

Agency Roundtable Meeting Notes

March 14, 2006, 12:00 – 2:30

Flipchart Notes

Discussion Topics

1. Regional Context and Special Places

What makes GG and Muir Woods so special?

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

Players

Types of agriculture

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

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

2. Problems and Concerns – Threats

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

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

- Regional issues
 - Need to tap corporate funding
 - Opportunities for support
 - Natural factors e.g. erosion
 - Tap into corporate sponsorship – infuse the
 - Background reports on the con
 - On website
 - Need to keep partnerships consistent with park goals
 - Park may be expected to be more sustainable
 - Flood control sediment permitting impact on three watersheds need a universal approach
- Marin county public works Pacifica public works permitting watershed a universal approach is needed
- Continue to ensure tat there is public financing available to protect the park in the blank
 - Need explore camping and hiking huts opportunities keep green Steep Ravine cabins



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1. **Agency Name:** Association of Bay Area Governments
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4. Which specific issues, topics, or park areas do you want the National Park Service to consult with your agency about as the general management plan is being developed?

- connection to the Bay Trail with the GMP project boundaries and links to adjacent communities
- conflict between trail users: hikers, bicyclists, equestrian, ^{different use levels w/in each}
- working towards a balance between recreation and wildlife habitat.
- See our Wildlife & Public Access Study (to be released May 2006)
- Comprehensive trail signage program
- Accommodating needs for commute cyclists within the park
- include planning for water trail access, including launch & landing sites
- See current BCDC water trail planning process under way

Suggest that you involve edge trail and coastal trail reps in this process

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- We are interested in seeing your recreational needs and/or existing recreational use studies that may be considered as part of GMP



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City Manager*

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4. Which specific issues, topics, or park areas do you want the National Park Service to consult with your agency about as the general management plan is being developed?

- *Resource protection*
- *Urban/parkland interface*
- *Transportation / access (inc. water transit)*
- *Recreation uses*
- *Mutual aid (public safety services, disaster response)*
- *Partnership opportunities (parking/shuttle services, programs, special events (example: Tour of Calif Bike Race))*



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1. Agency Name:

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

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- SANTA CRUZ DISTRICT

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FELTON, CA. 95018

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4. Which specific issues, topics, or park areas do you want the National Park Service to consult with your agency about as the general management plan is being developed?

- expansion of authorized boundaries
- land acquisition opportunities
- land exch/trade opportunities
- connecting trail opportunities



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1. Agency Name: CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

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4. Which specific issues, topics, or park areas do you want the National Park Service to consult with your agency about as the general management plan is being developed?

- GENERAL, DAY-TO-DAY CONTACTS SHOULD BE NORTH BAY AND SANTA CRUZ DISTRICT STAFF, ABOVE
- WALTER GRAY IS INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECTS OF INTERPRETATION AND PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL FEATURES OF STATEWIDE OR NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.



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1. **Agency Name:** S.F. P.U.C.
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Gen. NOTE
stopping levels -
need more ranger for
enforcement / patrol

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General Note:
Plan/maps should show
reflect SF ownership of
Pen. w/s LANDS -
Distinguish easement areas
from LANDS owned by
GG-NRA.

4. Which specific issues, topics, or park areas do you want the National Park Service to consult with your agency about as the general management plan is being developed?

ISSUES	END of Sneath Ln. Sweeney Ridge	Phleger	SFPUC Pen w/s Senic/Sc. & Rec Esmts	Rancho de Corral del Tierra?
Restricting DOGS	X	X	SFPUC Prohibits Dogs on Pen. watershed	X
Fire Haz. Reduction	Fire/Access Emerg. X	X		adjacent to extreme fire danger area X
Trails	Trail Head Impments @ END of Sneath Lane	Connector trail from SFPUC so. fuel break-woodside	Trail Connector from Sn. Ln. to S. And. trail	Managed to protect Pen. w/s from fire/trespass
ROAD Maint.	X			
NAT. Res. Mgmt.	Invasive weed control / dog mgmt	X	preserve undev. O.S. @ end of Sneath Lane owned by Pacific	Prevention of trespass onto protected watershed - fencing, buffer, X enforcement
Cultural Resources	X	X		

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- 1. Agency Name:** San Mateo County Parks
- 2. Address:** 455 County Center
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- 4. Which specific issues, topics, or park areas do you want the National Park Service to consult with your agency about as the general management plan is being developed?**

Regional trails

Signage

Future acquisitions

Vegetation Management

Watershed Management

Interpretation

Policies, standards/practices, ordinances, etc where connected land use

stakeholder contacts

Operations and maintenance for shared land areas & facilities

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1. **Agency Name:** *Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS)*
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*Fort Mason, Bldg. 201
San Francisco, CA 94123*
3. **Contact Person:**
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4. **Which specific issues, topics, or park areas do you want the National Park Service to consult with your agency about as the general management plan is being developed?**
*Emergency Response e.g. oil spill response
All marine issues
on-the-water enforcement
partnerships*

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1. **Agency Name:** San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
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- Email:**
- } For now

4. Which specific issues, topics, or park areas do you want the National Park Service to consult with your agency about as the general management plan is being developed?

