



GRANADA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SPECIAL MEETING at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 24, 2020

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ROLL CALL

GENERAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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AGENDA

1. Consideration of Public Input and the Parks Advisory Committee Recommendations on the Burnham Park Preliminary Plan.

Recommendation: To be made by the Board.

2. Report on Parks and Recreation Activities.

Recommendation: To be made by the Board.

3. Consideration of Biological Resources Study Proposals For the Burnham Strip Park.

Recommendation: To be made by the Board.

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ITEM #1

GRANADA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors

From: Nancy Marsh, Chair, Parks Advisory Committee (PAC)

Subject: PAC Recommendations for Revisions to Preliminary Burnham Park Plan

Date: September 24, 2020

On September 14, 2020 the Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) met to review all comments received on the Preliminary Burnham Park Plan through September 10, 2020. The following document provides an overview of the public outreach process, a summary of the positive and negative aspects of the preliminary plan that were mentioned in the comments and PAC's recommendations for plan revisions. This is followed by the full list of 92 anonymized verbatim comments, including one alternative plan drawing.

**Burnham Park Preliminary Plan
Summary of Public Comments and Parks Advisory Committee Recommendations**

GCSD has developed a Preliminary Burnham Park Plan, which was presented to the Board on June 18 and to the Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) on July 6. PAC Chair Marsh and Parks and Recreation Coordinator Marshall organized public outreach and requests for feedback as follows:

- NextDoor Posts on July 8 and 16, August 12 and September 1. These posts indicated that all comments received by 9/10 would be reviewed by the Board prior to submitting the Plan to SMC.
- Postcard mailed to all District residences on July 20. Spanish postcard produced in late July, distributed by a volunteer. Both postcards are available at the large sign on the Burnham strip.
- Half Moon Bay Review Feature on July 21
- Large sign installed on the Burnham Strip on August 7

The communications requested comments by email to burnham@granada.ca.gov. Ninety-two comments were received as of September 16 and recorded in a spreadsheet. Each comment received a reply with acknowledgement and thanks at minimum, plus any information that is currently available and responsive to their comments or questions. We will continue to accept and record comments as long as the large sign is in place.

The full list of anonymized verbatim comments is attached. An analysis of the comments looked at how many times specific features currently in the plan were mentioned either as “likes” or “dislikes”, how many times a desired additional feature was mentioned (“wishes”), and any specific objections overall. The results of the analysis are as follows:

General Reaction to the Plan: Positive: 65 (71%) Negative: 10 (11%) No Opinion Given: 17 (18%)

“Likes” – Number of Mentions		“Wishes” – Number of Mentions	
#	Feature	#	Feature
17	Restrooms	10	Fenced Dog Park
15	Active Play Area	7	Public Input on Park Name
12	Skate Ramp/Ribbon track	7	More Parking
12	Parking Lot	6	Parking Fee for Non-Residents
11	Village Green	5	Outdoor Showers or Splash Pad
11	Trail and signs to Hwy 1 crosswalk	5	Skate Park or Bowl
11	Picnic Areas	5	More Lawn
10	Native Plants/Natural Play Features	4	Tennis/Pickleball Court
8	Passive/View Area	3	Full Basketball Court
7	Fitness Stations or Bocce	3	Bike Racks
5	Improved Street Parking	2	Swings
5	Basketball	2	Trees
5	Interpretive Signs	1	Disc Golf
4	Meets Variety of Needs	1	Access to Highway 1
4	Trails	1	Multiple ADA Playground Elements
3	Improved Stormwater Drainage	1	Signage in Multiple Languages
2	Plaza		

“Dislikes” (D) and Concerns (C)		
#		Feature
13	C	Not Enough Parking/Location of Parking
10	C	Maintenance Plan & Costs
10	C	Unsafe Highway Crossing Still Exists
8	C	Lawn Maintenance & Water Use
6	C	Enough Trash, Recycling, Pet Waste & Cigarette Disposal Receptacles
5	D	Increased Neighborhood Traffic
5	C	Street Parking/First Responder Access
4	D	Trails (too many/too busy)
3	C	Road Safety for Children
3	D	Barbeques
3	D	Object to Any Development At All
3	D	Active Area In The View Corridor
3	O	Unsafe Trail Crossing in Active Area
2	D	Showers
2	C	Future Highway 1 Relocation
2	C	Loose Dogs and Pet Waste
1	D	Hardscaping/Paving – too much
1	D	Not a Good Site For Ball Sports
1	D	Object to Any Lawn
1	D	Object to Any Lighting at Night

The Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) reviewed the public comments that were received from July 8 through September 10, and received comments from 4 members of the public, at their meeting on September 14, 2020. The discussion resulted in the following:

Motion: PAC to present the following list of suggested revisions to the Preliminary Plan to the GCSD Board Special Meeting on September 24, 2020 (Barker/Koelsch, 6 aye, 1 abstain (Pollard)):

Add/Expand:

- Fenced Dog Park
- Parking Spaces
- Outdoor showers (6 yes, 1 no)
- Consider more options and community input for park name
- Gates or “slow down” devices on the trails near the playground
- Safety Fence around playground and ADA Compatible Playground features
- Skate Park (e.g., inside ribbon track as pictured) to accommodate across ages/skills from young/beginner (e.g. pathway with obstacles) to older skaters (e.g. bowl)
- Consider more open lawn/unstructured recreation space (mixed views given concerns about water and maintenance)
- Explore recycled water/grey water technologies for lawn and other irrigation
- Time Limits on Parking in the lot or consider permits for residents/paid for visitors

Revise/Reduce:

- Revise Multi-Mode User traffic congestion where main trails cross; direct trails around the active area, not through it. Perimeter trail should be the main thoroughfare.
- Separate walkers from bikers/skaters (e.g., parallel trails, separated by plants)
- Undulating trails add interest for bikes and skaters
- Disperse activity – don't have all active features concentrated near the apartments around Avenue Portola; spread some to the north end
- Move features for kids away from the parking lot, and have a good barrier between kids and access to the road
- Consider flipping Village Green (suggested name – “Granada Green”) and parking lot/active area, so that park features rather than a parking lot are across from old fire station/possible community center

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	Comment
1	Love it! There certainly is nothing wrong with sprucing up our coastside while paying homage to the natural spirit. Can't wait!
2	The Preliminary Landscape Plan date June 18, 2020, from Kikuchi and Kankel is excellent. It has a variety of forms and levels, offers installations and areas for a variety of activities, and really conveys the sense of a warm, comfortable community park. Thank you very much for including a bathroom onsite. Parking lot onsite is also prudent. My only suggestion is to consider the prevailing wind in this location and use rolling landforms, vegetation choices, and other means to help reduce the impact of the wind. To me, this is what a confident public agency can do when it works in good faith with its constituency and community. I am very proud of the GCSD and the PAC for its work for El Granada and the MidCoast. Thank you.
3	Hello, I just love it! It would be such a nice addition to our community. Thank you!
4	I love it. So well laid out and well integrated and in scale with the surrounding community and the natural environment. Masterful job. [One question: I remember hearing talk about including a community center type structure at the soon to be redundant firehouse. Is that still in the works?]
5	Perhaps a rest room toilet station at the north end of the project would be good. Thank you.
6	Hi, I was looking at the drawing Very carefully, and watched some of the presentation. I can't tell if the usual direct way many many of us walk from near the post office to the beach (crossing Hwy 1 without a light) is preserved? Thanks!
7	Everything looks really good. Thank you! I'm excited to see this project go forward.

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I really like the overall design with the south, central and north zones, offering unique opportunities and satisfying different resident demands in each. I think there is something for everyone in the plan, from minimal visual intrusion for neighbors at the north end, to an active play area in the center, to a relocated parking lot, skate ramp, new restrooms and protected wetlands in the southern third. I feel the parking lot location is ideal, as it separates Surfers Beach users from local park user parking, and the size is right. I like the attention given to restoring the environment with mini rain-gardens along the roads to filter pollutants, and the extension and restoration of the ditches to wetlands. My biggest concern with the design, and an important safety issue I believe, is in what I call the "central activity circle" (see Map 3 in attachment) where the playground, picnic area, and family lawn area are located. The safety issue with the current design is that all traffic on the park trails is funneled through the "X" trail intersection. This is a recipe for disaster. Think speeding bikes, dog walkers and joggers going through the same area as little kids running, families walking slowly together and disabled folks moving cautiously, all in different directions, at the same spot, on a busy weekend. I liken it to the intersection of Hwy 92 and Hwy 1 without a stoplight – too much traffic, pedestrian/bike/car conflicts, delays, and accidents. My very strong suggestion is to shift the location of the "main" park trail to the outside of the central activity area, in order to divert most park trail traffic away from kids and families in the center and lessen the traffic jam at the "X." . Some type of "diversion gate" and traffic calming element is needed at each end of the X, like a zig in the trail or an actual easy-opening gate, to encourage most trail users either slow or to go on the main trail around to the outside of the central activity/play area. The central play activity area should also be fenced for kid's safety and parent piece of mind. Also suggest moving the entire central play area (except basketball court and wave track) a short distance north from its current location, to reduce conflicts with more active/faster moving basketball, skate ramp and skate-scoot loop users. This will increase safety by spacing apart different speed users and add more spacing between play elements (a legal/safety concern). The central play area should have more active elements - 2/3 of the park has very few. Fran and I suggest we add swings – my strong recommendation is ADA compliant and inclusive (appealing and shared by kids with and without disabilities) swings to the central activity core. Swings are some of the most popular playground equipment anywhere. Unfortunately, we left them out of the park needs survey. The swing structural supports will need to be metal – recall the accident which happened with wooden swings collapsing in Moss Beach that resulted in serious injury, a large lawsuit and the actual rewriting of the national playground safety standards. I also strongly suggest installing an ADA inclusive merry-go-round (see photo in the attachment), a design which has eliminated the past sprained ankle injuries with merry-go-rounds. Swings and merry-go-rounds are two of the "must have" accessible play structures and should be part of the park. We are only missing slides, but I am not sure about them here. Also need to be sure the nature playground design is not, as is a national recognized problem, a boring place that kids ignore quickly. We are next to the ocean, so we should have ocean-themed elements in the park. I show pictures in the attachment of a whale head climbing structure, a boogie board play element and a whale's tail bench. More than a surfing town we are an ocean-oriented place. Need to talk money for a moment. The design we select will directly impact the cost of maintenance of the park (and safety). Park professionals will tell you maintenance is the largest part of their budget. If we only have wooden elements in the park, they will need to be replaced in 15-20 years, and will need repairs (think splinters, easily broken parts by vandals, and wood rot) every year. As much as I like "natural," i.e. wood, surfaces, wood is more has higher maintenance needs and, therefore, is more expensive in the long run. I do not support garish plastic, however. I have a number of other suggested changes/additions shown on the three maps in the attachment, including bike racks, vegetation screening of restrooms, a new small skate park/bowl (second most desired element by families in survey) and removing the north restroom. Let me know if you want me to clarify anything. Thanks for your interest in making our future park better.

