



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

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- Through mail by 5:00 PM on the day prior to the Committee meeting sent to LOCSO
- Through teleconference meeting at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/139650283>

AGENDA

- 1. Opening at 5:30 p.m. – Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2. Approve Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2019 and January 21, 2020**
(Recommend approval)
Presented by: Administrative Services Manager Durban
- 3. Brown Act Training**
Presented by: Director Ochylski
- 4. Dog Park - Update & Discussion**
Presented by: Chairperson Fourcroy
 - A. Surface Options
 - B. Concept Plan Comments
- 5. Ferrell St. Pathway and Pocket Park - Update & Discussion**
Presented by: General Manager Munds
 - A. Progress Report
- 6. Present Board Approved 2020 Work Plan for Parks and Recreation**
Presented By: Chair Fourcroy/General Manager Munds
- 7. Public Comments on Items NOT on this Agenda:** At this time, the public may comment on items not on this agenda. Each commenter is limited to 3 minutes and shall address the Chairperson.
- 8. Schedule Next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
- 9. Closing Comments by Parks and Recreation Committee Members**
- 10. Adjournment**

Los Osos Community Services District
DRAFT Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
November 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
<p>1. Call to Order, Flag Salute, and Roll Call</p>	<p>Chairperson Fourcroy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the flag salute.</p> <p><u>Roll Call:</u> Alissa Feldman, Committee Member – Present William Fitzgerald, Committee Member - Present Jennifer Foronjy, Committee Member – Absent Andrea Lueker, Committee Member – Absent Shaunna Sullivan, Committee Member – Absent Christine Womack, Vice Chairperson – Absent Matthew Fourcroy, Chairperson – Present</p> <p><u>Staff:</u> Ron Munds, General Manager Laura Durban, Administrative Services Manager</p>	
<p>2. Approve Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2019</p>	<p>Administrative Services Manager Durban presented the draft minutes to the Committee for approval.</p> <p>Public Comment – None</p> <p>Committee Member Fitzgerald moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 16, 2019 and the motion was seconded by Committee Member Feldman and was carried by unanimous consent.</p>	<p>Action: File minutes.</p>
<p>3. Dog Park Discussion</p> <p>a. Location vs. New Library</p> <p>b. Progress Report</p> <p>c. Santa Barbara Dog Park Materials Overview</p>	<p>General Manager Munds commented on the first public workshop for the Library, the clear favorite was the existing library site; Library to pursue the existing site to renovate and extending.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy commented that the District is working on fostering relationship with CSD Parks and Recreation and the County Parks and Recreations; that a Landscape Architect at Wallace Group has Volunteer/Community Service hours that will hopefully be used to help us create a visual tool of what we are proposing for the Dog Park and how much capital it will take to pull the Dog Park off; one of the biggest challenges will be what we can permit and how do we hand off the park and who will maintain it.</p> <p>Committee Member Fitzgerald presented his report as submitted in the Agenda Packet including size, cost, who will administer, criteria for RFP proposals, vandalism/theft, and what will be included at the park.</p> <p>General Manager Munds commented that the organization that will run it is one of the most important things.</p> <p>Public Comment – Yael Korin inquired about having one space versus having different spaces based on size of dog.</p> <p>Margaret Lent commented on having an extra fence down the middle to separate the two sections.</p> <p>Pat Imatil inquired if District is at the infancy stage on how big the Dog Park will be; will there be more discussion before the size is decided in this forum.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy responded that we are at the infancy stage, the size has not been presented yet, Wallace Group will be helping with the size as well as any land barriers for what we would need between the Dog Park and other properties.</p> <p>General Manager Munds responded that further discussions would be during the Parks and Recreation Meeting.</p>	

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
<p>3. Dog Park Discussion (continued)</p>	<p>Lindee Owen commented that she would like to donate diagrams to Wallace Group to try to protect native plants; start looking for an organization that can form to start advocating and learning what the District needs to do; liabilities should be included on the list and disclaimers; and on fundraising.</p>	
<p>4. Ferrell St. Pathway and Pocket Park Discussion</p> <p>a. Snail Study</p> <p>b. Pathway Part of Circulation Plan</p> <p>c. Progress Report</p>	<p>Chairperson Fourcroy gave a brief history of the Pocket Park; commented of phasing the Pocket Park into two, a path way and a pocket park; commented that a snail study is pending rain.</p> <p>Committee Member Feldman provided a diagram made available to the committee and the public for the Pocket Park; commented on the pathway going through the lot; that many members of the community like to navigate Los Osos without a car and improving this pathway would accommodate many residents; improving upon what's there with native plants and benches; suggested making it an adopt-a-park situation; initiated communication with Cal Poly to see if a class or student project could take on a simple diagram for the lot.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy expressed support for getting help from Cal Poly; commented that he brought the pathway to attention of a wider audience by bringing it to LOCAC, Traffic & Circulation, and the Bicycle Advisory Committee and what the best solution for the whole community would be.</p> <p>Public Comment - John Lin inquired on the length of trail at the Pocket Park; is there a budget for the path and trees.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy commented that this pathway is not a main street and is safer for riding; there is a Parks and Recreation budget and we are looking for projects to utilize that money, this pathway would be a superior alternative for the community.</p> <p>Paul Hershfield commented that having a nice place to go in that part of town would be nice, with a native garden you could put tags on the plants and make it an educational opportunity.</p> <p>Pat Imatil inquired if the thought process is to put the path down and then beautify the park as time goes.</p> <p>Lindee Owen commented that Traffic & Circulation would like the pathway to go through; granite is more environmentally friendly; make the pathway as wide as we can get away with; to start planting when we can; to notify the neighbors ahead of time.</p> <p>Christina Grimm inquired on what materials would hold up against gophers; commented the District should go with something more solid.</p> <p>Committee Member Feldman commented on the walkway on Santa Isabela.</p> <p>Margaret Lent inquired if the pocket park is just north of the sandy trail that is in the lot and if the pocket park would fill the whole parcel or just the portion of it.</p> <p>Yael Korin commented that if the District goes through the trouble of improving the pathway that it should be multi-purpose; inquired if LOCAC Tree & Landscape will be involved.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy responded that a preliminary plan will be needed first.</p>	

