to principles of management – no pre-determined extent of use.*

**Consider each site's resources and visitor use**, then address the purpose, need, objectives of plan/EIS.

#### Goal – clear and enforceable policy

- Consistency with adjacent jurisdictions
- Maximize visitor understanding and compliance

#### Goal – preserve and protect natural/cultural resources and natural processes

- Site away from areas with sensitive or listed species
- No adverse impacts to T & E species
- Limit to perimeters of large areas of contiguous habitat

#### Goal – Improve visitor and employee safety and reduce user conflicts

- Minimize impacts to other existing visitor uses
- Separate user groups by space, or minimal barriers if necessary

#### Goal – Provide a variety of visitor experiences

- Consider options for dog walking access in each site, including no-dog areas

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<p><b><u>February 17, 2006</u></b>            Notice of Establishment for Committee and Notice of Committee Meeting published in Federal Register; Members appointed</p>	<p><b><u>February 22, 2006</u></b>            EIS Notice of Intent published in Federal Register; Starts 60 day scoping (ends April 2006). Contractor begins analyses of no action alternative (existing management continued)</p>
<p><b><u>March 6, 2006</u></b>            NR Committee Meeting #1: Introductions of DFO/Committee, Facilitator Evaluation, Protocols, Applicable Statutes/Regulations, NEPA Process/Schedule, NPS Sideboards, Public comment.</p>	<p><b><u>March 2006</u></b>            Information collection by NEPA Interdisciplinary Team (IDT)</p>
<p><b><u>April 4 and 5, 2006</u></b>            Committee attends NEPA Public Scoping workshops.</p> <p>Committee provides comments to NPS-NEPA public scoping (comment period ends 4/24).</p>	<p><b><u>April 4 and 5, 2006</u></b>            Public scoping workshops</p>
<p><b><u>April 18, 2006</u></b>            NR Committee Meeting #2: Information Updates [Accelerated Resource Protection Rulemaking], Revise Draft Protocols, Committee Schedule/Logistics, Public comment.</p>	<p><b><u>April:</u></b> Analysis of Public Scoping Comments</p> <p>Development of No Action Alternative; impact thresholds; drafting of Affected Environment</p>
<p><b><u>May 15, 2006</u></b>            NR Committee Meeting #3: Final Protocol revisions approval,</p>	<p><b><u>May:</u></b> Analysis of Public Scoping Comments continues</p>

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<p>NPS Parameters and Scope (Sideboards) and NEPA EIS No Action Alternative, Draft Collaborative Approach to Decision Making, Information Needs (including creation of a Technical Subcommittee and initial charge), Public comment.</p>	<p>Development of No Action Alternative; impact thresholds; drafting of Affected Environment</p> <p>Preliminary data collection in response to Committee Meeting #3 information needs.</p>
<p><b><u>July 18:</u></b> Technical Subcommittee Meeting #1: Identify essential data, review available data/data by geographic areas gathered by NEPA IDT and identify data gaps, discuss recommendation for Committee. Next steps to prepare for Committee mtg.</p> <p>(Possible Committee field trip/s or individual visits to dog walking locations with GGNRA)</p>	<p><b><u>June-July:</u></b></p> <p>Data collection continues; IDT review of No Action Alternative; preliminary draft Affected Environment; draft impact thresholds.</p> <p>Presentation to Technical Subcommittee re data.</p> <p>Public Scoping Content Analysis complete.</p>
<p><b><u>July 31:</u></b></p> <p>NR Committee Meeting #4: Review data needs recommendation from Technical Subcommittee Meeting #1 and decide next steps, Review initial Key Interests and Issues Table, Review Public Scoping Content Analysis, NEPA IDT Data Needs/Questions for Committee Members; Public Comment.</p> <p>Options: USFWS presentation on T/E species consultation process.</p> <p>NEPA IDT Preliminary Draft Criteria.</p>	<p><b><u>End of July</u></b></p> <p>NEPA IDT comments on No Action Alternative, impact thresholds, and draft Affected Environment consolidated and to NEPA contractor.</p> <p>NEPA IDT: Review preliminary Draft Criteria. (Proposed meeting or conference call)</p>

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<p><b><u>August/September (?)</u></b></p> <p>Technical Subcommittee Meeting #2: Further discussion of data needs next steps based on NR Committee Mtg#4. Include assessment of NEPA database for the various locations discussed during Committee #4.</p> <p>Option: Caucuses refine Key Interests and Issues Table.</p> <p>Option: Develop initial options for GGNRA-wide issues such as criteria for voice control, commercial dogwalking.</p>	<p><b><u>August 1, 2006:</u></b> NEPA Agency Scoping.</p> <p><b><u>August/September 2006</u></b></p> <p>NEPA IDT initiates informal consultation with USFWS.</p> <p>Final No Action Alternative and Affected Environment prepared by NEPA contractor.</p> <p>Impact Thresholds revised. Analysis of No Action Alternative begins.</p> <p>Attributes (based upon NEPA data base) of each site reviewed by NEPA IDT and preliminary alternatives developed using systematic approach. (Proposed meeting in August or Sept?)</p> <p>(Note: Attributes and NR committee’s “criteria” should be shared information)</p>
<p><b><u>September 21, 2006</u></b></p> <p>NR Committee Meeting #5: Discuss outcomes of Technical Subcommittee Meeting #2; Review revisions to Key Interests and Issues Table; Review initial options for individual sites and jointly evaluate; review initial options for GGNRA-wide issues and jointly evaluate; Agree on next steps.</p> <p>Option: NEPA IDT could present its approach to developing preliminary alternatives and those alternatives to the NR</p>	<p><b><u>September 2006</u></b></p> <p>NEPA IDT Revises Preliminary Alternatives. (Proposed meeting in September)</p> <p><b><u>End of September:</u></b> Draft Impacts of No Action Alternative prepared by contractor.</p>