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9	<p>Coastside Design Review Committee and Co-Chair of the Design Standards Update and C-1 Update, I am very excited at any proposals that create community hubs. Here are a few of my thoughts after reviewing the slides from the presentation: Pathways for walking sound great. It's very helpful to provide adequate pedestrian accessibility to this amenity as well as directing people to the traffic signal for crossing over to the beach. Fitness stations are a great idea, and I love that they are interspersed across the meandering pathways. The large grass space for gathering and picnics is nice. In some pictures I saw what looked like farmer's markets or art fairs, and I wondered if those are some of the proposed use cases for this area. Will the grass be able to stay healthy and thrive under those uses? I love the potential to bring the community together for those kinds of uses, but want to make sure that a nice, new park won't get destroyed. I'm sure the grass selection will be appropriate for longevity. Bathrooms are a great feature for a community park and for visitors to the beach. I love the added active park features such as natural play structures for tots, larger kids and the skate park, etc. Outdoor, constructive activities for youth is great for a community. Love the picnic tables. I assume BBQs won't be a feature in the park given our high fire hazard risk. Is that correct?</p> <p>Wish list:</p> <p>This should go without saying, but trash cans need to be placed throughout this park to help visitors keep it clean. Cigarette receptacles are also critical to encourage people to dispose of butts safely in a high fire severity zone.</p> <p>It would have been great if a small area could have been an off-leash dog park. I know this is a whole other conversation going on behind the scenes that I do not know enough about yet, but it would be such a valuable asset in a dog-loving community that currently does not have off-leash play available.</p> <p>Splash pad for young kids that also incorporates a way for people to wash off sand from people and/or dogs could be great. I hope to see this project move forward, as it would be such an asset to the community and a beautiful gateway to Burnham's master plan for El Granada.</p>
10	<p>I just reviewed the park plans and am blown away. It's absolutely gorgeous and really has something for everyone. My only wish is that we could extend a trail around Picasso and keep the park going to Capistrano! Maybe a phase 2. :) Honestly, wow. I love it all, down to the street parking design. Well done!</p>
11	<p>I just watched the Burnham Park Preliminary Plan video from a recent planning meeting. I LOVE THIS SOOOOO MUCH!!! Can we please have this now?! Please? This is something I'd happily pay more in taxes to support. Please let me know what I can do to help make this a reality.</p>
12	<p>I absolutely love what is being presented in the new Burnham Strip Plan. It really does seem like you have a very nice mix of natural features and usable space for the community. I am most excited about the southern lawn area and the idea of hosting small community events there. When our town gathered for the BLM silent protest, it was the most connected I have felt to this community and it made me even more eager for a space and place for us to gather. My only question/concern is the need for showers at the bathroom now that I see the new location of the parking lot. I was one of the people that voiced the need for a shower, but now that I see the proposed location I'm not sure it is needed there. As far as connection to beach access I am very happy to see that you have thought out a plan for a walking path to the light at coronado. (I'm hopeful that the county will take this into account when they develop the western half of the space for beach parking. We need to keep people from crossing the road, it is far too dangerous.)</p> <p>Thank you SO MUCH for all of the work that has gone into this plan so far. it is very exciting!!</p>
13	<p>Hi there! Our family is so excited about this park! Our #1 thing we were most excited about was the skate/scooter pump track that I saw in earlier plans. I looked at the slides and saw a "ribbon track"- is that the same thing? So it's a track for skateboarding? I sure hope so! Nothing like that exists here and the closest skate tracks like that are in Southern CA. Would be stoked to have this on the coast! Thanks so much!</p>

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14	I've lived in El Granada since 2000, and I appreciate the value of its connection to Daniel Burnham, who is righteously memorialized on several markers in our community. My questions: Can we reconsider naming the park for a privileged white male whose connection to our community was purely a work-for-hire/transactional one? Can we think about naming it for the people (or even the species of flora or fauna) who/that first populated the land we will be transforming into a community space? Any alternatives are worth consideration. Can the board submit the plan to the county as an "untitled" park and later, after county approvals, conduct outreach to engage the community in collectively selecting its name as a way to generate enthusiasm and ownership?
15	I would love to have a secure dog park, a picnic area, beach parking with toilets and garbage service and a skate park. Maybe some nice interpretive signs about the impact of litter on wildlife.
16	I live in El Granada and I would like to see a way to make it safe for kids at the park since its very close to the highway and there is no barrier from traffic
17	I am an El Granada resident. I have reviewed the slides of the plan. I think it is absolutely fantastic! Congrats to all who created it. Good luck on funding it!
18	Highway 1 - I think any plan for the park should incorporate flexibility for the eventual relocation of Hwy. 1 to the east side of the property. Sea level rise is likely to erode the existing Highway 1 right of way within a couple decades. The severing of this critical link connecting the Coastside would have catastrophic economic and traffic consequences. Just this once, let's plan ahead for climate change.
19	I am sure that a lot of work has gone into this preliminary plan so i would like to thank you and acknowledge you all for that. Something that stands out right away is the lack of a dog area. Most people in our community have dogs so there is certainly a need for an enclosed dog area. I hope that this will be included in the final plan. A tennis court would also be awesome since I don't know of any public one in El Granada. I like the use of rolling and mounded landforms as well as native plantings and multi use trails. Just a general comment, isn't it time to correct the name of our town to Granada. El Granada is an embarrassment to anyone who speaks Spanish and seems to have someone been allowed even though it was in error from the beginning of our town's history. Thank you so much.
20	In the early '90's Bob Marchant and I proposed a plan that would have included a parking lot on the east side of Hwy 1, intended to serve beach-goers and provide a Park-'n-Ride function for residents. The goal was to encourage people to carpool, get them out of their cars, provide a logical stop for public transportation and relieve some traffic pressure on Hwy 1 & Hwy 92. I recommend a larger, not a smaller, parking lot for these functions. The Park-'n-Ride function could possibly facilitate grant funding. This certainly would fit well within GCSD's mission statement of providing community services. Our plan also included either a pedestrian tunnel under, or a pedestrian foot bridge over Hwy 1, rather than a crosswalk. This certainly would square well with the original Prop 20's and the current Coastal Act's mandate to enhance public access to the beaches.
21	As you asked, I'm submitting a suggestion for an addition to your (what seems to be) excellent plan for the park on the Burnham strip in El Granada. How about a stage? It wouldn't have to be large, but it could come in so handy for locals to put on concerts, for kids to perform, for an occasional puppet show, etc. You wouldn't need to provide seats, I don't think. People could bring their own chairs, stools, or just sit on the ground. I think the community would love it. I know I would (I live just up the road on San Carlos Avenue.) Think about it. It could fit in easily at any place along the park, and wouldn't be a huge expense. (Performers could bring their own sound equipment, if they need it. That's not asking a lot.) Thanks for taking this all on. It's ever so worthwhile.

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22	<p>1. Nice initial effort. 2. You seriously need more parking. This park will be used primarily by tourists on the weekend, and the fit with Surfers Beach will require LOTS more parking to get some cars off the highway. 3. Is there playground equipment for small kids in the "natural playgrounds"? 4. I hope there are plenty of picnic tables. 5. Where is the water coming from for the lawn areas?</p>
23	<p>Thank you for collecting comments. As a long time resident of the Coastside and a user of this space, here are my comments. I love the diversity of activities in the area and applaud the thoughtfulness. What a wonderful idea. On most weekends I calculate approximately 80-100 cars park in the current dirt lot. The allocated parking appears to be around 50% with the assumption that street parking will accommodate the rest. The above 80-100 cars do not use this strip, so this leads me to believe the neighborhood will be negatively impacted given that more capability is provided in the park with significantly fewer parking stalls. This community includes a post office and hardware store. Thus I suggest increasing the parking capabilities within the park. This is compounded if there is a cross walk on highway 1 or if Calteans provides "parking improvements", whatever this means. Thus I suggest channeling all pedestrians to the existing lights on highway 1 - either north at Capistrano or south at Coronado. Adding more capabilities to the park means the congestion on highway 1 increases. Due to WAZE, I notice many cars now avoid highway 1 and use Obispo Road as a bypass, making travel that much more difficult for the locals. This suggests an even greater need to channel pedestrian traffic. We need to increase traffic flow on highway 1 - the suggested approaches are antithetical. Bike racks should be added. May want to reconsider where the bus stop is positioned on Obispo Road. The new fire station needs to be considered as traffic could impede its abilities to respond to emergencies - another reason why highway 1 needs to have maximum flow. Hope this helps and am happy to discuss in person if best.</p> <p>Additional email 7/25: Thanks Nancy. This sounds favorable - will such planning be decided prior to the final vote for this park? If so then great, as any "master plan" should be all inclusive of the below items. I again applaud the thoughtfulness of the thinking, but believe an already problematic parking and HWY 1 crossing situation will only get worse when this strip is created. I recognize there are other, less critical items, but it is my hope that adequate bike locking facilities and garbage collection containers will be included. The beaches are covered in microplastics, and the garbage cans at the beach entrance seem to overflow with garbage on the weekends.</p> <p>Additional comment 7/27 Thanks Nancy - yeah I remember the tunnel timeline, which was very long. As a resident of El Granada since 1999, we've seen horrific traffic. WAZE and other routing software now bypass highway 1 and have people go through our "neighborhood", including my daughter's apartment which is adjacent to Brian Overfelt's liquor store. Her bike got stolen recently and we suspect it was due to this increased traffic flow. There's probably not a great answer no matter how we look at the situation, but I must admit it is tiring to spend an hour in my car simply to get to New Leaf on a Saturday or Sunday. Looking forward to seeing more progress, especially for young families that need parks.</p>
24	<p>Granada Team - This looks seriously great. I gave it a look through and couldn't tell if there were outdoor showers to rinse after the beach. Are there showers planned in this concept? It wud be so helpful after a surf or spending time at the beach w the family. Thank you for your efforts.</p>
25	<p>Looks awesome—Sure hope you guys can start building this soon!</p>