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<p>5. Parks and Recreation Community Calendar Discussion</p>	<p>Chairperson Fourcroy commented that the description is not the best, we are going to discuss the Parks and Recreation Resource Page; asked Christina Grimm to present this Agenda Item.</p> <p>Christina Grimm reported that while the District is waiting for the HCP and the Community plan to develop that the District should work on the Recreation part of Parks and Recreation. Recommends creating a Parks and Recreation Resource Page on the District website, where the District hosts a hub on information for all the various things that are happening and going on in our town. The District would start very carefully rolling out items seasonally and would start with natural resources and facilities. An example is camping, state parks, parks that are in Los Osos, organized sports leagues and clubs. Information that would help residents with Parks and Recreation, including information on being able to kayak from the Cuesta Inlet, and solicit community feedback for items that the community would like supported more in our community.</p> <p>General Manager Munds commented that this webpage would be hosted on the CSD website and the District would work with volunteers to keep that website fresh as well as start using social media and email newsletters; that the district would promote things that are in other areas that promote community value.</p> <p>Public Comment –Yael Korin voiced support but inquired how we would let the community know it is there.</p> <p>Christina Grimm commented that there are so many places to get information and sometimes it can be hard to find the correct information that a person is looking for; the goal would be to make this a reliable resource so that the community would begin to trust that they can come to this one place to find the resources that they need.</p> <p>Lindee Owens supported the idea and commented to connect with the Chamber of Commerce and put out an information sheet so residents can find the information.</p>	
<p>6. Public Comment on Items NOT on the Agenda</p>	<p>Yael Korin commented on LOCAC Tree & Landscape and planting trees in the community; inquired about planting on CSD properties; working on planting trees at the community center; formed a 501(c)3 so they can fundraise for trees and promote community involvement.</p> <p>Margaret Lent commented Los Osos Bear Roots Tree & Landscape Group can apply for grants but need permission from property owner to do the planting; inquired if any District properties could be beautified.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy responded that most properties the CSD own are industrial and we are under strict limitation on what the District can have on some of the properties.</p> <p>Lindee Owen commented on the Nipomo and South Bay Blvd landscaping to hold the bank in place; commented on the Sunnyside lot to get an agreement to let the public have access to use the area.</p>	
<p>7. Schedule Next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting</p>	<p>The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on January 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noticed.</p>	
<p>8. Closing Comments by Parks and Recreation Committee Members</p>		
<p>9. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.</p>	

Los Osos Community Services District
DRAFT - Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
January 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
<p>1. Call to Order, Flag Salute, and Roll Call</p>	<p>Chairperson Fourcroy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the flag salute.</p> <p><u>Roll Call:</u> Alissa Feldman, Committee Member – Arrived 5:47 William Fitzgerald, Committee Member - Present Jennifer Foronjy, Committee Member – Absent Andrea Lueker, Committee Member – Arrived 5:39 Shaunna Sullivan, Committee Member – Absent Christine Womack, Vice Chairperson – Absent Matthew Fourcroy, Chairperson – Present</p> <p><u>Staff:</u> Ron Munds, General Manager Laura Durban, Administrative Services Manager Carol Gilmer, Administrative Clerk</p>	
<p>2. Approve Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2019</p>	<p>Administrative Services Manager Durban presented the draft minutes to the Committee for approval.</p> <p>Public Comment – None</p> <p>Committee Member Fitzgerald moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 19, 2019. The minutes will be brought back to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Action: Bring Minutes back to next meeting.</p>
<p>3. Dog Park Discussion</p> <p>a. Progress Report</p>	<p>Chairperson Fourcroy presented the Dog Park Concept Site Plan that Matthew Parker of the Wallace Group generously donated commenting on the park using the 20,000 square foot lot, being divided into two areas, one large breed area and one small breed area, 30' setbacks, screening and shade trees, ornamental shrubs, hydroseed mix for erosion control, pre-fab restroom, slope erosion control, large berm to help block sound, 19 parking spaces and one ADA parking space; much of the concept plan thinking went in to considering the neighbors; next steps include defining actual surface, landscaping, obtaining community input and organize suggestions for future decisions.</p> <p>General Manager Munds commented that Matthew Parker stated this concept plan is a good place to start and plan is based on the elevations of the lot.</p> <p>Public Comment - Linde Owen inquired about parking spaces commenting that she would like less parking spaces giving more space for dog park; recommended 2 ADA parking spaces.</p> <p>General Manager Munds commented he was unsure if there are parking requirements and will look into it; the District will compile comments from the community.</p> <p>Christina Grimm commented on using the CSD Website to post the Concept Plan for the public to view and comment, and post the link to various other websites to solicit suggestions and ideas from the community.</p> <p>Administrative Services Manager Durban commented using the CSD website is possible.</p> <p>Linde Owen suggested an article being placed in the Estero News giving details about the dog park; commented in favor of using website to solicit community suggestions regarding the dog park concept plan; on shrubbery for the landscaping.</p> <p>Linde Owen commented on maintenance regarding native plants and landscaping; on public bathroom.</p>	