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<p>committee. In other ADR/NEPA processes, the NEPA IDT has presented preliminary alternatives as a starting point for NR deliberations.</p> <p>Caucus efforts: TBD</p>	
<p><b><u>October 2006?</u></b>            NR Committee Meeting #6: Focus on GGNRA area-specific dog management options, discuss area-specific issues and consider draft consensus language. Review draft consensus language pertaining to GGNRA-wide dog management options.</p> <p>Note: This is where NEPA and NR must intersect. An option (used in other ADR/NEPA processes according to IECR) is for the NR committee to draft its “option(s) for each site and for NEPA IDT to do a preliminary impact analysis on those options and provide some feedback so any necessary adjustments can be considered early on.</p>	<p><b><u>October 2006</u></b></p> <p>NEPA IDT reviews Impacts of No Action. Park consolidates comments for contractor.</p> <p>Revision of Alternatives continues.</p>
<p><b><u>November 2006 (?)</u></b>            NR Committee Meeting #7: Review draft area-specific options; discuss integration of GGNRA-wide and area-specific options, and options/agreements discussed; discuss options for dealing with topics/areas where consensus has not yet been reached</p> <p>Note: NEPA team should be doing concurrent impact analysis for feedback and adjustments. NEPA IDT will also be proceeding with impact analysis and adjustments to a full range of reasonable alternatives which may help inform NR committee as it proceeds</p>	<p><b><u>November 2006</u></b></p> <p>NEPA IDT presents range of alternatives to be analyzed in the EIS to region/WASO for concurrence.</p> <p>Newsletter prepared to obtain public comment on alternatives. (Optional)</p> <p>(Note: NR committee should comment on NEPA alternatives throughout their development).</p>

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to revise its area-specific options.	
<p><b><u>December 2006?</u></b>            NR Committee Meeting #8: Finalize consensus on areas of agreement and options for addressing topics/areas where consensus has not yet been reached.</p> <p>Note: It may be advantageous for the NR Committee to hold off finalizing consensus until NEPA analysis is complete on the actions proposed in the rule.</p>	<p><b><u>December 2006</u></b>            Assuming NR Committee has reached consensus, the NEPA IDT would include the actions in the rule as one alternative in the range of alternatives and continue to complete its impact analysis on those alternatives.</p> <p>Note: A biological assessment must also be prepared on the “proposed draft rule/NEPA preferred alternative” (prepared if likely to adversely affect, or not sure) which suggests that the NEPA IDT and NR committee (or a subcommittee) should be working concurrently to resolve T/E species concerns. NEPA contractor prepares BA for park.</p>
<p><b><u>January –April 2007</u></b></p> <p>At any point during this time, the NR committee could meet to revise its consensus based upon interaction with NEPA IDT.</p>	<p><b><u>March 2007</u></b></p> <p>Preliminary impact analysis complete for range of alternatives. NEPA IDT reviews findings and provides comments to contractor.</p>
<p><b><u>April –August 2007</u></b></p> <p>Draft Rule Package prepared for DOI, SOL and OMB review (this includes OMB’s requirements for economic analysis, which will be prepared by NEPA contractor). This time period includes a series of internal reviews and revisions as needed to meet regulatory rulemaking requirements.</p>	<p><b><u>April 2007</u></b></p> <p>Contractor revises impact analysis and NEPA IDT meets to select preferred alternative using a method such as “Choosing by Advantage”, or Delphi Process (systematic approach to measure how well each alternative meets objectives).</p> <p>Contractor begins to prepare preliminary draft Biological Assessment</p>

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	on preferred alternative.
	<p><b><u>May-July 2007</u></b>  Contractor prepares internal draft EIS for NPS review and comment.</p> <p>Consultation with USFWS continues as Draft Biological Assessment is completed by NEPA contractor.</p>
<p><b><u>August – October 2007</u></b></p> <p>This is the time the NEPA IDT/contractor will be producing the DEIS for public comment. Major changes by DOI, SOL or OMB to draft rule would affect NEPA timeline if further analysis is required. OMB review can take a minimum of 90 days.</p>	<p><b><u>August – October 2007</u></b></p> <p>Contractor prepares DEIS for public review. (This time period includes a series of internal reviews and document revisions)</p> <p>When DEIS is released for public review, Biological Assessment is submitted to USFWS requesting, if needed, their Biological Opinion. (USFWS review can take up to 90 days)</p>
<p><b><u>November 2007</u></b></p> <p>Draft rule published in Federal Register for public comment (usually 60 day public comment period)</p>	<p><b><u>November-December 2007</u></b></p> <p>Dog Management Plan/DEIS released for public review (60 day comment period); public meetings.</p>
<p><b><u>Early 2008</u></b></p> <p>Begin preparation of final rule based upon public comment analysis (from comments received on the EIS and proposed rule—these tend to be overlapping). Option here may be to re-engage the NR committee to help resolve issues brought up during comment periods. (NOTE: committee charter expires in February 2008)</p>	<p><b><u>Early 2008</u></b></p> <p>Review public comments on DEIS and proposed draft rule. Modify preferred alternative if needed to respond to public and agencies' comments.</p>