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	Comment
26	<p>Thank you to the GCSO for putting together a proposal for a Burnham strip park. As an El Granada resident I look forward to the continued development of amenities for us to enhance our enjoyment of this unique and special community. Here are some of my comments: - The path to the Hwy1 stoplight in the Burnham creek riparian zone is a great idea and must provide a compelling alternative to jay-walking at surfer's beach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Love the family picnic areas in the active rec zone. Also, appreciate the big kids and also tot lot playground areas. Having something for all age groups is important. - The passive green lawn is also a nice thing to have as part of the park. Outdoor movies by the ocean? Outdoor concerts? Lots of potential here! - Like the inclusion of sporadic picnic tables and fitness stations in the passive rec zone. - Tentative on the basketball court. Will this require extensive fencing? If not, then it's fine <p>- I was concerned about a lack of parking with only 33 spaces in the lot, but with the improved street parking then the parking situation seems fine.</p>
27	<p>What if in the meantime the Burnham Park area were plowed by the county, and then El Granada reaped some compensation from Beach Break Entertainment and used as a venue for a weekly or bi-weekly drive in movie night during this summer? With a little bit of work it could be the perfect location and not threaten any traffic while COVID is keeping people home.</p>
28	<p>The widening of Obispo Road between Avenue Portola and Coronado Street should be a priority to accommodate the fire trucks that will soon be leaving the new fire hall in both directions in emergencies. Is not spelled out in the "Preliminary Master Plan.</p>
29	<p>I am a resident near the proposed park. There are a lot of apartments in the area with residents that rely on street parking. When parking lots were closed at the beaches due to COVID-19, street parking in our area was extremely inundated. I fear that reducing available parking but adding enticements will lead to that being a normal thing. The plan states street parking will be improved, so I hope that holds true.</p>
30	<p>I for one am opposed to the Burnham Park Project. Having lived here for 55 year's, I have seen the change's. Some necessary and some not so. This one is defiantly the later. Anyone who live's here know's how difficult it is to get around our own town, just getting onto the highway can take over a hour some day's. Public safety come's to mind. Response time's of our first responder's etc. This would be a open invitation for more out of towners to come and create even MORE congestion. Leave it as it is, Open space, it's not bothering anybody.</p>
31	<p>I live in El Granada - I love the park plans, however my biggest wish is not included. A fenced in area for dogs! This community is very dog centric, this would be an amazing edition.</p>
32	<p>I saw your post card depicting Burnham Park preliminary master plan. Great plan! As a Senior resident of El Granada, I would like to suggest that you include 2 to 4 bocce ball courts rather than just one. Bocce ball will be a great activity for Seniors, and 2 to 4 courts will enable simultaneous competitions of several teams. Plus, the cost of additional courts should be far less that the cost of the first one. Thanks for all that you are doing.</p>

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33	<p>Thanks for all the hard work on the Burnham Strip plan. K & K is a great fit for this project and I am excited to see the development of the master plan! I had a few questions comments I'd like to contribute to the dstormwater.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drainage ditches - I'm a civil engineer so naturally my first thought is the stormwater. I like the idea of realigning the existing ditches to provide better infiltration and treatment. From a stormwater standpoint, slowing down the flow is great but carries with it needs for better maintenance, wider channels and more concern about flooding. Has any thought been given to how wide these channels have to be to maintain the current capacity without creating a flood condition? Also in my experience the cost to bury an existing open channel with closed piping is extremely expensive. It looks like the existing north channel is completely closed pipe in this plan roughly 120 ft in length. On it's own I can tell you that is likely on the order of \$1,000 / LF to bury that channel. It also looks like the existing south channel outfall would also need to be buried to convey flow to new channel location. There are better ways to spend that money. It would be much more cost effective to pick up the existing north outfall location and maintain an open channel meandering around the restroom. Also aren't there a bunch of large underground overflow cisterns from the treatment plant in this area that would be in conflict with new culvert piping for burying/re-aligning the channels? 2. Parcels across the street - I understand there are plans for at least one project in the open lot across the street for the Harbor District office. Any plans yet for the old fire station site? It would be great to see how this project integrates with those contextually. 3. Street Frontage / Parking - Permeable paving is a nice idea but this area has very high GW. May not work here or with the clay soil. Also they are very low bang for your buck in terms of how well they treat stormwater. You are better spending the money to expand biotreatment planters. Have you looked at diagonal parking along the street to create more stalls? Seems underparked given the popularity of the area which would only increase with the park improvements. 4. Maintenance Facilities - Has programming considered any storage/maintenance facilities for GCSO to maintain the park? Consider expanding the restroom building to create storage area for lawn mower, trash bags, other park maintenance equipment. Also consider the route to maneuver said lawn mower to the lawn area being mowed. 5. Odor from treatment plant across street - Can be pretty strong at times. Any thought given to this in site planning? 6. Night time use - What kind of use would there be here at night? Is pedestrian or street lighting being considered in the parking lot or trail areas? Would be nice to see something conceptually on a plan. 7. Long term costs - The construction cost estimate is nice. Please make sure you get a second opinion from a contractor. Also what are long term costs forecasted for ongoing maintenance. Is there any consideration to charge for parking here? Even a small fee would help to offset longterm operating/maintenance costs. Most users are probably non district residents anyway. <p>This project looks like it would go way above and beyond the stormwater treatment that a park like this would generally warrant or require by law/county ordinances. Although it sounds nice on paper, there are very real and significant costs associated with that extra work which GCSO should be extremely mindful of that residents may not be willing to pay for. It's great that the County and RCD think it would be nice to provide the extra treatment and encourage habitat restoration, but it's not on their dime, and those things can be very very expensive to implement and maintain.</p> <p>Final thoughts - I love the overall plan. You can see all the hard work that's gone into it and I look forward to seeing it move forward. Thank you for all of your time and contributions to the district!</p>
34	<p>Glad you want our opinion. What is the status of the pump track for the bikers? Will it be finished by Jan 2020 as promised? Can dogs be kept on leash and not running around pooping everywhere</p>

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35	<p>Exciting to see more public access places! Some ideas: Offer sign boards with local conservation, climate change and coastal erosion, and marine life info. Consider an art installation on coastal ecology, such as the Climate Ribbon Project which I'm a cofounder of, see www.theclimateribbon.org. The Climate Ribbon has partnered with San Mateo County's Office of Sustainability and Pacifica's Sanchez Center for future community-engagement workshops and installations. Would be glad to explore this idea further with you, as well as help outreach to other local artists who focus on conservation and ocean life. Some more ideas: Add an outdoor shower for us surfers! Ensure communities at the margins are consulted in the plan so this is an improvement for all not just those with economic privilege or tech access. We hope the plants used will be local native plants, not water intensive and no grass. Also hope this will keep local interests as a priority. What is the maintenance plan? Concerned that it may become overgrown like other projects in EG? Glad to see the bathrooms and hopes bathroom will be close to ocean access for beach goers to prevent further sewage in ocean. Glad to see skate park will still be there. Ensure ample trash and recycling bins given increase in visitors to coastside.</p>
36	<p>I am [name deleted] the Founder of Sea Hugger, which is a nonprofit protecting and healing the marine environment from plastic pollution. Sea Hugger is located right here in El Granada and we have a number of programs from educating the kids at local schools, to beach cleanups along our coast, to sponsoring a Seabin that is cleaning Pillar Point Harbor of plastic and marine oil. We would love to sponsor some type of visual educational display to help teach the locals and visitors of the importance of protecting our marine environment. We've all seen the uptick in litter with the increased visitors since the pandemic, and this would be an excellent opportunity to bring awareness to this important issue. The display could be a series of placards placed around the park, or art installations made of ocean-bound plastic, or perhaps a DIY beach/park cleanup program with best practices and ample trash cans and recycling bins to properly dispose of the litter. I am happy to present this idea at your next Board meeting if you would like, or discuss it with someone individually. Overall I am pleased with the proposed park plan, but want to make sure there are ample trash cans that are emptied regularly, and that pollution mitigation/education is a priority and factored into the plan.</p>
37	<p>I am a long time (24 year) resident of Miramar (just outside of HMB city limits). I received a flyer in the mail about the proposed Burnham Park n El Granada, requesting feedback on the current plan. I went ahead and watched the presentation of the plan on the granda.ca.gov website. Although I am a Miramar resident, I don't recall getting the initial survey, but it is probable that I received it and threw it away. Anyway, here is my feedback: I thought the plan looked ideal for the community. It was a good mix of active and passive activity areas, the natural-looking play structures, use of native plants, plethora of private and public picnic areas all spoke to a well thought out plan. I did not see a single item I would change. If my children were smaller and lived at home, I would probably be a frequent user. The only thing I would suggest is that perhaps a free library could be installed. I maintain one at the corner of Mirada and the coast trail, and it is easy for me to walk down and make sure it is well-stocked, but one in the park would likely need a library steward within walking distance of the park.</p>
38	<p>Thank you for posting the plans and YT Video. Overall looks good! Three concerns as an EG resident, Looks like 10 million once completed, do you have the money? I do not want to see an increase in my sewer fees to support this. Parking, will there be meters or a free resident access card? These improvements are great, but my experience is this always adds costs to park. If that is the case, I say leave it as it is. Skateramp, it is a good vibe on the strip currently with no government involvement, will there be any new restrictions with the buildout? Lastly, what's the timeline?</p>

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39	1. Bigger Skate Park 2. Bigger /Full basket ball court 3. Much More Parking (Surfers need a place to park too. We can see the resulting parking impact on EG post office and area during beach closures when local surfer parking was closed) 4. Additional Bathroom 5. Water container fountains 6. Less grass or use fake grass (save water.)
40	Thank you for the good slide show. I am excited for this project to move forward. I am concerned with the Village Green Lawn area. How will this area as well as the whole Park be watered? I did not hear anything mentioned about that maintenance. I worry that without lots of watering the Lawn area will dry out and become a dust bowl and parking lot again. We experience many months of no rainfall and we are in drought conditions again. Besides the seasonal runoff watering the Stormwater areas, how will the park be watered? Thanks for reading about my water concern.
41	Hello committee members, My family and I have lived in El Granada for 20 years now. We have always lived with dogs and know that most of our neighbors' families have dogs also. Therefore, we would love to see if the village green lawn area could be a fenced-in dog park. A fenced-in dog park would be a great option for those older neighbors who can't do long walks, but would like to exercise and socialize their dogs with others. Also, for those dogs that can not be trusted off leash, they will have a safe place to play, exercise, and socialize with other dogs, under their owners' supervision. Thank you for your time and consideration,
42	Just wanted to know who will be responsible for keeping the bathrooms clean at this park? Since the park is so close to the beach I'm sure there will be an incredible amount of use especially with the amount of tourists that have been coming to the coast. Seems this will be a problem unless there is someone constantly taking care of the two facilities. Also, if there is someone assigned to keeping these restrooms cleaned who pays?