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<p>3. Dog Park Discussion (continued)</p>	<p>Committee Member Leuker inquired about the surface.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy commented that the Dog Park Committee would work on surfaces; directed staff to create a webpage on the website for community input.</p> <p>The Committee and the public discussed the pros and cons to having more or less parking.</p>	
<p>4. Ferrell St. Pathway and Pocket Park Discussion</p> <p>a. Snail Study</p> <p>b. Pathway Part of Circulation Plan</p> <p>c. Progress Report</p>	<p>General Manager Munds contracted with a local Biologist, Dwayne Oberhoff, to perform the snail survey, and snails where found; commented that the pocket park will have to be on hold until Habitat Conservation Plan is finished; commented that Dwayne felt it was possible to propose the pathway project with certain mitigations; the report has been submitted to Fish and Wildlife Service for approval.</p> <p>Committee Member Leuker inquired if having a barrier would be a benefit to the snail habitat because it would keep residents off the habitat.</p> <p>General Manager Munds commented on using ropes designating the path or possibly signage.</p> <p>Committee Member Leuker inquired if we were waiting on Fish and Wildlife to proceed.</p> <p>General Manager Munds commented that the District's hope is that Fish and Wildlife will make a determination that the District can move forward.</p> <p>Committee Member Feldman inquired about the time frame for the HCP Report.</p> <p>General Manager Munds responded probably 1 year, commenting on government response time frames as well as County processes and the HCP being linked with the Los Osos Community Plan.</p> <p>Committee Member Feldman asked if we can proceed with the pathway without waiting for another year for the HCP report.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy commented the District is hoping Fish and Wildlife will move forward as the District is not making a new path but improving a current path.</p> <p>Public Comment - Linde Owen commented on the pathway and possible pocket park in the future giving an example of the Santa Isabel pathway made with decomposed granite.</p>	
<p>5. Public Comment on Items NOT on the Agenda</p>	<p>Chairperson Fourcroy commented that the District should have the community comments compiled for the Parks & Recreation Committee to go through at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>6. Schedule Next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting</p>	<p>The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on March 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noticed.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy commented that Committee Member, Jennifer Foronjy has stepped down and that Christine Grimm will be appointed at next Board Meeting.</p>	
<p>7. Closing Comments by Parks and Recreation Committee Members</p>	<p>NONE</p>	
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.</p>	



April 21, 2020

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Laura Durban, Administrative Services Manager
Ron Munds, General Manager

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 4B – 04/21/2020 Parks & Recreation Meeting**
Dog Park Concept Plan Comments

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DESCRIPTION

The attached are the Dog Park Concept Plan comments that the District received between January 22, 2020 and April 15, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and provide staff with direction on the next steps to be taken.

DISCUSSION

Per the direction provided from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee at the January 21, 2020 meeting, comments from the public were solicited in order to better refine the details of the draft plan. Staff utilized the District's Facebook page, the ENews online newsletter and the website to gather comments. The District received some favorable publicity regarding the Dog Park Conceptual Plan from a KSBY story. As a result of the story, about 25 people went to the District's website and commented on the plan. In all, 42 comments have been received.

Attached are all the comments received. To summarize, most of the comments made voiced support of the Dog Park Concept Plan. In these comments there were many community members voicing support for grass or artificial turf, and most are against wood chips. There were many comments/inquiries on the size of the park, having drinking water available for the dogs, having a small training/agility area for individual dogs, benches for the dog owners, and the parking.

Other comments of note were asking about finances, timeline, public input from neighbors, trees/shading, and sound.

Attachment



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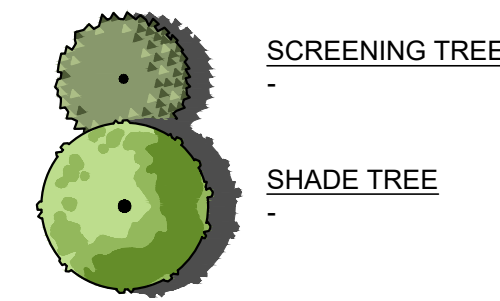
IMPERVIOUS AREA: 15,219 SF

DOG PARK AREA: 20,670 SF

LARGE BREED AREA: 15,536 SF

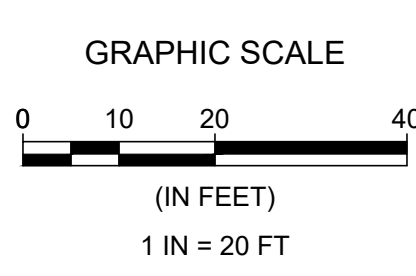
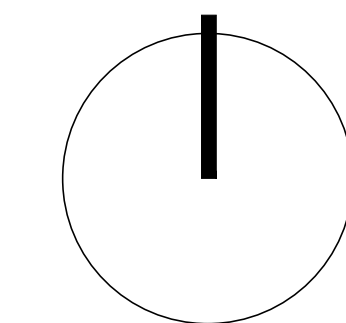
SMALL BREED AREA: 4,919 SF

CONCEPT TREES



SITE DEVELOPMENT

SYMBOL	NOTES
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	DROUGHT TOLERANT NATIVE REVEGETATION -DRIP IRRIGATION
	EROSION CONTROL HYDROSEED MIX
	CONCRETE PATH
	ASPHALT
	PARK SURFACE A
	PARK SURFACE B