- opportunities for restoration of water bodies (e.g., streams, ponds, wetlands, etc.), and whether permitting needed as part of that restoration (or maintenance of water bodies)
- as GGNRA works to upgrade or maintain its facilities and infrastructure, what design and permitting considerations should be identified, especially

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relative to stormwater controls and flood management



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1. **Agency Name:** Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM)
Marin County Dept. of Public Works
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4. **Which specific issues, topics, or park areas do you want the National Park Service to consult with your agency about as the general management plan is being developed?**

- Funding of improvements (both capital & operating)
- coordinating with local agencies, community & stakeholder
- expanding the range of transportation choices to and within the Park
- Efficient use of money & time.
- Repairing working relationships with local agencies
- Public outreach expectations
- local political climate



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1. **Agency Name:** CALTRANS - DISTRICT 4
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4. **Which specific issues, topics, or park areas do you want the National Park Service to consult with your agency about as the general management plan is being developed?**

transportation - access, safety, maintenance
cumulative impacts

resources (~~that~~ between jurisdictions)
ecosystems and habitats
air and water quality
cultural (historic and archaeology)



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- 1. Agency Name:** California Dept. of Transportation
District 4
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- 4. Which specific issues, topics, or park areas do you want the National Park Service to consult with your agency about as the general management plan is being developed?**

- Challenge to balance access and resource preservation (avoid "losing the park to death")
- Incorporation of CTMP work into transportation element of GMP
- Pursuit of transportation technology solutions to better manage ~~access~~ transportation access and alternative mode choices.



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1. **Agency Name:** Marin County
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4. Which specific issues, topics, or park areas do you want the National Park Service to consult with your agency about as the general management plan is being developed?

Point Reyes NP @ Muir Woods @ Point @ NO. GG Brdg.

Issues of Interest: Land use: camping, transportation, expanded use, park use, resource use, noise policies, bldgs #, type, visitor services, LCP

Net Systems: biology base-line, improvements, connectivity to trails, accessibility to water system, stream-crossing, watershed policies, accessibility to previously inaccessible areas

BUILT Env: green bldg, energy use, transportation, cumulative pressure on overnight accommodations, fire safety, emergency call response @ service

employee housing. Global warming → Priority. 1



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4. **Which specific issues, topics, or park areas do you want the National Park Service to consult with your agency about as the general management plan is being developed?**
 - ^{physical} Co-existence of GGNRA and vital transportation infrastructure provided by GGBHTD : GG Bridge
GG Transit
 - Mutual interests relative to the services we provide : GGB provides access to GGNRA
GGT provides access to GGNRA

Based on today's presentation that identified the specific areas that will be included in the GMP update, it appears that our focus will be on areas within Marin County (Headlands, Muir Woods, Sausalito Beach) rather than in SF or on "the Peninsula".



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4. **Which specific issues, topics, or park areas do you want the National Park Service to consult with your agency about as the general management plan is being developed?**

- o Regional multi-use recreational trail connections
- o Habitat conservation planning, resource management, stewardship
- o Geographic Areas: former Phleger Estate, Rancho Corral de Tierra, Crystal Spgs easement (all in SM Co.)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE



May 24, 2006

Mr. Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attn: GMP Team
Fort Mason, Bldg. 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

The Presidio Trust (Trust) has reviewed the Notice of Intent (NOI) and the scoping materials provided for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) General Management Plan (GMP). Our comments are provided pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA Implementation Regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, and the Trust's policies and procedures on environmental quality and control at 36 CFR part 1010.

The proposed project is to develop a new GMP that will address NPS-administered lands within the boundaries of the GGNRA. The GMP will provide a clearly defined understanding of the resources, opportunities for visitor experiences, and general kinds of management, access, and development that will best achieve the GGNRA's purpose and protect its resources. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be developed for this project.