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<p><b><u>Mid – Late 2008</u></b></p> <p>Final rule prepared for review. OMB will normally not review final rules without the NEPA decision document being signed (in this case the ROD). Final rule would also need to reflect any changes in NEPA preferred alternative and vice versa.</p> <p>Final rule published in Federal Register. Implementation begins 30 days after publication.</p>	<p><b><u>Mid – Late 2008</u></b></p> <p>Final EIS prepared, including responses to public comments. This includes a series of internal reviews and contractor revisions, approvals by regional director, development of Record of Decision, etc.</p> <p>ROD approved by Regional Director 30 days after FEIS made available to public.</p>

**GOGA DOG MANAGEMENT PLAN – SUMMARY OF ALTERNATIVES**  
**July 6, 2010**

**Range of alternatives:**

**Alternative A:** No Action

**Alternative B:** NPS Leash Regulation

**Alternative C:** Emphasis on Multiple Use – balanced by county

**Alternative D:** Overall Most Protective Based on Resource Protection and Visitor Safety

**Alternative E:** Overall Most Dog Walking Access and Most Management Intensive

**Elements common to all action alternatives (Alternatives B-E):**

- Dog walking allowed in on-leash or regulated off-leash (ROLA) dog walking areas.
- All dogs must be licensed in county of residence.
- Maximum number of dogs per dog walker is 3, unless permits allowed.
- No off-trail dog walking; no dogs in campgrounds; on-leash in parking lots, picnic areas, and on paved public roads unless otherwise noted.

**PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (Alternative F)**

**New Lands**

New lands would be closed to all dog-walking unless opened by compendium. The “closed unless opened” approach is the reverse of 36 CFR 2.15. New lands would not be considered for a ROLA.

**Permits for Commercial Dog Walkers/Individuals with more than 3 dogs**

Commercial dog walkers or private individuals can walk more than 3 dogs with a permit; limit is 6 dogs. Permit holders may have up to 6 dogs off leash in a ROLA. Permits would restrict use by time and area and would only be issued for: Fort Mason, Alta Avenue, Rodeo Beach, Fort Baker, Crissy Field, Baker Beach, Fort Funston.

**Marin County Preferred Alternatives**

Stinson Beach – Alternative C

Homestead Valley – Alternative C

Alta Trail – Alternative C

Oakwood Valley – Alternative C

Muir Beach – Alternative D

Rodeo Beach – Alternative C

Marin Headlands – Alternative C

Fort Baker – Alternative C

**San Mateo County Preferred Alternatives**

Mori Point – Alternative C

Milagra Ridge – Alternative C

Sweeney Ridge/Cattle Hill – Alternative C

Pedro Point – Alternative C

**San Francisco Preferred Alternatives**

Upper and Lower Fort Mason – Alternative B

Crissy Field – Alternative C

Fort Point – Alternative B

Baker Beach – Alternative D

Fort Miley – Alternative C

Lands End – Alternative B

Sutro Heights – Alternative E

Ocean Beach – Alternative C

Fort Funston – Alternative C

# GGNRA Dog Management EIS/Rulemaking Summary for Senior Staff September 27, 2010

## Anticipated Timeline

- **October 2010**
  - Finalized comments on compliance based mgmt strategy back to contractor and incorporated into impacts analysis
  - Non-impairment analysis for preferred alternative finalized
  - Section 7 consultation and CZMA consistency determination finalized
- **November 2010**
  - NOA package submitted to region, then to WASO for surnaming (4-12 week turnaround).
  - DEIS camera-ready draft by middle to late November
  - NOA package sent to EPA late November, with camera-ready DEIS (1-2 week turnaround)
- **January 2011**
  - DEIS released for public comment (**90 days – not 120 since releasing in January**) once EPA NOA is published in federal register
    - Public comment through PEPC or written comment. No email, fax or bulk mail (NOA to specify)
- **February 2011**
  - Public meetings to receive comments scheduled mid-comment period
    - 4 meetings - 2 in San Francisco and one each in Marin/San Mateo
- **April 2011**
  - First draft of public comment analysis to park for 2 week review
- **June 2011**
  - Draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to park for review
  - NPRM to OMB for approval (May-July)
- **July 2011**
  - NPRM to PWR and WASO for approval
  - Internal review of draft FEIS
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- **Late November 2010 to January 2011** (*depends on NPS NOA review timeline*)
  - DEIS released for public comment (at least 90 days) once EPA NOA published
  - Public comment through PEPC or written comment. No email, fax or bulk mail (NOA to specify)
- **January or February 2011**
  - Public meetings to receive comments scheduled mid-comment period
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- **March or April 2011**
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## Draft Outline for Briefing for Jon Jarvis

### Dog Management Draft EIS

July 11, 2008

#### Brian's Opening Remarks:

- Introduce team members-MLB, Michael Edwards, Shirwin Smith, Chris Powell, Ozola Cody, Barbara Goodyear
- Set the context of why we're here today—
- We are moving forward with our DEIS for Dog Management
- EQD has been very supportive in managing this project—one of the bigger NPS DEIS's
- Barbara Goodyear has been working with us every step as this is a very controversial and litigious issue
- We are now managing this issue under the Alsup Ruling from the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, which takes us back to the 1979 Pet Policy. This allows dogwalking in many areas of the park off-leash, and we need to move forward so we can reclaim management of the issue.
- The controversy has died down since we instituted the formal negotiated rulemaking process as this provides a channel for the public's input on this issue. The elected officials are very appreciative that we instituted the process and they are telling their constituents that they will not get involved at this time and urging them to become part of the process.
- However, we know it is only a matter of time until the controversy heats up again. The DEIS is important to manage this issue as we go forward so the courts or our elected officials don't manage it for us—as you know this is a use that has emerged over time in this and a number of other NPS areas and this will be the first comprehensive DEIS to address this use
- Addressing the use does not only mean specifying where dogwalking can occur and under what conditions, but where it should not, based on resource impacts and visitor use concerns.