LOS OSOS DOG PARK - CONCEPT PLAN

January 13, 2020

Comments:	I strongly support the plan. A dog park is very much needed in Los Osos. The surface material should be less muddy than the Del Mar park and less messy than El Chorro park. Is artificial turf a possibility?
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Comments:	<p>First, a big THANK YOU to all involved in moving forward a much needed Dog Park in our community. Big Picture Question: Why does it have such a large footprint? If we are to keep in step with the Vision found in the draft LO Community Plan, then walking and biking (e.g. non-motorized modes of transportation) are to be encouraged in our land use planning in order to achieve a more Livable Community atmosphere for our town's people. I submit these items for the Committee's consideration: 1. From the Park's Concept Plan map, there are 20 onsite parking spaces, including one ADA parking site. 2. The number of parking spaces suggests this Dog Park was designed as the "be-all and end-all" for dog parks in the South Bay. 3. Is this Dog Park intended to serve the entire LO/BP Community, or are others being planned that are more within walking distance? (Walking distance is considered by transit planners to be no more than a quarter mile to a bus stop). 4. Rather than having one big dog park that is car-oriented, what are the long term plans for a series of walk-able dog parks strategically located throughout the Los Osos/Baywood Park community? 5. Having a greater number of smaller dog parks located throughout our community (on either existing county land or donated lands) would better meet the Vision of the LO Community Plan. Thanks for this opportunity to provide my input to the Dog Park Concept Plan. Yours truly, Tim Los Osos</p>
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Comments:	<p>Hello and thank you for considering this project. I frequent the existing park located between the tennis courts and the community center and find it very nice and attractive. There are a number of regulars who meet to socialize and exercise their pets. In my experience, everyone is friendly and the pets well behaved. The pet owners are responsible and pick up dog droppings, etc. My suggestions include: Keep it simple. Don't overdo the landscaping. Laguna Lake's park has mostly dead trees and shrubs now. Waste bag dispensers are helpful. A water spigot would be nice. Possibly a weed abatement fence and wood shaving ground cover to minimize fox-tails. That's about it from me. Thanks again for your efforts! John</p>
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Comments:	This has been in the works for so many years. Please, let's finally make this happen.
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Comments:	A dog park is critical to the safety of humans and dogs in Los Osos. Having to avoid cars on non-existent sidewalks has been a challenge for me and my husband. To have a fenced in area for my high energy active dog will be amazing; not to mention the community building it will create by neighbors meeting one another. Thanks to all who are working so diligently on this project!
Comments:	Seems small. Thought it was going to be on the corner of LOVR and Pine, where all the non livable houses are. Since people go to the park to have their dogs run and go to the middle school to have them run, this seems inadequate.
Comments:	Add more shade trees. Add a shade/wind shelter where owners can sit and talk with other owners while the dogs play and explore. Make it a robust shelter, especially to shade/shelter from late afternoon/evening sun & sandy wind. Provide a watering point - but I don't know how you could secure it from misuse. Thanks
Comments:	I'm a local dog owner and would like to keep up with the progress towards the dog park. The concept plan looks good. I agree with some of the comments such as including picnic tables and benches. Do we really need that many parking spaces? It seems there is plenty of street parking available. Thank you
Comments:	I was on the board for the development of both the Paso and the Templeton Dog parks . One of the most important things we had to do was fund raising and PR work. I haven't heard how this park is going to be funded? Also, is the county imposing regulations?
Comments:	Hi! Am I correct in seeing that the dogs' actual play area is something other than grass? We take our dog to Del Mar dog park and I can't imagine that dogs would like something called "park surface" rather than a soft grassy area. Thanks for explaining the reasoning you have for this type of surface.
Comments:	I hope you plan to separate small from large dogs. I believe all dog parks in SLO County have separate play areas--for good reason.
Comments:	I'd like the dog park to have grass and shade trees with plenty of benches for dog owners. I'd also like a bathing pool for the dogs with a large water fountain that filters recycled water. Let's do it right the first time! No wood chips!

Comments:	I am in strong support of the Los Osos Dog Park. I believe the dog park is long overdue for our small community. I believe this is great location for our dog park. It is already adjacent to an existing park, across the street from the library and just down from our community center.
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Comments:	A dog park is so needed here. And I appreciate all efforts to build one. And I'll use it. But, if I'm being honest, the planned park is too small by at least half. (Why not just designate that large area behind the library as an off leash area?) A water spigot would be good to fill water bowls. A few more trees. Benches for the two legged. A giant log for the dogs to climb and pee on. Not sure what is planned for the ground. Small bark chips are okay but rough cut chips like at the dog park out by Cuesta are horrible. TBH, I don't go there largely due to the splinter giving chips. It's also tough to pick up poop from. Better gravel, sand or just the bare ground. Lawn is the cleanest and best but probably impractical. Shovels, rakes, poop scoopers and bags encourage people to keep a dog park clean. Clearly marked signs with rules and regs. A volunteer board to organize clean up days etc. is a good idea even though it always gets ugly with politics. Lol. Thanks!
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Comments:	I am a current resident of Los Osos, and have no dog. Yet I am fully in support of bringing a dog park to Los Osos. Without it, dog owners have few in-town choices and thus sometimes resort to bringing them to areas where they are technically not allowed - parks, schools - where they allow them off leash. Because those are the same areas where children are playing, kids' activities are impacted. Kids hesitate to throw a baseball for fear of a dog chasing after them. Kids hesitate to run around the field, for fear of being chased. Kids' guardians are frustrated at having to clean dog poop of a child's shoe, or comfort a child who is already afraid of dogs and is now crying because they got chased by one. The community of Los Osos needs a dog park that allows dogs a chance to run and be free in a dedicated space.
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Comments:	This is great news. Please be sure water is available & consider bark where muddy areas drain.
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Comments:	Is there enough space to fence off a separate space (a rectangle) that a single dog could inhabit to play fetch with its human? If you put a 10 minute time limit on its use I think the humans could work it out so that dogs could get their exercise.
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Comments:	Great idea. Would take the wear and tear off other places that are used for sports and kids events and decrease emissions to drive to Morro Bay area or SLO area for the same purpose. Next let's build some soccer fields!
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Comments:	Sight blocking material should be installed on the fence between the large dog and small dog play areas. Small dog surface should be primarily grass. If wood chips are to be used in the large dog area they should be SMALL, not large shreds or chunks or sticks. A few general suggestions.... Benches should be placed in both areas. A shed is needed for storage of materials (Mutt Mitts, hand sanitizers, yard maintenance equipment etc.). A small kiosk or the like is useful for posting park information, notices, donation envelopes, incident forms etc. Donation boxes or similar should be installed in both large and small play areas. Will the Parks and Rec Committee Meeting be open to the public ?
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Comments:	Yay ! Osos really needs this. The only comment (questions) we have is about what kind of surface materials are being considered? El Chorro seems to be having issues with a poisonous mold/mushroom which may become a problem in the even wetter environment of los osos.. We like bark but many times it is NOT really bark but wood chips which can contain anything. Is there any way we can contribute (\$\$)?
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Comments:	I support
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Comments:	Please do not use wood chips for ground cover like Chorro dog part it's awful and very hard on the dogs paws.
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Comments:	Looks wonderful. Just two comments. Please don't use chips/wood chips, at least in small dog area. My 12 pound dog can't walk in chips much less run - he actually trips over them. Grass is best. Del Mar dog park is great example. Second comment - if there is a way to curve the interior fence by the gate nearest main parking lot it will help keep incoming dogs from being mobbed by dogs already inside. Entry is most dangerous moment for the dog as he is outnumbered and there is lots of excitement. Fights often occur at the moment of entry as ALL the dogs check out the new guy - and it can be overwhelming and result in a fight if the new guy feels cornered. THANK YOU for as ll the work on this project and for being open to public input!
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Comments:	Are there any benches within the grounds for dog owners to sit on? Fixed hydrating fountain for the dogs? Potty bag dispensers?
Comments:	Build it and we will come!
Comments:	Looks great!
Comments:	very exciting. my only comment is that the bark surface at el chorro is awful for the dogs- they get splinters in their mouth when they play fetch! the best dog park i've ever seen is "dogs run free" in Condon park, in Grass Valley. https://www.facebook.com/DogsRunFreeGV/
Comments:	Add an agility course!
Comments:	I like this design. How tall will the fences be? Will there be anyone who cleans it up. People can be very bad at cleaning up after their dog. The separation between large and small dogs is really important. I've lived in Los Osos 34 years and have heard talk of this all that time. It would be wonderful to have a dog park.
Comments:	I walk my pup a couple of times every day. She has 8-9 that she walks with. They are all friendly and social. We always have to try to find places where they can be kids. We say almost daily what a joy a dog park would be. I know I be happy to volunteer to help maintain the park. I love the Chorro dog park but it is hard to get all our pups together. YES PLEASE.
Comments:	This idea probably doesn't belong here.. but, as someone who works with shelter animals and sees a lot of reactivity and aggression towards other dogs. It would be nice to make a field or grass area for dogs who don't get along with other dogs and need to get out some exercise with their owner. something they can rent for 30 minutes? And make some cash off of it. A lot of people in the area, don't have yards or don't have big enough yards to let their dog run around. I've always wanted to do something like this for the community because I know there's plenty of people who would use such a thing. Just maybe something to think about.