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First, I want to thank you for all your hardwork and for posting the video that really helped explain the vision and various zones. I am excited to see a parallel trail extension through the strip down to Coronado! So many areas and concepts look beautiful especially the passive area with rolling landscape. I am, however, disappointed in how little active zone there is. As a park for the community I think there should be more offered there. I do realize this is based on compiled community feedback but a few things I am surprised not to see added in and think really should be for the community are: a dog park, full sized basket ball court or at least more than one 1/2 size court and tennis court. On your flyer it says Bocce ball court (hopefully mre than one)which I think is great but on the video it does not mention that. I would definitely vote for bocce courts. It's great for all ages. I feel as a community park this park needs to have things here that we don't have already in town. Trails, open space and ocean views we have plenty of. I'm not saying to get rid of those in this plan but we /our kids really do need more active space and recreation options. In detail: Dog park: as a community almost everyone has dogs and there is no official dog park in El Granada. People take their dogs off leash on the beach , parks and trails illegally and sometimes dangerously. Some are well manored dogs and owners and some are not. I really think as a park that is to be for the community that a dog park is so necessary. I have to take my dog either to Pacifica or Smith Field (which is really a very sad park) if I want him off leash and that is just too far especially on a weekend with immense traffic. A great dog park can be seen in Foster City. A really nice clean gathering for owners, visually appealing and of course dog friendly.

If that can be reconsidered I think it would be very necessary for the community and perhaps controlling how many off leash dogs and left behind dog feces there is on our trails, parks and beaches. It seems to me it could be beautifully woven into the passive area (if a dog park can count as passive) or south end and greatly used. Basketball court: currently 1/2 court is proposed which I think for a space this big is sad. Once a few kids (or even one) is on it there really leaves no room for anyone else to shoot. Thus a full court for a real game or couple of // 1/2 courts would be nice. Maybe a full court with 4 hoops one on each side much like gymnasiums would be most useful. Tennis: I think this is a sport for all ages, like Bocce. There are no local courts other than at the schools which are currently locked up. I woud love to see a tennis court or 2 especially in such a nice open space. I grew up in Millbrae and there were tennis courts a plenty. They were always used up especially by the elderly population. I'm not elderly but would also love to use the court with friends or my kids thus I think it is a sport for all ages. Again this is something we don't already have here and that's what I think shoud be considered in the space to make it for the community and not as much for the tourists who will no doubt flock to the trails and open spaces in the park. I don't blame them. I would too. But, living here we need more. Fitness stations were mentioned on the video and I just wanted to give a nod to that. I think thats a real nice idea. I also like the ribbon track and nature scaped type playground. I think of the one at the SF zoo which is really nice if you were to have a more structured set as well with slides and swings while still keeping the look of

43 nature. Thank you for your time, ingenuity and efforts.

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44	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback on this important community space. And a huge thank you to everyone on the board for taking the time and making the effort for all of us in this local community. I'd like to keep my comments short here but would welcome the opportunity to expand on these thoughts if you think it is necessary. I have a professional and educational background in Parks and Recreation with most focus on recreation. So, my comments will be focused on the recreational aspect of this park. Outline of comments: *The park as a means of recreation, play, and leisure *Recreation, play, and leisure for all age groups *The need for active play opportunities for adults</p> <p>Essentially, it's all about play and the activities that put people into a state of leisure. Please note that I will use the working definition of leisure as a state of mind. So, all that happens in the park should be designed to put people of all ages into a state of leisure. As we all know, play is one way to achieve this, and play can be defined in numerous ways. It's very important here not to limit the play opportunities to one age group such as children. As Tom Conroy noted in his presentation, COVID-19 has shown us that all age groups are looking for spaces for active forms of recreation. I think the plan goes a long way towards achieving that goal. And whereas there are no perfect play spaces that meet all age needs, there can at least be an attempt to do so. Play structures for younger children. Open space for adults. Family gathering areas. Active zones for pre-teens and teens alike. Space for music and live performances. Exercise areas. With that said, I believe there should be more offerings for active play for adults. Something along the lines of parkour obstacles/challenges that very much are in line with the natural themes throughout the current design. Another simple activity is disc golf. And whereas the space is not big enough for a full course, a few disc golf baskets could be put into what was called the northern third of the park thereby creating a simple "putting" course. Again, thank you for the opportunity to give feedback. Please feel free to reach out should you need more information from me.</p>
45	<p>I have been a longterm, over 50 yr, resident of El Granada and I am very pleased that we are finally getting a trail/ sidewalk between Portola and Coronado streets. Lots of pedestrians including myself have oftentimes had to use Obispo Rd with frequently heavy traffic to get to the beach by the southern El Granada traffic light. And matters got worse with the new beautiful firehouse, again no sidewalk! No sidewalk either at the Alhambra side by the new firehouse, looks like sprinklers for future landscaping, extremely poor planning! Picnic tables at the Burnham Park will be welcome. A suggestion: please repair or replace some of the very broken down tables at the Balboa strip.</p>
46	<p>Many thanks for the opportunity to comment. We live near in Mirimar. I would like to remind the committee of the principal of desire vs design. Proximity to surfers beach and current activity in the dirt parking should be considered as desire. For example, this lot is used for surfers to towel off and change. The new bathrooms will be a perfect place to towel off and change. Why not build design into the bathroom for this purpose with outdoor shower and places to remove sand. Second, the dirt lot is also used for teens to gather and watch each other skate. Observation of the skate ramp should be considered. Additionally, people will ride bikes from and to the park consideration of how they will safely get there without the need to ride along highway one should be made.</p>
47	<p>Thanks for the details. I really like the multi use of the site. I do have a couple of questions: 1) there's not enough parking today with so many people wanting to use the lot for beach access.. shouldn't it be enlarged to accommodate more cars? 2) could the lot be monetized to help pay for ongoing maintenance, cleaning and future development of other community areas/parks? 3) have you considered allowing space for some food trucks/vendors on the weekends? It could be another source of additional funding for ongoing area improvements. 4) if beach goers end up consuming the parking lot spaces, how do we ensure the community has a place to park for accessibility? We have a gift..a big opportunity with the beach access advantage. People will always continue to want to be here and we should encourage it as all Californians have the right to beach access. We have room to improve the management of the access AND the opportunity to leverage it for the betterment of the community.</p>

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48	<p>In general the park design looks good and a welcome improvement to me. However, I don't see the need to use valuable space in the park for cars - ie the parking lot. I think the parking lot should be eliminated especially given that there is street parking planned and available. If Burnham Park is for El Granada residents primarily, including a parking lot in addition to the street parking will invite others outside the ELG community to squat and take all the spaces limiting the use for ELG residents. Also, when will further details be provided on the exercise stations? Would they be crossfit or parkour oriented? In this time especially they are very relevant. Thanks for the opportunity to provide comments and look forward to seeing the evolving design.</p>
49	<p>I must say I like the layout. My only concern is parking, there doesn't seem to be enough. Beach goers will park by the post office and make getting mail difficult. Why not make 1 hour parking limits on Ave Portola. Thank you.</p>
50	<p>I like the proposed plan - it maintains mostly passive open space with environmental sensitivity, yet also has place for the skateboard parks, a basketball hoop, restroom, & parking, and those more intensive/less aesthetic uses are clustered together, and thankfully not where Avenue Portola hits the park. I especially like the pathways that meander through, most of all including a path to get to the stoplight at Coronado, currently a dangerous walk on a very narrow road with no shoulders. I love grass ("Village Green Lawn" area) but grass has a massive irrigation-water requirement plus the need for mowing and wonder how it may look in winter and when torn up by kids playing/bicycling on it. Can gray water be used for irrigation, safely? - if so, great. But, grass is nice, if it can be irrigated and maintained. Good closer-up views of the ocean may be more from the extension of Avenue Portola area than at the northernmost segment of the park property that gets farther from ocean views as the jetty curves out and then one sees the RV park and the Beach House. A flat dirt mound here and there to get viewers above Hwy-1 level could help afford nicer ocean views. But again, overall a very nice plan. Not in GCSO jurisdiction but yes you should keep urging CalTrans to keep their strip between the park and the coast highway as adequately-maintained open space and perhaps allow trail easements on it, and eventually a highway crossing of some sort - even if just x-ing signs/blinking lights/crosswalk since an overpass would likely be infeasible - since so many people cross Hwy 1 at the extension of where Portola hits Obispo Road. Assuming cars will still be allowed by CalTrans to park in the dirt area between the ocean and "Village Green Lawn," then some sort of fencing/screening and/or low hedges might help screen the unsightly dusty parking lot. I appreciate GCSO mailing the flyer card to El Granada residents, with sketch of how it would look and summarizing the plan's status and seeking comments. At the project's weblink, I like the added information. The video presentation by the consultant was more helpful than I expected, and was well-organized and clearly presented. The suggestion of a billboard with the plan and weblink, posted at the end of Portola, and perhaps a smaller one at the Post Office, seems like a good one. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p>
51	<p>Congratulations to GCSO for the preliminary master plan for Burnham Park. I think it is excellent and very exciting to think that "downtown " El Granada will have such a nice park. My one question is if there will be a cross walk from the parking lot to the beach? People running across hwy 1 are a danger to themselves and drivers.</p>
52	<p>Regarding the Burnham Park Preliminary Master Plan, we like it! This seems like a great use of this space, and a really thoughtful plan, thoroughly appropriate to the area. A few concerns, which may or may not have already been addressed: - Inviting people into a space so close to the highway, with the beach on the other side, will certainly provide an incentive for some people to cross the highway unsafely. This must be handled safely, for example with a pedestrian crosswalk. - It seems inevitable that the parking lot will be used for, among other purposes, beach parking. This will especially be the case if the present informal beach parking adjacent to the highway is no longer available. It's impossible to prevent this, so we may as well embrace it, and make it possible for safe access to and from the beach. - This has likely been considered, but what's the plan for maintenance? We hope there will be a plan so the play and picnic areas don't become overgrown. We'll be paying attention to the future development of this project. Excited to see it done properly!</p>
53	<p>This looks like a thoroughly thought out design with everything a community could want. I am very much in favor of it.</p>