#### Chris's Remarks :

- Short history of the project and why we chose to use the Reg-Neg and EIS Process
- Increasing Controversy
- Threat by Congressional Members to take matters into their own hands to quell the controversy

- **ANPR , 2002 and NAU Public Telephone Survey, 2002:** Public was asked to comment on a range of potential dog management options for addressing this use in the park. Recommended that they would like the park to move forward to evaluate possible off-leash use if it protected the resources and other visitors.
- **Federal Panel, 2002:** Panel of Senior NPS officials recommended "...that off-leash dogwalking in GGNRA may be appropriate in selected locations where resource impacts can be adequately mitigated and public safety incidents and public use conflicts can be appropriately managed."
- **U.S. v. Barley, et al, 2005:** Judge Alsup ruled that the NPS was required to engage in rulemaking, including notice and comment, before closing areas of the park to off-leash use, which returned the park to widespread off-leash use per the 1979 Pet Policy. We need to complete the Dog Management Plan so we can confine this use to appropriate areas. **Reg Neg**
- **Negotiated Rulemaking:** concluded in October 2007 and the Committee's 2-year charter expired on February 8, 2008.
- They did not reach overall consensus on dog management, but they did reach consensus on the following points: a) guiding principles for dog management, b) one park site, and c) a professional dogwalking proposal.
- We are proud that we are only the 2<sup>nd</sup> park to successfully complete this process.
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- Besides the agreements, we feel that an added benefits are a) a better understanding of the needs of the NPS and all parties involved, and b) increased communication between representatives who now know each other.
- **NPS Symposium: A Discussion on Pet Use and Management in the NPS—May 2007**
- We learned that many national park site are wrestling with this issue—including several national parks(Cape Cod, Gettysburg, Shenandoah Gateway, NCR, Prince William Forest Park, Rock Creek Park,)
- We are now working on completing the DEIS
- I will now turn the floor over to Michael and Shirwin to explain the elements of the DEIS

#### **Michael's Remarks:**

Overview of DEIS

- Majority of the park is closed to dog use
- Of the small amount of area open for dog use, a smaller percentage of that is proposed for off-leash use
- We are looking at this use in a county-wide focus—this allows us to evaluate what should be the appropriate extent of this use within each of the 3 counties of the park,
- We do have some management guidelines common to all alternatives: no off trail dog walking, no dogs in campgrounds, and dogs must be on leash in parking lots and picnic areas. Above all, the only areas that are open to dogwalking in GGNRA are those designated for either on leash or off leash within a Regulated Off Leash Area (ROLA).
- You will note that areas proposed for dogwalking use confine the majority of that use to the perimeter of any large areas of contiguous habitat – keeping dogs out of the sensitive areas.
- The emphasis is to provide access adjacent to developed areas, especially within already manipulated landscapes, and so positioned to not impact other existing visitor uses or park resources, per the direction of the Federal Panel.

Launch into briefing:

Total GGNRA owned lands: 30,882.74

GGNRA managed acres: 15,482.74

Currently allowing off leash: 551 or 3.5%

Alt C would allow: 109 or .7%

Alt D would allow: 22 or .14%

Alt E would allow: 117 or .75% (seventy five one hundredths of a percent)

Lands within GOGA/MUWO/PORE Boundary: 80,403.47

Currently allowing off leash: 551 or .685%

Alt C would allow: 109 or .135 %

Alt D would allow: 22 or .02%

Alt E would allow: 117 or .145%



**GGNRA-NPS-Facilitation Team Call**  
**September 7, 2006**  
**3:30 p.m. PDT**

Draft Agenda

1. Updates
2. Status of draft meeting summary
3. Agenda for September 13 Tech Subcommittee meeting
  - Finalize agenda
  - Confirm documents and availability in advance or at meeting:
    - Nationwide Dog Management Tools
    - Updated NEPA-Reg Neg Timeline
    - Attributes Table

Note: I know Sarah has indicated there is “lots of paper” in response to the Tech Committee’s data requests, so I anticipate this list of documents will be longer

4. Agenda for September 21 Committee meeting
  - Finalize agenda
  - Confirm documents and availability in advance or at meeting:
5. Strategy for addressing natural resource rulemaking
6. Scheduling future meetings of Tech Committee and Committee: status

**GGNRA Dog Management Plan/EIS and Negotiated Rulemaking  
Call Agenda**

**May 23, 2006**

1. EQD role
  - a. Overall
  - b. Administration of contracts
  - c. Goal of calls and standing call time every other week, plus call two weeks and one week prior to reg-neg meetings
2. Project Agreement
3. June reg-neg meeting?
  - a. regular committee & subcommittees (need list of participants)
  - b. park issues and interests (by geographical area) – due June 9
  - c. schedule changes reg-neg/NEPA?
4. Data Needs list (see attached) and To Do list (see attached)
  - a. Review and identify responsible party/due date for each item on Data Needs list
  - b. Review and identify responsible party/due date for each item on To Do list
  - c. \*\*\*Protocol for updating list: provide Shirwin or Michael with updates, she and EQD will combine into an overall updated list before each call.
5. Agency scoping
  - a. FWS & NOAA
    - i. meet both agencies at same time?
  - b. Set up time to have them give presentation to reg-neg committee?
6. Status of the Presidio Trust as a cooperating agency
  - a. Additional NOI and public scoping meetings
7. GIS Funding
8. Next Steps for NEPA Process
  - a. review of no action
  - b. affected environment
  - c. alternatives
9. Next call tentatively set for June \_\_\_\_\_, 2006 at \_\_\_\_\_ Pacific time

## EQD Communications with SES

### NEPA

#### 1. **Doc Review:**

Per our discussion--you may choose to hold this until June 12th, or post now for review. These should be familiar to most people who deal with NEPA documents and DO-12. They are not precise definitions and do not have to be. They are instead indications of context, duration and magnitude of impact, per NEPA, CEQ and DO-12. They help the reader understand if the impact to a particular resource, given the action, is little or big, and would be short or long-term. They also help NPS determine if there is potential for impairment. (Recall the DO-12 training).