Comments:	Hopefully there can be water stations around the yard for the dogs! Also it would be great to have benches and or picnic tables for the humans to use. We can't wait to use the dog park! Thanks for your hard work!
Comments:	What an excellent concept! As local dog owners and residents for over 40 years, we hope this happens! The El Chorro Dog Park is nice, but a closer park would be so wonderful! What a great opportunity to socialize our dogs, and provide them a great place to play! Can't wait...Let's do it!
Comments:	We quit utilizing El Chorro Dog Park due to excessive dust created by active dogs. Our concern was potential transmission of Valley Fever spores in that horrendous dust. We are aware of dogs in Los Osos who frequented El Chorro Dog Park who contracted Valley Fever and later died. Wood chips are not the answer.
Comments:	Excellent Work!
Comments:	It's a lovely plan. Is there a cost estimate to build? What kind of timing?
Comments:	Thank you for your efforts. Here are my initial questions: 1. How does this compare size-wise to other dog parks in the County? 2. Is there a sufficient visual break between the small and large dog areas? 3. It would be wonderful if the park could be designed to have a training area as a permanent or easily convertible component. Thanks again.
Comments:	I love it! I love that there is more parking as well, although I'm wondering how we plan to fund that. Thanks to the Wallace Group.
Comments:	Do we bring our doggie to the meeting? Looks like a good idea for the community. Not much space for a large dog.
Comments:	Please make sure those that live on that side of Bush drive, like myself, have greater input on issues such as noise, increased smells and the placing of trees to block views.

Comments:	The parking seems excessive because there are also between 8-10 parking options on Palisades, easily within walking distance for most dog owners. Realistic review of how many parking spots could be needed needs to be considered because it takes away space for the exercise area. The Skate Park provided zero extra parking spots when approved. Also ADA handicaps parking should be increased to at least 5 because many users in need of the opportunity to exercise and socialize their dogs are seniors or cannot walk easily. The plan is well-thought out otherwise. The restroom could use composting toilet technology, if we want to get innovative. Drinking water stations should be considered, as well as benches. Memorial bench options could cover the cost. Also please consider Memorial tree planting as a way to get more shade trees planted. Thanks, Linde. ;-)
Comments:	The ground covering should be grass real or artificial for the dogs to run and play. Other ground coverings are not practical, dirt becomes muddy when it rains and stays that way for days till it dries out or becomes dusty during warm climate, wood chips are not comfortable for the dogs paws. I have had my dog play in parks with grass, wood chips or dirt and the grass covering has been the best for dogs to play and roll around on.
Comments:	Moreover, I see that there will be parking in the new proposed dog park. Will the county then start putting homeless people there along with the County library? If so, please expect lawsuits to the county and to individuals on the board who let this idea to go through. I'm am not kidding.



April 21, 2020

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Ron Munds, General Manager

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5A – 04/21/2020 Parks & Recreation Meeting
Ferrell Ave. Pathway Project**

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DESCRIPTION

The Parks and Recreation Committee has been working on a conceptual plan for an improved pathway between 7th Street and Ferrell Avenue. This report summarizes the progress made since the January 21, 2020 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and provide staff with direction on the next steps to be taken.

DISCUSSION

At the January 21, the Committee was able to review the Morro Shoulderband Snail Habitat Assessment and Protocol Study results the Ferrell Avenue pathway project. The completion of the survey and the approval of the conclusions and recommendations in the report by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) were critical in order for the project to move forward. On March 16th, the District received the formal approval (letter attached) from the USFWS which includes four avoidance and protection measures to protect the snail's onsite.

Before moving the project to the Board for approval, the details of the project need to be determined along with the associate cost estimate. Staff is requesting input from the Committee regarding desired surface materials (asphalt, decomposed granite, etc.), signage and any symbolic barrier to be constructed per the study document.