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54	<p>Good afternoon, I just completed viewing the Youtube video of the Plan presentation. I am so thankful for the planning work done thus far and can't wait to see this project completed! I think the trail extension to Coronado St Crosswalk is vital. In fact, I love everything about this plan! The areas that I am most excited about as a resident are the rehabilitated stormwater management area, parking lot and spots along the street, restrooms, family picnic area, play lawn, playgrounds and individual picnic areas.</p> <p>Thank you again for improving our community and environment with this plan.</p>
55	<p>The preliminary park plans look good. A few questions/comments: First, how is the park delineated from the caltrain access strip next to highway 1. Will there be a fence of some sort? If so will the fence block traffic noise from highway 1? Will it prevent people from walking directly across the highway to surfer's beach? Second, will anything be done to the caltrain access next to the highway? Any landscaping at all? Close the dirt parking lot? Third, the parking lot looks pretty small. Probably fine for the people who just want to use the park. However, it seems much smaller than the existing dirt lot which is used by surfers, out of town visitors, etc. Where will they park? Finally, unless there is a very substantial fence it is highly likely that beach visitors will park in the lot, on Obispo, Ave Portola, Alhambra and the surrounding neighborhood, and cut through the park on the way to surfer's beach, even if there is a nice trail over to Coronado. Any plans for addressing this?</p>
56	<p>I received the postcard with a plan for Burnham Park. It looks beautiful. I hope that non-local people will have to pay to park in those parking lots. I do not want to see my local tax dollars building this beautiful place for non-local people to come over to the coast and use. That's what state parks are for. Pacifica charges to park in their lot's which are adjacent to the beach. Without this park we already have too many non-local people clogging our streets and filling up the parking lot across from the jetty (because the county let their parking lot fall into the ocean). So, if you're planning on making this all free for people who are not local. I object to the project entirely. I do not want my local tax dollars funding pleasures for people who are not locals.</p>

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57	<p>Hello, I just love it! It would be such a nice addition to our community. Thank you! I've added my comments to the attached PDF, but I've also summarized my feedback below: Overall - I do not want this park built at this location for many reasons, but primarily due to traffic. It is very dangerous to draw more people to an area where there's already community concerns. I understand the teams have worked very hard to develop these plans (thank you and it would be a great park), but not on the Burnham Strip. Corner of Coronado/Obispo Road - This aerial view does not include the new fire station. It is not open yet, but I'm very concerned about the level of traffic in the area during weekends/busy season. If you live in El Granada - you know how difficult it is to leave EG in the morning, weekends, etc. There's only 2 ways to leave EG, and if Highway 1 is stop/go - it can take 15-20 minutes to make your way through the Coronado light! Once the station is open - it is going to be very interesting to see how they maneuver their way through the intersection during an emergency call at peak traffic hours. With this mind - have you conducted an environmental study showing the impact of the park in conjunction with traffic? Village Green Lawn - Will my dog be allowed to use this park off leash? General Burnham Strip Area - I live on the Alameda and walk my dog down to Surfers Beach five days per week. Locals use this area as an option walk to beach vs. going down to the Coronado light. During the Summer and Fall - I see so many drivers speed down Obispo Road to avoid traffic on Highway 1. By adding this park to the area - I believe there will be MORE traffic along this narrow side street/area. There's also limited street parking. Caltrans Area - As per my comment with only two ways for cars to enter/leave El Granada - I do not think it is safe to add this park without adding another option for residents to leave EG in case of an emergency (especially if the park will draw more people and tourists into our small town). I think this may be in the works (crosswalk), but you know that the tourists will cross Highway 1 here to use the restrooms.</p>
58	<p>The plans for the Burnham Park development look amazing. Is there a plan for additional services for our homeless community? I am a little concerned that the facilities will become another spot to build an encampment. Is there an outreach program working with the developers?</p>
59	<p>So excited for this! This is going to be wonderful. Much needed and a great use of space and ocean view. It would be wonderful if there's a way to host evening concerts (acoustic only) on warm nights, and options to have food trucks like Sam's or Lama's there to sell food. Thank you for all this great work and contribution to our community!</p>
60	<p>I'm super supportive of this park. So needed! A couple of questions/comments: Will it include a restroom? One is sorely needed in this area. Something like what exists by Miramar bridge. Will it include a dog poop container? Those have been added to the alamedas throughout EG and have improved the trails for all.</p>
61	<p>I am a resident of el Granada and live within walking distance and I am so excited for this park and love everything! My only comment/feedback is in one of the MCC presentations I attended there was discussion about adding showers with bathrooms. I would like my vote to add more toilets instead of showers. I think the showers in the design would require more space and think that space should be used for more toilet facilities. I am tired of all the public urination and other things I see outside my home ☹️.</p>

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	<p>Thank you for all the efforts on the Burnham Park project! My wife [name deleted] and I moved from Kings Mountain to EG in 2018 and we love it here. I was excited when I saw the Burnham Park postcard, it reminded me of how great this community is. As expecting parents, I imagined all the great memories we will make with our future kids at the nearby park. I would like for the decision-makers and designers of Burnham Park to consider adding pickleball courts. [Name deleted] and I, in our 30's, were recently introduced by our friend's mom who' in her 60's -and we've now turned our friends into pickleball players! Pickleball encourages strangers to introduce themselves and play together, a game of doubles is more fun than one-on-one. At the pickleball courts, we've seen - after a game or two people take a break and hang out by the courts, even a single person can drop by and join a game. It's proven to create community: groups form on the Next Door app, leagues ensue, tournaments take place with healthy competition, and BBQs follow in celebration. Plus, it's the fastest-growing sport in America! I think this NBC diet & fitness writer does a better job explaining how much people love pickleball! https://www.nbcnews.com/better/lifestyle/pickleball-fastest-growing-sport-you-ve-never-heard-ncna992106 Update received 8/19: Thanks for your kind email and info! After hearing the PAC's logic, I agree with the decision. Looking forward to seeing the progression and hopefully see you around.</p> <p>62 Thank you all for your consideration.</p>
	<p>I am responding to the Half Moon Bay Review July 22,2020 article on the front page to preserve the Burnham Strip as parkland and preserve ocean views and open space for all to enjoy. I definitely applaud this idea and approach to keep the Coastal lands free to the public for all to enjoy. My concerns for the project are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traffic already at a standstill during high road demand times and this could make traffic even worse. 2. Pedestrians will want to cross the street to access the beach and Coastal Trail both through the lighted intersection crosswalk and without crosswalk creating slower traffic on HWY 1 in both directions. 3. Parking not adequate for increased park usage and beach access. <p>Possible Solutions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Divert HWY 1 East to make room for park to be adjacent to Coastal Trail and beach access. This alleviates pedestrians traffic from crossing HWY 1 and is safer for bicycles and pedestrians. In Southern California in places like Santa Monica, Venice Beach, Huntington Beach and other places, there are large cement walkway/bikeways and large park/beach areas for public access. Cars and people are not near each other creating safety/traffic hazards. This area in El Granada needs to be addressed for the future well-being of all who drive/ride/walk this thoroughfare. 2. Possible moving/widening HWY 1 to Obispo Road creating more space for Coastal businesses and pedestrians to enjoy the Coastal access without interfering with major thoroughfare. 3. Increase parking spots as 33-40 spots not adequate for demand. Is it possible to add parking spots across the street from RV park? 4. Under current plan, a fence bordering east side of HWY 1 directing pedestrians to cross at lighted crosswalk. 5. Possible footbridge to cross HWY 1 eliminating foot traffic crossing HWY 1. Since HWY 1 is a state Highway and even interstate would it qualify for federal/state funding? This projects is a great idea and one very much needed to accommodate the growing demand for people to come and enjoy the Coast. Let's keep moving forward towards the goal and make user friendly for everyone including local residents traveling back and forth to home <p>63 and work as well as First Responders.</p>
	<p>64 Please submit the plans under an untitled name so we can choose a name later.</p>

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65	I think that would a wonderful idea! I am sure he did not own slaves so that issue would not be an objection. Pacific Park, Granada Park, and Beachside are other suggestions.
66	<p>The plan for the park on the Burnham strip is great! Kudos, and thanks to all those who have worked so tirelessly to bring it to this point. A couple of comments.</p> <p>I think it would be great if we Coastsiders could have a voice in naming the park. How about submitting the plan to the county as "untitled park", to give time after approvals for community outreach specifically to select a name. Burnham could of course remain an option, but others could be considered, based on community input. (Personally, I'd love to see it named after the tribal group who were the first people in the area, the Chiguan, or after one of their villages. With no disrespect to Burnham, there's a notable lack of Coastside names honoring the people who lived here for thousands of years before Europeans arrived).</p> <p>Mr. Conroy noted that the site has potential for interpretive signage. That's an excellent idea, especially to tell the story of the place's history, from the first people on. And to explain the importance of native plants... for example, their importance in filtering stormwater on its way to the sea, as Mr. Conroy described. (I'm a member of the Half Moon Bay History Association board, and also did the text for the interpretive signage in our Jail Museum in downtown HMB; I'm sure the History Association would be glad to contribute to the signage effort, from a historical perspective.)</p>
67	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and thank you again for this great effort.</p> <p>I live in EG and I urge you to consider a nema for our community park that reflect our local 21st century values of community building, diversity and inclusion. I would like to encourage the Granada Community Services District board to submit the park plan to San Mateo County under the heading "untitled park" and, once approved, create a multigenerational, multicultural community outreach plan to name it and build ownership. Thank you for your work on behalf of our community.</p>
68	<p>I'm an El Granada resident. My family of three (one child under 13) is very pleased with the flyer and video presentation (GCSD 6/18/2020). We participated in the public sessions at EG Elementary. So it is really great and encouraging to see it all still moving forward. Thank you!</p> <p>I love the thoughtful design and inclusion of many of the features mentioned in the public sessions and surveys. Yay!: ribbon track, skate ramp, big lawn, picnic areas - and keeping active areas centralized so families can keep an eye on all of the kids.</p> <p>The partnering with the County and Caltrans are something I would like to see. The reduction in the parking is a concern I have, especially after what we've seen this Summer with a great influx of visitors under pandemic conditions. In the meeting video, it was mentioned that Caltrans or County was open to beach parking in the Caltrans right of way. And so I would strongly encourage that work be timed with the Park work so that we don't end up with little or much less or no beach parking for an extended period during construction. People are parking and walking and crossing Hwy1 all over the place (new flashing sign up this week reminding people to use the crosswalks). This is a huge safety concern.</p> <p>The trail running along the street to the South towards the new firehouse and the crosswalk is much needed. Great idea!</p>
69	I look forward to the next steps and getting something done! Thank you all for your hard work and really listening and incorporating community input!
70	<p>it could be a parking lot. Can we include a pedestrian bridge to the beach side? That stretch is so congested with hordes crossing the highway.</p> <p>I saw the sign yesterday and I wanted to say that I am so excited for this new park!!! Yay! My husband fishes off the rocks. We play on the beach until hes got enough, nice but boring soa park would be fun for the kidsAND it has a bathroom! Is parking free?</p>