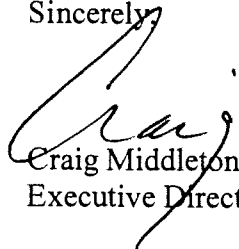
We appreciate this opportunity for early participation in the development of the GMP/EIS. We agree that the Presidio should not be included in the GMP because the site has a "recently updated land management plan" as indicated in your newsletter (Newsletter #1, Spring 2006). However, we object to the misstatement in the NOI that the Presidio is "now managed by GGNRA." Nine years after the 1980 GMP, the Presidio was designated for closure and in 1994 the U.S. Army transferred the Presidio to the National Park Service (NPS). In 1996, the Presidio Trust Act (16 U.S.C. § 460bb appendix) gave jurisdiction of the 1,168-acre inland area of the Presidio identified as Area B to the Trust while retaining this area within the authorized boundary of the GGNRA. The NPS continues to manage the shoreline, or Area A. The updated land management plan referred to in your newsletter is the 1994 General Management Plan Amendment (GMPA), which remains the management plan for Area A. The 2002 Presidio Trust Management Plan (PTMP) updates and succeeds the GMPA as it applies to Area B.

The Trust and NPS collaborate in their respective management of the Presidio, including planning efforts that overlap Areas A and B. To ensure that GMP planning is as well informed as possible, future references to the Presidio should distinguish between Areas A and B and acknowledge the interests, authority and responsibility of the Trust pursuant to the Presidio Trust Act as discussed in the PTMP. Also, because the Trust has a stake in how the GGNRA is managed, the EIS should include a discussion of how the park's purpose as expressed in the GMP interrelates with the purposes of the Trust.

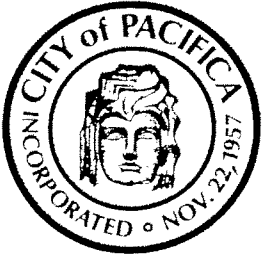
The Trust is supportive of mutually beneficial projects that will increase access for visitor enjoyment of the Presidio. The Trust encourages that important transit system projects such as the extension of San Francisco Municipal Railway's historic streetcar service from Fisherman's Wharf to the Golden Gate, and expansion of the Bay Area water transit system to the Golden Gate (with connections to Crissy Field) be given high priority for implementation within the GMP.

The Trust is mindful that a sound working relationship with the NPS is essential to park management. As a fellow federal manager with both administrative jurisdiction within the GGNRA and a stakeholder interest in the GMP, we wish to continue our effective partnership with NPS during the course of your general management planning. With our own management plan recently approved, we understand the opportunities for partnership as well as the potential for conflicts in the issues that you will address as you develop a new GMP for the GGNRA. The Trust will commit its expertise in resolving pressing concerns upon request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 415-561-5300.

Sincerely,



Craig Middleton
Executive Director



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Scenic Pacifica

May 30, 2006

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Re: Comments on General Management Plan Scoping Process

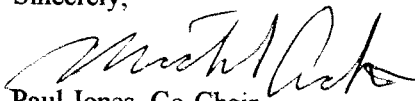
Dear Mr. Nofield:

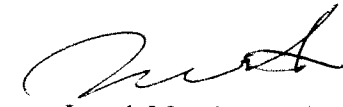
Please accept the enclosed "Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) Liaison Committee's Workplan", dated November 2005, as comments from the City of Pacifica's GGNRA Liaison Committee on the Park's General Management Plan (GMP) scoping process. In addition, the Committee has the following comments:

- The GMP should explore the need for additional law enforcement and interpretation staff for its San Mateo County holdings.
- The GMP should take into account new resources needed to manage Rancho Corral del Tierra and other significant new park additions in San Mateo County.
- The GMP should evaluate trail connectivity/continuity and the need to accommodate visitors and traffic for future acquisitions Cattle Hill, Pedro Point Headlands, and the Devil's Slide Corridor.
- The GMP should support habitat restoration and site stewardship in San Mateo County.

Thank you for consideration of these comments. If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact Planning Director Michael Crabtree at 650-738-7341.

Sincerely,

for 
Paul Jones, Co-Chair
GGNRA Liaison Committee

for 
Joseph Murphy, Co-Chair
GGNRA Liaison Committee

enclosure

c: Honorable Congressman Tom Lantos
Pacifica City Council
Michael Crabtree, Planning Director

**Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) Liaison Committee's Workplan
City of Pacifica
November 2005**

Introduction: In September 2004, the City Council approved the formation of a committee to serve a liaison function between the City of Pacifica (Pacifica) and the National Park Service (NPS) for issues related to land in and near Pacifica that is part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA).