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March 16, 2020

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Subject: Survey Results and Non-Federal No Take Request for Ferrell Street Footpath Improvement Project (074-251-006), Community of Los Osos, County of San Luis Obispo, California

Dear Mr. Oberhoff:

We have completed our review of the Morro shoulderband snail survey report prepared for the subject project area and the request for our agreement with your determination that project activities are not likely to result in take of the federally endangered Morro shoulderband snail (*Helminthoglypta walkeriana*) (MSS). You submitted the report and request electronically to our office on February 13, 2020. It is our understanding that you are making this request on behalf of the Los Osos Community Services District (LOCSD).

The Ferrell Street Footpath Improvement project area is located in the northern portion of a one-acre parcel owned by the LOCSD, between Ferrell Street and 7th Street within the community of Los Osos. The LOCSD is proposing to improve the existing Ferrell Street dirt footpath with a five- to seven-foot wide asphalt and concrete pedestrian pathway. In addition, along the northern side of the improved footpath, symbolic deterrent fencing will be installed to reduce pedestrian traffic into areas of coastal scrub habitat on site. The site consists of mostly nonnative vegetation mowed regularly for fire hazard abatement, with small isolated patches of remnant coastal scrub habitat adjacent to the project area.

You and Bob Sloan, under the authority of recovery permits TE180579-1 and TE43937B-0, respectively, conducted one survey for MSS on December 6, 2019, that covered the 0.04-acre northern portion of the parcel. Two live and active adult MSS were observed within the remnant coastal scrub habitat present within the survey area. Specifically, one MSS was observed under a coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*) and the other under a black sage (*Salvia mellifera*). No empty MSS shells and no other species of snail was observed during the survey efforts.

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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) responsibilities include administering the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), including sections 7, 9, and 10. Section 9 of the Act prohibits the taking of any federally listed endangered or threatened species. Section 3(19) of the Act defines "take" to mean "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct." Service regulations (50 CFR 17.3) define "harm" to include significant habitat modification or degradation which actually kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding or sheltering. The Act provides for civil and criminal penalties for the unlawful taking of listed species. Exemptions to the prohibitions against take may be obtained through the Service in two ways: through interagency consultation for projects with Federal involvement pursuant to section 7, or through the issuance of an incidental take permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act.

To ensure no adverse impacts to MSS occur from the proposed project and that the project can move forward with a No-take Concurrence Authorization, you propose to implement the following avoidance and protection measures:

1. All project related ground disturbing activities will occur during the dry season (June 1st - October 15th) when MSS are aestivating and unlikely to migrate into work areas.
2. A biologist approved by the Service will conduct a pre-construction survey of the work area no more than 48 hours prior to the initiation of site work. The biologist will notify the Service of the results of the survey immediately following the survey efforts. No live MSS will be relocated during these efforts.
3. Prior to any soil disturbance and/or vegetation removal, silt fencing or orange protective fencing will be installed around the perimeter of the proposed project area to prevent unauthorized ground disturbance outside of the work area.
4. A Service-approved biologist will conduct a pre-construction environmental awareness training session for all construction personnel involved in site disturbance. The training is intended to inform the permittees, construction crews, field supervisors, and equipment operators about the status and presence of the species, grading and construction-activity restrictions, and all proposed avoidance, protection and minimization measures.

To ensure take of MSS would not result from project activities, in addition to the proposed avoidance and protection measures above, the Service-approved biologist will have the authority to stop work if MSS are observed within the project area. If MSS are observed, the Service will be notified.

Based on the LOCSD's commitment to implement the proposed avoidance measures and the additional stop work authorization, we agree that take of MSS is not likely to result from the proposed Ferrell Street Footpath Improvement Project. Any biologist retained to implement the above measures should contact our office for approval at least 72 hours prior to implementation. This letter conveying our agreement is valid only for the subject project and one year from its issuance. It does not authorize species take in any form. If MSS are found on this parcel at any

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time, or if project construction activities are not complete in one year, please contact the Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office regarding how to proceed.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter, please contact Debora Kirkland of my staff at (805) 677-3321 or debora_kirkland@fws.gov.

Sincerely,



Leilani Takano

Assistant Field Supervisor

cc: Kerry Brown, County of San Luis Obispo
Ron Munds, Los Osos Community Services District

Morro Shoulderband Snail Habitat Assessment and Protocol Survey Results Report for Ferrell Street Footpath Improvement Project (074-251-006), Los Osos, San Luis Obispo County, California



Prepared for:

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Prepared by:



January 6, 2019

Introduction

The following Morro shoulderband snail (MSS) habitat assessment report has been prepared by Ecological Assets Management LLC (EAM) for the Los Osos Community Services District. This report presents the methods and results of a site visit (December 6, 2019) to conduct one protocol-level MSS survey and a habitat assessment on the 0.40-acre northern portion of the 1-acre undeveloped parcel located on Ferrell Street, Los Osos, San Luis Obispo County (Assessor's Parcel Number 074-251-006). The proposed project is to improve the existing Ferrell Street dirt footpath with a five- to seven-foot wide asphalt concrete pedestrian pathway and installation of symbolic fencing to reduce impacts to adjacent MSS habitat.

In summary, the 0.40-acre survey area was observed to be disturbed and dominated by nonnative veldt grass that is mowed annually for fire hazard abatement. Small isolated stands of coastal scrub habitat were observed within the survey area. During the focused survey efforts two live MSS were observed under coastal scrub habitat within the survey area. The isolated stands of coastal scrub habitat are the only habitats within the survey area that can provide suitable yearlong MSS habitat since the remaining portion of the parcel is mowed annually and do not provide aestivation habitat. Due to the scope of the proposed project and the location of the identified MSS habitat, and in association with implementation of the proposed avoidance and protection measures in the report, take of MSS is unlikely to occur.

Survey Methods

The 2003 United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Protocol Survey Guidelines for MSS require that five protocol surveys be performed during or immediately following a rain event to establish the presence or absence of MSS at a location. For this effort and per the guidance of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, one survey of the parcel was conducted during protocol conditions and during this effort habitats present onsite were assessed to determine if they were suitable for MSS. Rainfall data used to document suitable survey conditions is obtained from either the Pacific Gas & Electric, Diablo Canyon Power Plant weather forecast (<http://www.tenera.com/weather/>) or from the rain gauge at EAM's Los Osos office. Site specific weather conditions (i.e. temperature and wind speed) were collected on site with a Kestrel 3000 wind meter.