If there are major substantive disagreements on these thresholds, then Heidi and the subcontractors should not proceed with impacts of the no action alternative, which was due awhile ago, but put on hold. So, as soon as you can confirm when the park will have comments in on this product (and the other two, per our conversation today), Michael and I can work on the revised schedule.

2. **Current conditions info:** Michael just brought up a good point that not all park users will be represented on the technical subcommittee, so there may have to be people assigned to get the information from others, or the full committee may need to be asked these questions.
3. **Agency Scoping:** the agency scoping letter would also be helpful to clarify what NEPA agency involvement is vs. regneg...

This needs a bit of work....but I'm tied up the rest of the day. You could look on the N drive for the agency scoping letter we used for the South Florida/Caribbean plan/EIS. At a minimum, it needs to explain....

- we are doing the EIS in conformance with NEPA and DO-12....
- public scoping was completed
- EIS purpose and need (and enclose the public scoping brochure)
- more info on PEPC
- purpose of agency scoping
- NOI was published on....
- Options for participation if they can't attend the meeting

Not necessarily in this order, but this is suppose to be a record of initiating formal agency scoping and beyond.

4. **Maps:** (info to EQD from Craig Scott) It was a simple misunderstanding. When I'm asked for GIS files, the first question I always ask in return is "can somebody there actually use GIS files?" We mistakenly thought the answer was yes. As you can see, they're quite useless without the software and training. So you really want

a series of maps. Jpeg or Pdf format. Not a problem. Next week, after Tuesday, we can talk about exactly what you need. In the meantime, can you think about these questions?

- Printed map size? 8 1/2x 11", 11x17", 22x34".....What size can you print? Will it be published?
- Geographic Extent? What kind of detail can be shown on a parkwide scale? GGNRA is a long, odd shape with many separate areas and densely urban areas.
- What information should be consistent to all maps/base map?
- What information should be grouped? Enough to show patterns not too much clutter.
- Who is the audience? Are they familiar with GGNRA? The less familiar, the more labelling necessary. Labelling takes the greatest amount of time in map creation. With a GGNRA saavy audience, airphotos convey a great deal of information.

Sounds good. We'll actually have a contractor here next week who hopefully will be on board soon to interface with you on maps for internal team analysis/planning work vs. maps for the actual public document (which won't be out for at least a year)

5. **LE Date Source** :Shirwin and I discussed the information submitted last year (July 2005), and resubmitted during the NEPA EIS public scoping period by CBD (CBD submitted the petition last year on behalf of a number of groups). There is information submitted in the petition as well as in the exhibits that may be very useful for NEPA planning purposes. There is information in the petition and exhibits concerning visitor experience, human health and safety, conflicts, animal welfare, etc. We are going to post the documents up on an ftp site on Monday after EQD discusses the best way to organize the exhibits electronically.

Shirwin will get a read from Mary Beth (LE) and others as to the validity of the information summarized in the petition and presented in the exhibits. Much of this information appears to have come from the park's records (FOIA'd) and if it was accurately summarized, may solve our more immediate needs for LE and "visitor conflict" information. There may be other data needs, but this appears to be a very good start.

So, we'll send out an email when the docs (petition and exhibits) are posted. (Heidi...Shirwin said the petition itself is up on the CBD website).

## REG NEG

1. We really don't want this to go out without a more focused discussion with the neutrals on how it is to be used. We don't understand what the column is for "criteria," for example. In further discussions with NPS folks who tried to do neg reg and not integrate with NEPA, all said in hind-sight, it was a flaw. We don't have, from the NEPA side, "criteria" fleshed out yet and pushing the committee to do this ahead of our process and understanding of it may lead to further problems. Barbara Goodyear raised questions about this at our meeting with the park. If you want to wait until Chris returns, or have a discussion in advance of her return, that is fine, but either way, we would like you to hold off on doing anything further without a discussion with EQD, park, Greg and/or Mike.
  - Got your message. Sounds like you and Greg went ahead and talked. Michael's email is not functioning until Wednesday. In terms of sending the matrix out without the criteria column until we, as a team, understand what the term "criteria" means, that sounds reasonable. That's really what we were getting at. Also, yes, let's have a discussion with IECR (including Mike Eng) about how this integrated process is suppose to work, understanding we are breaking a bit of new ground here for NPS. We were under the impression that one of the reasons (criteria) used to select the facilitators was they were open to an integrated process, so a bit of planning and discussion about next steps would seem very appropriate rather than on a product by product, chart by chart basis.
  - We would like to have Heidi in on that discussion as well, so it would have to be after she returns from Mexico.
2. When I spoke to Greg Bourne re: the issues and interests matrix, also briefly mentioned your interest in getting input from the committee members re: current conditions through the current conditions matrix and list of questions. He thought that was great and it would be good to discuss with you when/how to proceed with that.
  - I thought the way Greg wanted to proceed with this was to get the sub committee involved at their first get together and hash out the information or ways to get the information? The information in the (data needs) chart is really more of a compilation of what the full committee reported (and Mike recorded on the flip charts) combined with the NEPA needs, with what we heard various committee members say they could provide, so with the help of the facilitator (Greg and/or Mike), the subcommittee could tackle this. Sounds like we could use a call this week with Greg if needed?
3. Interesting. Can we put this on the agenda when we talk with Greg? We are trying to learn more about how this works re structure, content, substance to

potentially apply to other parks. For example, does the planning committee do a review of meeting materials (handouts?) prior to the meeting? Thanks