The primary roles and responsibilities of the committee are to provide a means to coordinate with the City's primary departments that interact regularly with the NPS in managing property this is currently in, or is planned to be included within, the boundary of the GGNRA, and to serve as a voice for the citizens of Pacifica on matters pertaining to GGNRA. The key activities of the committee include the following:

- Ensure timely and accurate communication with GGNRA staff, the City Council, Planning Director, City Manager, Department of Public Works and other entities as needed;
- Provide a venue for citizens and members of organizations interested in GGNRA activities within or near Pacifica to give input and receive feedback on matters related to GGNRA. These groups would include such organizations as the Chamber of Commerce, Pacifica Historical Society, Pacifica Beach Coalition, Pacifica Environmental Family, San Pedro Valley Watershed Coalition, Pedro Point Surf Club, Pacificans for Sustainable Development, Pacifica Dog, etc.;
- Act as a conduit to the National Park Service, Golden Gate National Park Conservancy and, as necessary, the Board of Supervisors for San Mateo County;
- Facilitate the resolution of conflicts and concerns of the City, GGNRA, citizens, the aforementioned groups, or others regarding GGNRA management of lands within or near Pacifica or other issues in Pacifica that may effect management of parklands;
- Ensure trail and transit linkage is properly planned and implemented among the various park units in Pacifica especially to points south (such as the proposed Rancho Corral de Tierra property, Devils Slide, and McNee Ranch State Park);
- Work with the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy to assist in organizing volunteer citizens to provide valuable and needed labor to maintain and improve habitats, trails, and amenities on GGNRA lands with the City and to help secure funding for local projects;
- Work with the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations to attract visitors and stimulate the local economy by promoting activities that are consistent with recreation on GGNRA and open space land in Pacifica (e.g. hiking, biking, tourism in various forms as well as bird and whale watching).

The GGNRA Liaison Committee has elected to develop, as one of its first products, a GGNRA Workplan to assist with listing and prioritizing the short- and long-term actions needed to reach the common goal of improving the existing National Park Service lands in Pacifica and to facilitate the transfer of lands to the NPS in a timely manner. To that end, the GGNRA Liaison Committee Workplan has sections that include a Mission Statement, Goals, Objectives, and Tasks that are hierarchical with each subsequent level in support of those that precede it.

GGNRA WORKPLAN

Mission Statement:

“To enhance visitor enjoyment and recreational opportunities by acting as a liaison for the City of Pacifica, its citizens, and the National Park Service to promote relevant and efficient land use management of GGNRA properties within the City’s boundaries and on adjacent GGNRA lands in San Mateo County and act as a conduit between agencies and the public.”

Goal 1: Improve Communications Regarding GGNRA Issues in Pacifica

Objective 1.A: The GGNRA Liaison Committee will provide timely comment and feedback on projects that might or will have impacts on GGNRA lands in or adjacent to Pacifica.

Task 1: The GGNRA Liaison Committee shall become a conduit for information related to activities with the potential to have impacts on GGNRA lands to both the NPS and the Parks Conservancy.

Objective 1.B: Establish e-mail and voicemail boxes that citizens may use to send feedback to the GGNRA Liaison Committee.

Objective 1.C: Establish a GGNRA and Parks Conservancy representative presence at Committee meetings.

Objective 1.D: Improve communications with the community in Pacifica on issues pertaining to GGNRA land uses, recreational opportunities, and upcoming issues.

Task 1: Improve communication on policy, regulations and allowable park uses.

Task 2: Produce a brochure with GGNRA contact information, enforcement contact, etc.

Objective 1.E: Develop website linked to Pacifica’s website to provide information on GGNRA activities, work days, Park Conservancy events, etc. (Link to GGNRA website)

Task 1: Test/Debug web site.

Task 2: Write press release for Tribune announcing new site/link.

Task 3: Evaluate site visitor feedback and make necessary adjustments.

Goal 2: Improve the GGNRA Presence in Pacifica and San Mateo County

Objective 2.A: Explore the possibility of establishing a local GGNRA Staff Office and make recommendations during the General Management Plan process accordingly.

Task 1: Support the GGNRA's efforts to secure funding for staff dedicated to San Mateo County.

Objective 2.B: Investigate the need to expand or upgrade or relocate the Visitor Center (specify time frame, cost, funding, maintenance, etc.).

Task 1: Explore this option with the NPS, the Chamber of Commerce, Shelldance Nursery, and other organizations and committees, and work through the General Management Plan amendment process to make any changes necessary to the location, size, and functions of the Visitor Center.

Objective 2.C: Coordinate public safety concerns with NPS, Pacifica Police Department, US Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Department of Fish and Game, etc.,

Task 1: Prioritize a list of comments and concerns with public input (e.g., criminal activity, vandalism, and dealing with animal predators of concern such as mountain lions).