Immediately following a rainfall event MSS permitted biologists Dwayne Oberhoff and Bob Sloan conducted one protocol survey on December 6, 2019, that covered the 0.40-acre northern portion of the subject parcel. Dwayne Oberhoff is permitted to conduct protocol surveys under federal recovery permit TE-180579-1. Bob Sloan is permitted to conduct MSS protocol surveys under federal recovery permit TE-43937B-0. The protocol survey and habitat assessment were conducted on foot and covered all areas of the 0.40-acre portion of the subject parcel to determine the presence/absence of live MSS, empty MSS shells and/or suitable MSS habitat. Survey

efforts focused on all areas of the site, including non-native habitat, anthropogenic debris, and edges of building foundations, fence lines, and other manmade structures that could provide habitat or shelter for MSS.

Description of Morro Shoulderband Snail and its Habitat

MSS is found in western San Luis Obispo County within the vicinity of Morro Bay. Specifically, it is found south from the northern portion of the city of Morro Bay, west of Los Osos Creek and north of Hazard Canyon. Within this area, MSS is found on sandy soils within both coastal dune and coastal scrub plant communities. Key native plant species associated with MSS include mock heather (*Ericameria ericoides*), coast buckwheat (*Eriogonum parvifolium*), dune bush lupine (*Lupinus chamissonis*), deerweed (*Acmispon glaber*), California croton (*Croton californicus*), seaside golden yarrow (*Eriophyllum staechadifolium*), black sage (*Salvia mellifera*) and California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*). MSS are also commonly found in association with non-native plant species such as veldt grass (*Ehrharta calycina*), ice plant (*Carpobrotus edulis*), and anthropogenic structures or debris/garbage (i.e. plywood, cardboard, etc).

Due to threats from habitat destruction, colonization of invasive plant species, aging habitat, and off-road vehicle use, MSS was listed as endangered by the USFWS on December 15, 1994. In 2006, following the five-year review conducted by the USFWS, the USFWS recommended MSS be downlisted from endangered to threatened, however the final rulemaking process for this downlisting has not been completed.

Site Location and Existing Conditions

The Ferrell Street Footpath is located within a narrow portion of the one-acre parcel owned by the LOCSD, and is specifically located between Ferrell Street (west side) and the southern terminus of 7th Street (east side) within the community of Los Osos (refer to Figure 1 and Appendix B). The closest main cross street is Bush Drive located approximately 250 feet to the southeast of the subject parcel.

The 0.4-acre survey area was observed to be disturbed from annual mowing of the area for fire hazard abatement, public use as a footpath between Ferrell Street and 7th Street, and as a non-designated "dog park." The survey area was dominated by veldt grass with small isolated stands of coastal scrub species dominated by coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*) and black sage (*Salvia mellifera*). The survey area is surrounded by Ferrell Street to the west, an existing single-family residence to the north, a small disturbed vacant parcel and 7th Street to the east, and to the south is the remaining portion of the subject parcel that is used by the LOCSD as a storage yard. The adjacent parcels are dominated by disturbed areas that are vegetated with nonnative species. No large areas of native habitats suitable for MSS is contiguous with the survey area. Appendix A includes four (4) site photos taken during the survey and Appendix B includes an aerial of the survey area and subject parcel.