### **Why doesn't GGNRA simply adopt the 1979 Pet Policy as its dog management regulation?**

Conditions within the park have changed significantly since 1979; increased visitation, addition of park areas and increased knowledge of resources within the park must be taken into consideration in the development of any dog management regulation. An NPS rule must also be consistent with applicable statutory requirements, such as the National Environmental Policy Act and the Endangered Species Act; the 1979 Pet Policy was developed without any environmental analysis. In addition, the draft dog management plan/SEIS found that accepting the 1979 Pet Policy in its entirety would not meet the purpose and need of the plan (stated previously), thus formalizing the Pet Policy as the dog management regulation was considered but dismissed.

### **What are the concerns about current off-leash dog walking in GGNRA?**

Although the 1979 policy and current park information state that dogs off-leash in the park must be under control, the park has no legally-enforceable voice-control guidelines governing off-leash behavior and many off-leash dogs are not well-controlled by their walkers. Uncontrolled, off-leash dogs create safety issues for park visitors and staff, and are a source of conflict between dog walkers and other user groups.

### **What is the definition of voice and sight control dog walking that would be required under a new GGNRA dog walking regulation?**

As defined in the draft Plan/SEIS, voice and sight control means that dogs must be within direct eyesight of the dog walker, and that dog walkers must be able to immediately recall their dog(s) to their side so that a leash can be attached to the dog(s)'s collar, and shall demonstrate this ability when requested by Law Enforcement personnel. This definition is similar to other land management agencies that allow off-leash dog walking.

## **Federal Panel Suggested Guidelines for a Dog Management Program - GOGA plan specifically addresses 10 of the 14**

1. Design a rule that allows for **adaptive management**, which allows the park flexibility and discretion to adjust to changing environmental and public-use conditions. The superintendent's compendium could be an effective tool for assessing future conditions and managing adaptively to a changing environment. The rule might address parameters or circumstances that would initiate a change to the compendium and requirements for public notification.
2. Develop a program to **monitor and track impacts** associated with off-leash dog use against benchmark indicators.
3. Clearly **distinguish between on-leash, off-leash, and no pet areas** to avoid management and public confusion.
4. Consider seasonal, weekly, and daily **timeframes** for off-leash use to mitigate conflict with resource values or other public uses.
5. Consider **collaborative partnerships for educating** visitors regarding appropriate off-leash use.
6. Consider **how off-leash dog use incidents should be reported and managed**.
7. Consider **requiring permits for off-leash dog use** as a method for educating users and monitoring activity.
8. Consider **establishing licensing requirements or other identification** for pets.
9. Consider **requiring commercial dog walkers to obtain and display individual business permits** and consider limiting the number of pets per walker to protect public safety and resources.
10. Consider **how pet waste will be managed** to protect resources and provide a high-quality visitor experience.
11. Consider establishing **enforceable thresholds for noise management**.
12. Consider establishing **guidelines for impounding pets**.
13. Consider establishing **guidelines for cost-recovery for dog rescues**.
14. Consider developing guidelines for achieving **unified law enforcement** of pet management rules between park police and park rangers.



## Minutes

**Meeting:** San Mateo Leadership Team

**Date:** November 21, 2013, 9:30 – 11am

**Location:** 201 Fort Mason, Golden Gate Room

<b>Attendees:</b>	Kevin Cochary (Chief Ranger)	Sue Gardner (Stewardship)
	Matt Wallat (LE Supervisor)	Steve Haller (CR Historian)
	Dan Collman (Facilities Manager)	Peter Gavette (CR Archeologist)
	Jeff Obirek (Maint Supervisor)	Shirwin Smith (Dog & Park Mgmt)
	Nancy Hornor (Planning Chief)	Hilary Hobbs (Business)
	Brian Aviles (Senior Planner)	Keith Stegall (Trails Supervisor)
	Kirsten Holder (Trails Planner)	Christine Carey (Coordinator)

*Please review the below notes and your action items, and ensure they are completed.*

### 1. DEBRIEF – PUBLIC MEETINGS

- a) Dog Plan Meeting 11/4 –Attendance at all of the dog public meetings for the SEIS was not as high as previous dog public meetings but conversations were productive. Approximately 70 people attended San Mateo meeting. General attitude of participants was disappointment and despair. Several requests were made for additional on-leash areas at Rancho. Kevin acknowledged that we have already been fairly flexible and recommended holding firm to our decisions.
- b) Open House 11/19 –Approximately 20 people attended the open house. Communications/Public Affairs and Planning staff are brainstorming ways to make the open houses more efficient and increase attendance. Suggestions included:
  - Establish a multi-agency open house in San Mateo to capture broader audience
  - Take advantage of where visitors are already with outreach through the Roving Ranger rather than inviting people to a separate event

Nancy noted that even if attendance at the open house is low, the topic summary is still sent out to a significant number of people through the mailing list and media sites, and the public is still generally informed. Jeff offered Maintenance support at public meetings as needed.

### 2. FINAL WORKPLANS

Workplan/Accomplishments & Vision Plan is complete. Final version can be found here: [Accomplishments and Vision Plan](#). Thanks for all the feedback! The plan was presented at the Open House on 11/19 and will be presented to Conservancy and NPS Senior Staff. This is our roadmap for the next 3 years; Christine will follow up with each division quarterly on progress.