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First Submission: Our home has an amazing view of the Bernham Strip thus we have a vested interest in the development of this open space. My family attended the previous public outreach events in person. We provided comments. We are very interested in retaining the character of this scenic corridor and we have an interest in recreational features that will serve our community. My comments to the draft plan are below:

My first comment is does the "Burnham Park Preliminary Master Plan" have the intention of serving visitors to the coast more than local residents? If this is the intention, I ask that you keep the existing gravel parking lot where it is but provide annual maintenance (1 day of grading out potholes and the addition of gravel). This would cut costs, preserve the character of our rural area, and provide more parking than the paved lot of the draft plan. Locate the bathroom/shower in the gravel lot for easy access of beach-goers and surfers. Place the bathroom south of the riparian corridor, much like the bathroom off Magellan Avenue, so residents will not have a bathroom building in their scenic view. Locate the playground, skate track, bocce court, BB court, etc. near Avenue Portola to keep the Visitor Sprawl where it exists already. These changes to the draft plan will help preserve the scenic corridor and accomodate the needs of beach-goers/surfers/fisher-people. Also, have you considered having the new recreational amenities (skate track, bocce court, and basketball courts) on GCSD land to the south that is not in direct view from the highway?

*What lighting is planned in the strip? We would like no lighting to preserve our night skies as required by the Local Coastal Program and the California Coastal Act. Residents with a view of the Burnham Strip already have undergone years of NONCOMPLIANCE from Keet Nerham and his improper lighting of the R.V. Park on leased Harbor Land. Let's avoid another conflict on the coast and not install lighting in the Burnham Strip.

*Can you delete all of the benches and tables from the plan and use a retaining wall for seating instead? Benches and tables serve vistors from over the hill and invite them to picnic and party in the strip which equals more TRASH we residents will have to manage. A (~30-inch height) along a previous winding trail through the northern section of native plantings will serve a dual purpose of keeping out invasive plants from the adjacent Caltrans R.O.W. and allow excellent social distancing seating!. This wall/seat feature is used in many existing parks. Todos Santos Park in Concord has one around their kids play area and the parents love it as it is very comfortable to sit on.

The biggest element of the draft plant is installing lawn. In your next draft plan, can you call out all acreages of different types of plantings including lawn areas? I would like to compare the costs involved for native plantings (which require little to no maintenance after their first year) to the addition of topsoil, sod, fertilizers, irrigation systems, prevention systems to stop vehicles from driving over the Village Green from Obispo and Highway1, plus the salary of a grounds-keeper/gopher killer. Non-native grass species dominate the draft plan for Burnham Park with the large area in the existing Surfer's Beach gravel lot called the "Village Green", another large "Family Picnic Area and Lawn", and 13 more smaller areas of lawn throughout the "native plantings" to the north. According to our Local Coastal Program (LCP) the Burnham Strip is classified as a scenic vista along a major highway which should be preserved or restored to natural habitat. Adding paved parking and hardscape (skate track and paved bike/walking trails) will change the look from a Scenic Vista to a City Park.

Are you planning to use non-mechanized equipment to maintain these lawn areas? If not, residents will also have to deal with the noise from constant mowing/edging/leaf blowing throughout the entire Burnham Strip. I'm not in favor of additional pollutants in an "open space". I have an asthmatic child who is sensitive to environmental changes. Can you tell me if the plan will require a weekly or monthly activity of mowers and leaf blowers? It is daily in Golden Gate Park which is very similar in design to your draft plan. Can the public get an advance maintenance schedule so we can avoid being home on the maintenance days?

This last comment is from my athletic daughter who requests that you change the 1/2 court to a full basketball court as two opposing baskets are needed for serious games to be played.

71 Thank you for your time. I look forward to your response to my comments regarding the development of this scenic vista.

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71	<p>Second Submission from above person: 1. Locate the building for bathrooms and showers in the wide open area north of Coronado Street (red) at the south end of Burnham - over 5,000 square feet - plenty of space. <u>This is the best spot.</u> The tall shrubs/trees will hide the building . It will promote safety as the location will encourage people to cross legally at the light. And you can get a variance to build by using the precedent set when the SMC built a bathroom in a riparian area at Megellan Avenue (yellow arrow) and then the SMC and the Ca. Coastal Commission.approved a variance to build a residential home in the riparian corridor.</p> <p>2. Keep the parking area where it is (red). It's 46,000 square feet. It requires no maintenance except for a bit of dirt pushing and more gravel spread prior to fall rains. Over 100 cars can park in that lot. It's used by locals and visitors. They like that area for parking and they will drive over your new lawn to park there. Remember the logs placed as a divider so they could not drive into the lot from the highway? Didn't work.</p> <p>3. What exactly are you planting in the northern end? All that lawn seems expensive and will promote tourist use. I don't want to see a bunch of people hanging out there like you see on the Mirada Surf Strip. I also don't want to see hardscape like paved sidewalks, playgrounds, paved courts (bocce and basketball). This is a big change from the existing strip. Any amenities you install will be used by tourists. They will stake out the tables, benches, and lawn areas for their use when they arrive at sunrise. Locals will have access only off season. Have you thought of upgrading Quarry Park with these amenities. QP is not used by visitors to the coast.</p> <p>4. Can you conduct a cost analysis regarding installation of features and subsequent upkeep of the park to share with us residents who are paying the fees to build and maintain this park? Whatever happened to the plan to redo the medians in El Granada? Is this from the same fund?</p>
71	<p>Third Submission from above person: El Granada is a huge dog walking community. In fact, we are known to people from all over San Mateo County and beyond as a great place to run dogs off leash as there is no leash law enforcement. We avoid walking our dog on Obispo or on Surfer's Beach because he's been attacked by larger off leash dogs multiple times. How will the new park accommodate dog owners or will the park be off limits to dogs? If it is off limits, how will this be enforced? Will there be signs, "No dogs on grass"? If dogs are allowed will you have poop bag dispensers and garbage containers throughout the park so after the dogs defecate on the lawn the owner can scoop up the main portion? Will the lawn areas be sprayed daily or weekly to remove feces remnants so kids can play on the grass? Will the park have liability insurance to cover the medical and emotional costs of children bitten by off leash dogs?</p>
72	<p>I am an El Granada Resident and I really like the Burnham Park Preliminary Plan. Thank you for presenting the Burnham Park Plan to the Coastside.</p>
73	<p>We think the plan looks great and includes lots of great features. We were wondering if it might be possible to include a space for a dog agility course in the plan as well. Thank you for all your hard work.</p>
74	<p>Having rec'd a postcard on the Burnham Park Preliminary Master Plan, (I am an EG resident), I would like to say you have done a nice job of incorporating the many ideas into a cohesive plan, one which I support. There is only one comment I wish to make. I'm not sure who started this craze of planting weeds for ground cover (grasses and native plantings). On the coast we have better alternatives (ice plant). So I would ask that you utilize coastal plants and not the weeds that so many of the new ground cover ideas seem to include (see for example the meridian of Sunset Blvd in SF).</p>
75	<p>My only request is to have a dog park. There are so many dogs in EG, but they can't socialize anywhere. Quarry Park is NOT a good choice for a dog park, as it would disrupt the habitat.</p>

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76	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to review the planning work done regarding improvements to the Burnham Strip. We are recent arrivals to El Granada and pass through that area almost daily - well twice daily! In general, the plan is too cutesy, way too cutesy. The improvements need to be simpler, cheaper and meet the needs of the community and visitors. The operating cost for the plan as proposed is not presented. The operating cost should include an amortization of replacement costs for all proposed facilities, paths, paving, etc. There is no evidence that the current drainage through the area contributes to pollution on the beaches, nor is there evidence that the wandering waterways would reduce the pollution. The plan should in my mind respect the way the area is used: we want to get to the beach, we go through it. I know this doesn't match the interests of CalTrans to have only two traffic lights, but ... just watch. People don't care: they cross the road. A bathroom is a good idea in general, but I think the bathroom planned for Surfer's Beach may suffice. In any case we only need one location (not two) and it should be located near the parking and Portola Ave. to serve the most people. It should be designed for low cost maintenance and a minimization of nuisance. The existing nature of the Burnham Creek draining IS a problem - attracting overnight stays and human waste disposal. It could remain a useful "wild" area, but vision through the area should be established. The creation of a public gathering area is worthwhile. This should be done to enhance the use of Portola Ave. as a commercial district. The creation of a large number of walking paths is cutesy: folks get their walking done plenty well now and in ways I think they would prefer to using paths in the park (ie., the coastal trail). A basketball court would get used. The skaters need a halfpipe. More is nice, but preserve the halfpipe and give the skaters some agency in its use, maintenance, and feel. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts as a community member who looks forward to passing through the Burnham Strip many times in the future. Additional comments 9/8/2020: Thank you for taking time to respond to my concerns. Perhaps we differ on the seriousness of undertaking the continuing cost of maintenance and the eventual replacement of the structures planned for the Burnham strip. I understand the funding that the GCSD has, but by choosing to do one thing (develop the area), you are also making a commitment on behalf of future boards and residents. You and we should see clearly at least what this financial commitment is.</p>
77	<p>I advocate that the Burnham strip remain natural and not developed. It should be kept as a natural habitat. Rather than develop this area and cause further congestion to our neighborhood, put the effort in at Quarry Park which is a neighborhood park. This Burnham strip is a wetlands area that should be preserved and left in its natural state.</p>