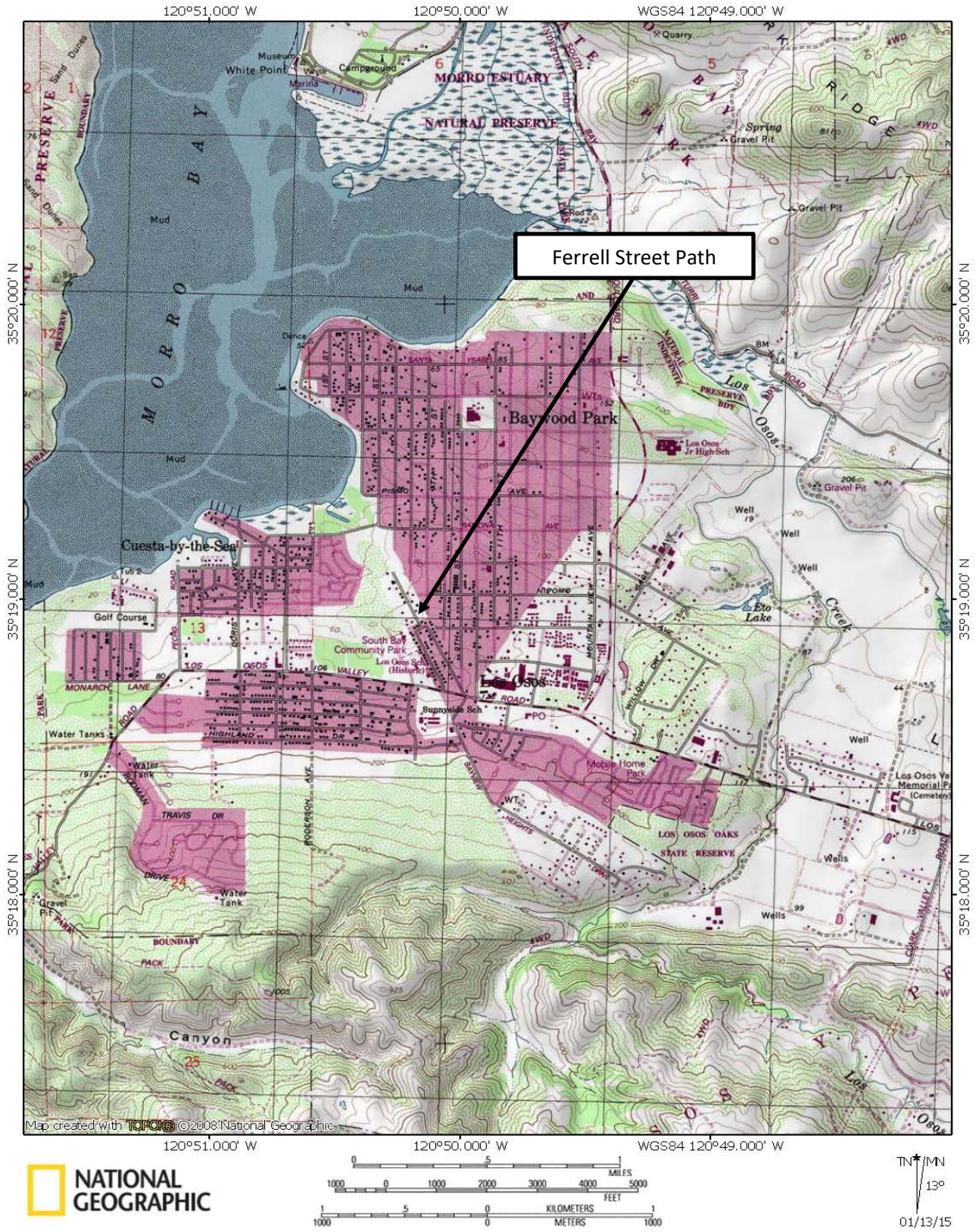


FIGURE 1. Location map of subject parcel in Los Osos, CA.

The subject parcel is outside of the boundaries of critical habitat units for MSS designated on February 7, 2001. The nearest critical habitat unit to the subject parcel is located approximately 0.5 miles to the south.

Proposed Project

The LOCSO is proposing to improve the existing Ferrell Street dirt footpath with a five- to seven-foot wide asphalt concrete pedestrian pathway. In addition, along the northern side of the improved footpath, symbolic deterrent fencing (e.g. rope fence, signage, etc.) will be installed to reduce pedestrian traffic in areas of known adjacent MSS habitat.

Results

EAM biologist Dwayne Oberhoff and Bob Sloan conducted a single site visit to the subject parcel to survey for MSS and conduct a MSS habitat assessment. The survey conducted on December 6, 2019, was conducted during protocol conditions with heavy precipitation (approximately 3.75-inches) during the ten days prior to the survey date.

All areas and habitats located within the 0.40-acre survey area were surveyed by walking transects, visual observation, and carefully sifting through soil and leaf litter by hand under vegetation, around woody debris, and other areas where MSS could be present.

Two live and active adult MSS were observed within the remnant coastal scrub habitat present within the survey area. Specifically, one MSS was observed under a coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*) and the other under a black sage (*Salvia mellifera*). No empty MSS shells and no other species of snail was observed during the survey efforts.

Discussion

The survey results documented above provide a determination that the 0.40-acre survey area is dominated by nonnative and disturbed habitats with small areas of remnant native coastal habitat present. The nonnative habitats present on site do not provide suitable habitat for MSS due to annual fire hazard abatement (e.g. mowing) and absence of aestivation habitat. However, the isolated stands of coastal scrub habitat do provide suitable native habitat as evidenced by the presence of live MSS.

If a project can be shown to have no adverse impacts to MSS, USFWS may grant a Concurrence Authorization, which allows construction to occur. If a concurrence authorization is not granted by the USFWS, mitigation through preparation of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and receipt of an Incidental Take Permit would be necessary prior to construction.

To ensure no adverse impacts to MSS occur from the proposed project and that the project can move forward with a No-take Concurrence Authorization, the following avoidance and protection measures are being proposed for this project.

1. All project related ground disturbing activities shall occur during the dry season (June 1st - October 15th) when Morro shoulderband snail are aestivating and unlikely to migrate into work areas.
2. A Service-approved biologist shall conduct a pre-construction survey of the work area no more than 48 hours prior to the initiation of site work. The biologist shall notify the Service of the results of the survey immediately following the survey efforts. No live Morro shoulderband snail shall be relocated during these efforts.
3. Prior to any soil disturbance and/or vegetation removal, silt fencing or orange protective fencing will be installed around the perimeter of the proposed project area to prevent unauthorized ground disturbance outside of the work area.
4. A Service-approved biologist with demonstrable knowledge and experience with MSS and its habitat will conduct a pre-construction environmental awareness training session for all construction personnel involved in site disturbance. The training is intended to inform the permittees, construction crews, field supervisors, and equipment operators about the status and presence of the species, grading and construction-activity restrictions, and all proposed avoidance, protection and minimization measures.

Based on the location of MSS in the survey area, the proposed project location, and implementation of the proposed avoidance/protection measures, the proposed project is unlikely to result in take of MSS. A "No Take Concurrence Authorization" request is being included with this report and both will be submitted to the USFWS for review.

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Appendix A: Photo Pages

- 4 Photos



Photo 1: Photo viewing east of location where live MSS were observed during the focused survey efforts.

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Photo 2: Photo viewing west from eastern property line toward Ferrell Street.

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Photo 3: Photo viewing east down existing footpath toward the 7th Street terminus.

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Photo 4: Photo viewing east from center of parcel toward the 7th Street terminus.

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Appendix B: Existing Conditions and Survey Results Map





April 21, 2020

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Ron Munds, General Manager

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 6 – 04/21/2020 Parks and Recreation Meeting**
Review 2020 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Work Plan

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DESCRIPTION

Attached is the Board approved Parks and Recreation Committee work plan for 2020.

DISCUSSION

The attached work plan are tasks that the Board has set for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. The plan represents what the Board would like for the committee to focus on during the upcoming year. There may occasionally be items that the committees would like to discuss that are not on their work plans which need would need to be approved by the Board.

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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2020 WORK PLAN

Recommendations for Parks and Recreation Committee in 2020:

1. Dog Park scope of work, budget, time frame and design.
2. Obtain, review, discuss and prioritize the Community Plan update on park needs in the District.
3. Ferrell Street pathway improvement project scope of work, budget and design.

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