### 3. SWEENEY NIKE MISSILE SITE

The San Mateo County Historical Association sent a letter to Steve Haller requesting an explanation for the management team's decision to remove the Nike radar installation at Sweeney Ridge. The 2010 Historical Resources Study for GGNRA recommended that the buildings, "not be removed but instead preserved in some form". Steve prepared a draft response indicating that the site does not retain integrity sufficient to qualify for the National Register of Historic Places, identified need to remediate hazardous materials, and noted that the expense and effort for maintaining the site was unsupportable.

Steve requested validation on the decision to remove the buildings. The team agreed that the site could still be "preserved in some form" without the buildings, and recommended a phased approach to immediately address hazardous conditions and remove shells of the buildings when funding is available (note: Vision Plan identifies removal in FY15). The foundations should be retained and new wayside installed to provide interpretive material on the history of the site.

The original [PEPC 29602](#) project addressed stabilization but will need to be updated to address removal. Brian also suggested that the response letter to Historical Association note that additional historical interpretations at Sweeney Ridge can be provided in future for former Coastguard station and the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Portola Expedition.

#### Action Items:

To support the decision, Steve requested the following information:

- Maintenance cost in labor, materials and volunteer efforts associated with keeping the buildings (e.g. graffiti removal)
- Law Enforcement documentation on issues related to Nike Buildings

Christine will assign responsibilities to appropriate divisions to advance removal of buildings.

### 4. RANCHO OFF-ROAD VEHICLE UPDATE

LE has ordered \$3,500 of surveillance equipment to be used throughout the park as needed, and will install camera(s) at Rancho to capture off-road vehicle information at key locations.

One location where vehicles are known to enter the park is behind Seton Medical Center in Moss Beach. The adjacent property owner, Archdiocese of SF, has provided permission to install fence on their property to prevent vehicle access. Project has been proposed in [PEPC 47038](#), discussed with the NEPA/NHPA Compliance team, and will be approved as Admin Review. Dan confirmed that maintenance will cover materials costs.

#### Action Items:

- Rachel is preparing an Operations Plan to address resource protection. Matt will coordinate with new Ranger Ben Zahn to assist.
- Christine will coordinate with Larry to finalize compliance.
- Jeff and Keith will assign zone steward and trail crew staff to construct.
- Christine will coordinate with Jaimie Baxter and Price Sheppy on volunteer date.

## 5. RANCHO FIRE PLAN & SM FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

Wendy Poinsot has prepared responses to comments on the Fire Plan Amendment. Please review and provide input ASAP.

The San Mateo Fire Safe Council meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in Woodside. Other major land management agencies from the Peninsula attend but NPS has not had consistent representation. Rachel attended this month, but indicated it may be better to have someone from the Fire program attend. Kevin agreed regular attendance would be beneficial but not likely from Fire given the anticipated 60-70% cut in their program. Jennifer Chapman has expressed interest in attending, and will be working in Planning Division part time through May 2014.

### Action Items:

- Christine to forward Rancho Fire Plan response to comments to relevant staff
- Kevin suggested a meeting between LE and Planning to discuss strategy and goals for communication. Christine will schedule first few weeks of December.

## 6. EQUESTRIAN LEASE FUNDING

Hilary summarized the projects that were approved and completed with last year's equestrian lease proceeds, and projects that were not completed in FY13 but carried over into FY14. For FY14, approximately \$160,000 is available for programming.

*Policy guidance for appropriate uses of lease proceeds 1998 leasing law (Section 802 of P.L. 105-391 16 USC 1a-2(k)) specifies leasing proceeds must be used for the following 4 purposes:*

- (1) facility refurbishment;
- (2) repair and replacement;
- (3) infrastructure projects associated with park resource protection; and
- (4) direct maintenance of the leased buildings and associated properties.

Team provided requests for FY14 programming – see [2013.11.21 DRAFT FY14 Equestrian Revenue](#).

### Action Items:

Please submit additional requests and associated costs to Hilary **no later than Friday 12/6**. We will review the final list during our December team meeting and adjust priorities as needed based on our FY14 Vision Plan.

## 7. PACIFICA LIAISON COMMITTEE

Pacifica's City Council reestablished the GGNRA Pacifica Liaison Committee. The primary purpose is to facilitate communication between the park and Pacifica, and make recommendations to City Council on issues related to GGNRA. The first meeting was held 11/20; priority issues include:

- Transfer of Pedro Point and Cattle Hill to GGNRA
- Creating new workplan for Committee
- Devil's Slide Trail / connection to Pedro Point and Pacifica
- Dog Management SEIS

Christine and/or Price will attend these meetings.

We will need to determine position on Cattle Hill. Nancy suggested potentially acquiring conservation easement over lower parcel with City of Pacifica to retain fee ownership. Christine will schedule team site visit to Cattle Hill in new year to assess.

## **8. ENG PROPERTY**

POST anticipates acquiring the 900-acre parcel in December or early January. Level 1 Environmental Site Assessment has been completed; POST has requested an estimate from a consultant for additional work.

Three structures exist on the property: concrete building at Half Moon Bay Gun Club; cell tower for Touchtel Communications; structure leased by FAA. In addition to these three leases, PG&E has easements throughout the property.

Nancy, Kirstin, Christine, Katharine Arrow, Brian Ullensvang and Vika Sirova met with POST and SFPUC at the Eng property on 11/18 to conduct site visit. In addition to contamination from target shooting at the Gun Club, a trash dump and remnants of skeet were found on the site visit. Site maps included in [2013.11.21\\_San Mateo meeting.pptx](#).