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78	<p>Super stoked about the plan for the Burnham park. You did a great job, and I am grateful. There are a few things that I thought could cause potential issues and am listing them here:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Street parking on the northern end of the park, on Alhambra, is likely to cause some traffic confusion. Cars coming from Obispo, making a left turn into Alhambra, already have challenging visibility on their right, adding parking along the street will make the situation there even more challenging, esp. if there will be more pedestrian traffic walking in/out of the park. Also, those parking spots are close to residential buildings, so this is likely to cause disturbance to the residents of EG. 2. I'd probably opt to NOT have BBQ grills so close to the playgrounds. It seems to me, smoke from the BBQ will get in the way of kids and adults who are exercising, and as such breathing heavy and deep all the smoke in. 3. I'd like to see more tree plantings in the project. Mostly shrubs were mentioned, or maybe I didn't pay enough attention... Anywho - more trees! :D 4. Will the park be fenced, esp. on the side of HW1? I am concerned with major foot traffic from beach goers who park in the streets of EG and walk through the park to the beach (crossing illegally and causing even more traffic difficulties than today). 5. Can anything be done to prevent parking on the coronado/obispo corner? In many European countries, parking is only allowed 16 feet away from an intersection, because otherwise the parked cars obstruct the traffic and visibility. <p>Thank you once again. And as always, count me in for any volunteer work when it comes to planting the park :)</p>
79	<p>It was so nice for our family to review the new plans; we attended both the initial booth near Surfer's Beach to give early feedback on the space, as well as the meeting at the elementary school. Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication. As for feedback, and in lieu of all the recent visitor issues, I would recommend our village charging for those parking spaces--maybe \$20 per car for all day, or \$5 an hour, and use the funds for maintenance. That way people won't take advantage/spend the night there, etc. I also recommend a snack bar, or some food trucks are set up there with many trash/compost and recycling bins. The big concern across the coast right now is TRASH. So to avoid future problems, please install them all over the place. Also, a popsicle or ice cream stand would be a great idea for the kids. As for a name, I have so much respect for the Flat Iron Building architect, but most people do not know that history. I'd suggest calling it "Granada Park" and then on a small building, or plaque, write his story. I'd also suggest, since we are jazzing up our village, to start referring to it as El Granada Village or Granada Village, similar to the charmingly worded Capitola Village, or Granada-by-the-sea. I'm happy to help in any way with future branding ideas or writing.</p>
80	<p>Seems like any time there's an open piece of land anywhere on the coast, someone wants to do something on or to it. Last project was Harbor Village which was a complete failure. Luckily this does not include any large structures. Parking is addressed but I didn't see anything about the increase in traffic in the area. Safety issues are important since it's between two busy roads, Hwy 1 and Obispo- fences around the park? Additional email 9/8/2020: So, since I don't know the terminology that well, a post and rail fence could be climbed by kids, thus allowing the kids to "escape" the park outside of their own playground??? I understand the view is important but so are lives. Wouldn't something like a clear plastic solid fence be safer? Again I'm not an engineer or architect nor a park planner. Just a resident who has lived on the coast for 40 years, 22 of which was in El Granada and I'm looking to relocate there again.</p>
81	<p>Burnham Strip is a lovely fantasy but the parking will not be adequate once tourists discover it and Surfer's Beach area will be even crazier than it gets now.</p>

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82	<p>In the current plans for the Burnham Strip park, I strongly recommend replacing the proposed skateboard "ribbon track" with an actual concrete skatepark. I attended the Burnham Strip's public outreach workshop at El Granada Elementary School last year, and ended up making the public presentation on behalf of the group that sought the most active use for the space. As I pointed out in that presentation, only one person on our "active use" team wanted a skateboard ribbon track, and we added it to the mix as a sort of wishful flourish. Crucially, our proposed layout for the Burnham Strip also included a small skatepark, which the team clearly regarded as a much higher priority than a ribbon track. I recently talked to the executive director of the Skatepark Project (formerly the Tony Hawk Foundation) about this, and he pointed out that ribbon tracks are almost always installed merely as add-ons to an existing skatepark, rather than in lieu of a skatepark. That's because the area inside the circumference of the track is essentially wasted space. The narrow ribbon would accommodate only one or two skaters at a time, while a skatepark could accommodate a dozen or more active participants.</p>

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83	<p>Although our postcard requesting comments on the Burnham Park Plan did not specify a deadline, I think the HMB Review mentioned a September 10th deadline for the current comment period. First: thank you for all of your planning and outreach efforts. You've done a great job in reaching out for public comment, and getting the word out: I've seen posts on NextDoor, an article in the HMB Review, and the postcard (which was really well-done, and helpful). I do appreciate your work!</p> <p>1. I Do Not Support the Plan. That said, I am not in favor of making changes to the current landscape at the Burnham strip area. Reasons are below, so that those can be considered, if they haven't already been addressed:</p> <p>a. No Garbage Service Plan. You've done great and thoughtful work on the Plan, but I haven't seen a plan for addressing the garbage removal. We have all seen the problems with getting garbage removal service from Recology at Surfer's Beach and other locally accessible public spaces. How will overflowing garbage cans be addressed? Who will we call to take care of those? Who will pay for the service? We know that having no garbage cans is a recipe for disaster, so that probably isn't a good answer, and a lovely park like this will attract a lot of garbage...take a look at Obispo Road now. Litter as far as the eye can see: empty alcohol bottles, shipping boxes, masks and other trash. If we don't have the means to clean it up now, how will the situation change? This seems to be an ongoing expense for residents in the future, and those costs should be made clear in the early plans...sorry if I missed them.</p> <p>b. No Maintenance Plan. Who will maintain the restroom, picnic areas, etc.? Who will be responsible for removing the graffiti from enthusiastic local artists? How will the "green" areas of the park be serviced (i.e. watered, weeded, etc.)?</p> <p>c. More Parking Is Desperately Needed. We have a parking problem. Visitors park in the current lot, and overflow goes into the neighborhood, and the post office parking spaces. I can only see this problem becoming worse with the current Plan.</p> <p>d. It Changes the Character of the Area. I like the rough and tumble look of the parking lot and skate ramp just the way it is... though I wish we could find a way to keep it clean. The Plan shows a really lovely park, and they had a lot of these in San Jose, where I used to live. Depending on how well funded the maintenance is, these parks can be pretty to look at...and this Plan looks similar, and it would fit well in San Jose. I think it will be attractive to a lot of visitors from there! But, I personally can not envision using it, and my opinion is that it does not seem to have the right look and feel for this rural coastside community.</p> <p>e. Highway 1 Could Move. If you haven't yet done so, please also look into any current plans/options and timeline for moving Highway 1, if the erosion continues on this section of the coast. I recall discussions and seeing some reports from past years that discussed the possibilities of this...such as this 2010 report: https://planning.smcgov.org/sites/planning.smcgov.org/files/documents/files/highway_1_safety_and_mobility_improvement_study_phase_1_2010.pdf . Perhaps not a consideration for anytime in the near future, but it would be good to confirm that/avoid any surprises from other agencies who may have plans for road changes.</p> <p>2. I Do Support Pedestrian Access on Obispo Road. I do think there is a pressing need for safer pedestrian access along Obispo Road. That is a dangerous strip, and with more and more beach visitors parking in the neighborhood, I think we need safer pedestrian access to the light, so people can cross the road at the crosswalk, and the lights at Coronado. I also wonder how the fire trucks will get out, when traffic is stacked up at a standstill on that road...but hope I am wrong, and that's another discussion.</p> <p>Hope this is helpful feedback. Thank you, once again, for all your hard work on the Plan, and gathering public input. I know it's hard work, and it's tough to get people engaged and share their thoughts in the early stages, when it matters most, and when changes can most easily be addressed. I'm so glad that there are so many people willing and able to help improve this fantastic community!</p>
84	<p>Noticing on the new plan there is a "ribbon" for skateboarding. As former member of the Granada Advisory Committee it is 100% true we need more recreation for children. A full skate park would go great on the Burnham Strip and serve the children of our community. There is still no movement on the promised pump track up in Quarry Park. Let's show these kids we love and care for them. Thank you for your time and can't wait to see this all begin.</p>

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85	<p>Thank you for the chance to comment on the proposed Burnham Park. This email has comments from three people: me, my neighbor [name deleted], and [name deleted].</p> <p>1. Comment from ([name deleted], El Granada): The plan looks great, and I understand you've done much outreach to get it to this point. After reviewing the material and also the results of the last outreach survey, my only suggestions are the following: - For the active area, the half-pipe seems a must, and I suspect the half-court basketball will get good use among many age groups, but I wonder if a small urban soccer field might be a better option than having the bocce court and ribbon track. You can get them pretty small, enough for pickup games. The option wasn't on the survey, but my guess is that might be a top choice for Latino children. El Granada has a significant Latino population with children. In 2018-2019, El Granada Elementary had 409 students, of which 57% (233) were Latino/Hispanic and 34.7% (142) were English language learners. The number of disadvantaged students isn't broken down by ethnicity, but the total percentage is 44.7% (183). For these students especially, park recreation options are most needed. Since we must make tradeoffs given the small active area, this would mean leaving off other activities. It seems the bocce court wasn't of great interest to any age group, based on the survey results. I'm guessing it was included to give us older people an option, but as the survey points out, it generated interest in only 47% of older people (it's too boring even for us). The ribbon track, while nice, seems expendable because skateboarders already will have the half-pipe. I think offering something for a different group would be good. Of course, my assumption that this would be a top choice of Latino children is just an assumption (although based on conversations) and would need to be confirmed with outreach. - If you make interpretive and directional signs for the park, please make them in Spanish, too. When I was translating the park flyer for you, I discovered that some of the English terms confused even Latino readers who are fluent in English. For example, a direction sign that says "Village Green" may confuse even those relatively fluent in English. Given the number of visitors we have, a Chinese translation could be useful, too (I think Cantonese, but not sure). - My husband and I walk across Burnham strip most days, and we occasionally notice a strong sewer smell there. That would make the park experience certainly less enjoyable on those days. Is this something that can be remedied? That's all from me. Thanks for the tremendous job you've done developing the preliminary plan. It will be a fantastic park no matter what you ultimately choose.</p> <p>2. Comment from [name deleted] El Granada: The park is nice, but I am concerned about the use of scarce water resources to maintain the large lawn, and to a lesser extent the park overall. Has water conservation been considered in the plan development? I'm also concerned about the overall cost of maintenance for the park. Is there enough existing budget for this? The flyer mentions potential grants, but what if those grants don't come through or end? Is the fallback plan to raise our rates? If the proposed plan depends on potential grants, please revise it to fit within the existing budget.</p> <p>3. Comment from [name deleted], translated from Spanish below (see image of comment card attached)</p> <p>This Master plan looks great, I would like you to plant many palm trees, it would be very nice if you installed some basketball courts, and more palm trees. Thank you.</p>