The intention is for NPS to acquire the property eventually (estimate 5-10 years). Kevin requested appropriate succession planning for Gun Club to disassociate the connection between their departure and our acquisition.

### **Topic moved to December meeting due to time constraints:**

- Calera Parkway Project update (Highway 1 Pacifica)

### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

Thursday, December 19, 2013, 9:30-11am (Golden Gate Room)

Thursday, January 23, 2013, 9:30-11am (Golden Gate Room)

NEW ACTION ITEMS		Assigned Staff	Due Date	Completion Date	
1.	Provide input on response to comments on Fire Plan	FMP IDT	12/1/13		
2.	Submit additional equestrian lease info to Hilary	ALL	12/6/13		
3.	Discuss fire communication	Kevin, Randy, Matt, Nancy, Christine	12/10/13		
4.	Ops plan for Seton fence	Rachel	12/13/13		
5.	Compliance for Seton fence	Larry	12/13/13		
6.	Assign staff for construction of Seton Fence	Keith & Jeff	12/13/13		
7.	Coordinate volunteer effort with Jaimie for Seton Fence	Christine	12/13/13		
8.	Provide Sweeney Nike maintenance costs to Steve	Jeff	12/19/13		
9.	Send documented cases near Sweeney Nike site to Steve	Shirwin	12/19/13		
10.	Outline next steps for Nike site	Christine	12/19/13		
11.	Cattle Hill Site Visit (date TBD, January or February)	ALL	3/1/14		

PREVIOUS ACTION ITEMS		Assigned Staff	Due Date	Completion Date	
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14.	Comments on PG&E MOU	All	11/8/13	11/8/13	✓
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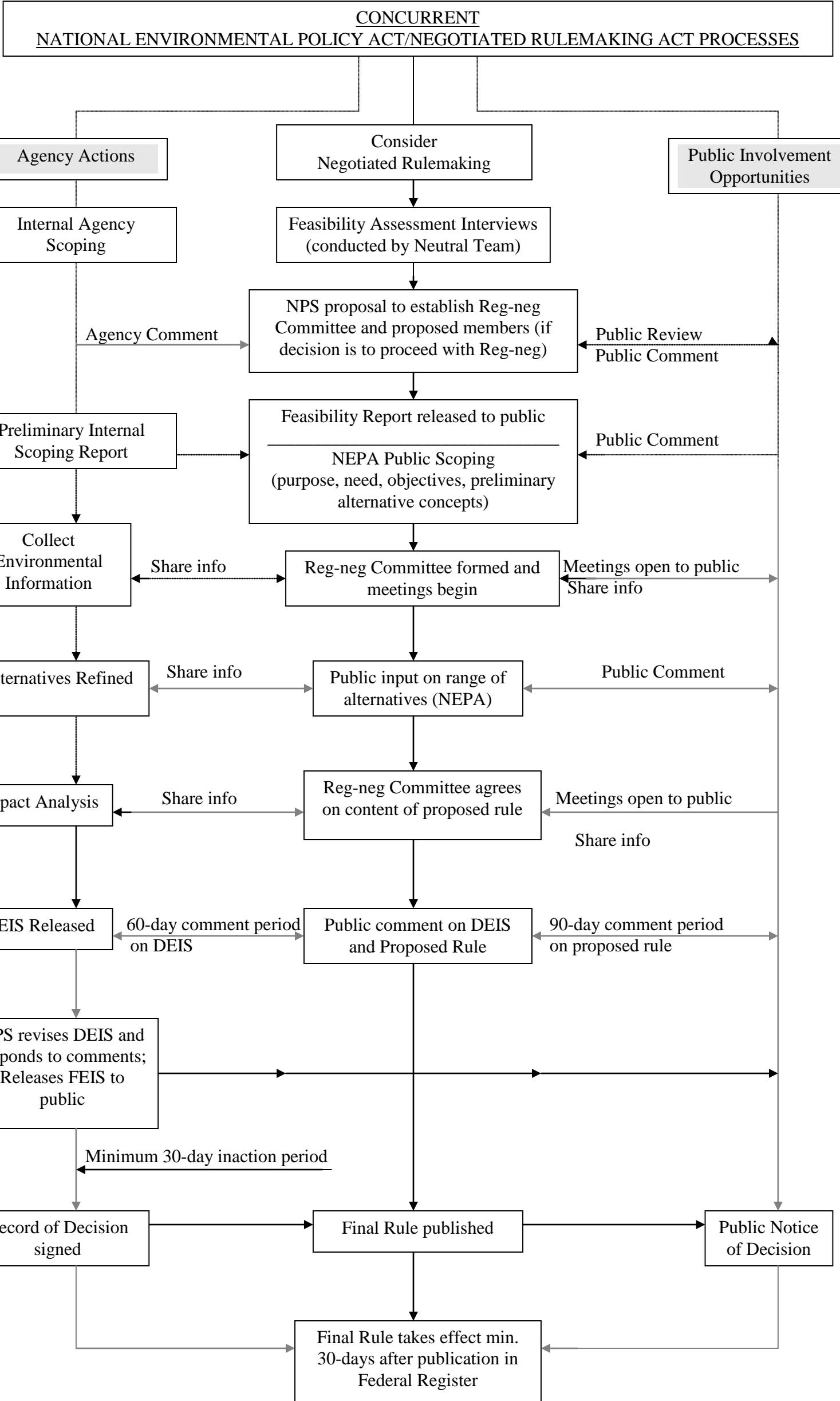
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