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86	<p>The current plans for the Burnham Strip park an actual concrete skatepark. I strongly recommend replacing the proposed skateboard "ribbon track" with a real skateboarding attraction that allows for more than two to three people to use it at once. I was at the Burnham Strip public planning outreach workshop at El Granada Elementary School last year, and witnessed the public presentation presented by Steve Hawk on behalf of the group that sought the most active use for the space. Skateboarders are the largest number and most frequent users of the park as a recreational area. As was pointed out in that presentation, only one person on the "active use" team wanted a skateboard ribbon track. It was added to the mix as an afterthought or curtesy to include more types of use. It should not be considered a primary obstacle for skateboarding. It is crucial that the layout for the Burnham Strip also include a small skatepark! The "active use" team clearly regarded this as a much higher priority than a ribbon track. Steve Hawk told me that he talked to the executive director of the Skatepark Project (formerly the Tony Hawk Foundation) about this Ribbon tracks are almost always installed as add-ons to a skatepark, not in in lieu of a skatepark. Don't allow the area inside the circumference of the ribbon track to become wasted space. The narrow ribbon will only accommodate one or two skaters at a time. A skatepark is ample space for a dozen or more active participants.</p>
87	<p>(Joint submission with next comment) These ideas are to be included with an illustration we are submitting. We have stated many times our ideas but have not seen them in the latest version. So since a picture is worth a thousand words, we thought we would present our version of the park. This is an illustration suggesting changes to the BUrnham Park Preliminary Plan. These are a few comments describing some of the changes:</p> <p>We separated the trails for safety reasons. The inner trail is a combination of walking/running/par course.</p> <p>We increased the open space to allow more usage for a greater number of people and separated the larger parkland of lowest intensity use to the Tot Lot of medium intensity use and for safety then to the highest intensity use of the Skate Ramp with each group getting their own separate areas.</p> <p>Parking needs to be studies for the best solution: either parking lots or parallel parking or diagonal parking. Our illustration should speak for itself but we will be available to answer questions.</p>
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I am not happy with this plan at all. It should be much more open for multi use options of play. So many low impact activities could be enjoyed if it was much more open. Also, there should be more parking closer to where it is now. By moving the parking where you propose your just going to force people that will eventually use it for beach access (residents also) to cross further to the north. This is fundamentally not a good idea. I look forward to participating in the next meeting to give further comments.

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	Comment
90	Park Name - Two ideas: Chiguan, after the native people; Railroad, or Ocean Shore Railroad
91	<p>I am very excited that this community is moving forwards on a public park for the Burnham strip. I grew up in El Granada (proud member of HMBHS class of 2007!) and moved back to this gem of a town a few years ago. I am a designer at a landscape architecture office in San Francisco, so it was fun to delve into the initial park design presentation from this summer. The design team nailed it with which exact programmatic and ecological elements to include. Specifically, I really like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -bathrooms, picnic tables and a parking lot, all out of the central sight line. -the numerous infiltration basins and the wide riparian channel full of native plants -an arrival plaza at the terminus of Avenue Portola -connections to the neighborhood and the eventual coastside trail -reestablishing chaparral plant species in this great view corridor <p>I attached a PDF with comments for your group and the design team. I have a bunch of questions about the large lawn. I also have comments on refining the design further, and provided a sketch to illustrate my thoughts on the second page. Namely, I am concerned that the pathways and layout of the programming will look busy when seen from a distance. I love the experience of walking through town and enjoying the views from these elegant streets, which is why I aimed to simplify and clean up the larger geometries of the initial proposal. In the end, this park, once all the programming fits in, needs to feel like something that should slide in next to a Burnham design. The Burnham design makes this town so unique.</p> <p>Please let me know if I can assist your committee moving forwards with this project. I am happy to volunteer my time.</p>
92	<p>I live on the corner of Sonora and Presidio in El Granada. I submitted some suggestions and filled out the survey months ago regarding this project. I have three small suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) keep the parking lot the same size or slightly bigger and charge for parking. 2) there is a huge need for tennis courts north of HMB. They would be used a lot and I think make a fantastic addition to the park. 3) By adding a proper playground you would encourage young families to use the park. <p>I'm sure you've had these suggestions already but I definitely speak for all of my neighbors as well. Thank you for considering our requests!</p>
93	Composite of PAC July 6 discussion and prior recommendations - see PAC report to July Board meeting

ITEM #2

No documents for this item.

ITEM #3

GRANADA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors
From: Directors Clark and Suchomel, Burnham Park BRA Study Ad-Hoc Committee
Subject: Biological Resources Assessment Study Proposal
Date: September 24, 2020

For the Biological Resources Assessment of the Burnham Park property required by the park planners, the Request for Proposals was sent to 11 firms; GCSD received two proposals by the deadline of September 15th. The ad hoc committee reviewing the proposals (Dirs. Suchomel and Clark) evaluated the proposals, both of which were good. Based largely on turnaround time and cost, the committee recommends that GCSD contract with BioMaAS, Inc. of San Francisco to complete the study for a cost not to exceed \$9,000. The recommended firm's proposal is attached.



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September 14, 2020

Matthew Clark and Eric Suchomel
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Proposal: Biological Resources Assessment for Burnham Park, Granada, California.

Dear Mr. Clark and Mr. Suchomel,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with a proposal for a Biological Resources Assessment (BRA) for Burnham Park (referred to as the "Burnham Strip") on parcels owned by the Granada Community Service District (District) in El Granada, California. Our staff have extensive experience performing BRAs in this area and for the City of Half Moon Bay and we look forward to this potential opportunity with the District.

BioMaAS, Inc. is a small minority and woman owned biological consulting company specializing in environmental services including: biological assessments, habitat assessments, special-status species surveys, restoration design, mitigation monitoring, construction monitoring, SWPPP monitoring and compliance, CEQA services, archaeological services, paleontological services and permitting. Our professional team is composed of biologists and ecologists with advanced degrees in wildlife, entomology and fish ecology. Our professionals have more than 20 years of experience and are permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to work with threatened and endangered species such as San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*), giant garter snake (*Thamnophis gigas*), Alameda whipsnake (*Masticophis lateralis euryxanthus*), California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*), California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*), California clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris obsoletus*) and salt marsh harvest mouse (*Reithrodontomys raviventris*).

Approach

Prior to field work, BioMaAS staff will conduct a database search of the California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDDB), accession records available from the Consortium of California Herbaria, California Native Plants Society's online Inventory of Rare, Threatened and Endangered Plants, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service species lists in order to determine the potential occurrence of special-status plants, animals, and vegetation communities. United States Geological Survey (USGS) topographic maps and National Wetland Inventory maps shall also be reviewed as aquatic resources, including riparian areas, wetlands, and many other aquatic vegetation communities are considered sensitive biological resources and normally fall under the jurisdiction of several regulatory agencies.

A field visit will then be conducted by BioMaAS staff. Typically two biologists perform the field work: one wildlife biologist and one plant biologist/wetlands expert. The two biologists will prepare the report with the aid of our geographic information system (GIS) experts to produce the figures. The report shall contain the following:

1. Executive Summary: briefly describing the findings of the BRA including any recommendations to avoid impacts to sensitive resources.
2. Introduction: proposed project description and general site location and description.
3. Methodology: covers the regulatory, literature, and database reviews governing the proposed project as well as the means and methods of aerial and site surveys performed.
4. Existing Conditions and Survey Results: description of the existing hydrology, including the location of any potential wetlands and /or potential jurisdictional waterways; vegetation and wildlife, including any special-status species; and any other sensitive biological communities or potential Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHAs) noted.
5. Project Impacts: description of potential impacts to sensitive biological communities and/or special-status species, and recommendations for general avoidance and minimization measures.
6. References and Resources.

Wetlands may be separately delineated if requested and a formal delineation is not included in this scope of work. The report will list the potential for sensitive biological resources to occur on and adjacent to project site, identify activities that may impact biological resources and identify the appropriate mitigation or buffer zones per the appropriate zoning code and land use plan. Any necessary consultations with other Local, State or Federal agencies will also be identified. Typical turnaround time from field visit to draft electronic report submittal

is approximately two to three weeks. BioMaAS staff will also respond to one (1) set of District staff comments on the prepared Draft BRA and then complete an electronic copy of the Final BRA.

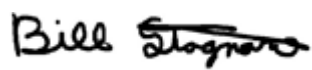
Cost

The base bid for a biological resources assessment of Burnham Strip will be **\$8,910**. The costs are inclusive of mileage, responses to District comments and final report preparation and submission. BioMaAS does not bill for time not spent.

Table 1. Task Description		Hours	Hourly Billing Rate	Cost
1	Field Visit Preparation - Database search and field map preparation.			
	<i>Senior Biologist</i>	2	\$130	\$260
	<i>Biologist</i>	4	\$80	\$320
	<i>GIS</i>	4	\$120	\$480
2	Field Visit			
	<i>Senior Biologist</i>	6	\$130	\$780
	<i>Biologist</i>	8	\$80	\$640
3	Report Preparation – Includes draft report, response to comments and final report preparation.			
	<i>Senior Biologist</i>	20	\$130	\$2,600
	<i>Biologist</i>	32	\$80	\$2,560
	<i>GIS</i>	10	\$120	\$1,200
Subtotal				\$8,840
Expenses		Distance	Rate	Cost
Vehicle Mileage (for two biologists)		120	.58/mi	\$70
TOTAL COST				\$8,910

If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please feel free to contact me at 415.440.4267 or billstagnaro@biomaas.com.

Sincerely,



Bill Stagnaro
Wildlife Biologist/Principal