Task 2: Using the information from Task 1, hold a meeting, or periodic meetings as needed, with those law enforcement entities with responsibility in these areas to determine appropriate lines of authority and how law enforcement personnel will respond to various situations on GGNRA lands. Provide feedback to the public on how the public can report incidents and work effectively with law enforcement personnel.

Objective 2.D: Improve fire management on and adjacent to GGNRA lands by supporting the Fire Management Plan as currently proposed by GGNRA.

Goal 3: Encourage/Facilitate Land Transfers to GGNRA

Objective 3.A: Encourage the transfer of Cattle Hill to GGNRA by working with the City, NPS Pacific West Region and GGNRA staff.

Objective 3.B: Encourage the transfer of Pedro Point Headlands to GGNRA by working with the City, NPS Pacific West Regional and GGNRA staff.

Goal 4: Assist with Improving Infrastructure, Trails, Wetlands, Natural Habitats, Recreation, and Site Access

Objective 4.A: Work with the Parks Conservancy and the GGNRA on maintaining and improving trails throughout GGNRA lands.

Task 1: Support the Coastal Trail program and the NPS/Parks Conservancy's Trails Forever Program efforts at Mori Point, Milagra Ridge, Sweeney Ridge and other sites. More information on the NPS/Parks Conservancy and the *Trails Forever* program can be found at <http://www.parksconservancy.org>.

Task 2: On trails above Shelldance, explore adding switchbacks to improve steep sections and generally investigate the need for other trail improvements, which will result in recommendations to NPS.

Objective 4.B: Improve the Trailhead at Fassler Avenue Entrance to Cattle Hill

Task 1: Work with GGNRA and the Department of Public Works on specific plans, and identify date, costs, maintenance needs and ensure there is adequate public input.

Objective 4.C: Improve Trailheads at Shelldance Nursery Site

Task 1: Contact CALTRANS, NPS and appropriate City of Pacifica departments to explore vehicular access and parking. This would include the possibility of adding signage on Highway One and an entrance at Westport Drive to a new parking lot on the GGNRA property adjacent East Fairway Park. This will result in recommendations to NPS during the General Management Plan process.

Objective 4.D: Improve and Expand the Signage at Trailheads

Task 1: Provide recommendations to the NPS regarding signs specifically for protection of threatened & endangered species, special status species, and the habitats upon which they depend.

Task 2: Provide general recommendations to the NPS about signage (location, size, content, etc.) at sites throughout Pacifica.

Objective 4.E: Investigate possibility of building a pedestrian overpass from Shelldance to Mori Point.

Objective 4.F: Where practicable and appropriate, improve wildlife habitat on GGNRA lands, including creating or restoring wetlands, installation of bat and bird boxes, raptor roosts, and general mammal habitat restoration.

Task 1: Contact GGNRA and GGNPC staff to begin discussions with the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) about habitat improvements. Build partnership with GGNPC to assist them with the Site Stewardship program.

Task 2: Explore the possibility of using sites in local school programs in the context of environmental education about wetlands, special status species, habitat restoration, park values, etc.

Objective 4.G: Encourage recreational uses of GGNRA lands (which are allowable, legal, and responsible) including bicycle riding, camping, etc.

Task 1: Hold a workshop for the public to get ideas and priorities for the community

Task 2: Investigate possibility of having camping sites on GGNRA lands in Pacifica.

Goal 5: Provide Input on GGNRA/NPS Management and Stewardship Plans

Objective 5.A: Review the General Management Plan (GMP) Update as drafts are released by NPS and solicit comments from the public.

Task 1: Ensure this workplan is provided to GGNRA for full consideration in the General Management Plan update process, as appropriate.

Task 2: Co-host a meeting with GGNRA in Pacifica (possibly jointly with the City Council) to seek comment on the GMP update.

Objective 5.B: Review the Mori Point Coastal Trail and Stewardship Strategy (and Plan) as drafts are released by GGNPC.

Task 1: Co-host a meeting with NPS/Parks to seek comment on the Mori Point Coastal Trail and Stewardship Plan.

Goal 6: Increase Volunteerism to Assist in GGNRA Land Conservation

Objective 6.A: Assist the Parks Conservancy with their membership program to encourage return volunteers.

Task 1: Create a list of volunteer activities that are complimentary to existing programs and that can be done by Pacifica and area residents.

Objective 6.B: Assist with expanding the site stewardship program by augmenting existing Parks Conservancy efforts and encouraging volunteerism.

Objective 6.C: Assist in filling gaps in the interpretive ranger program.

Task 1: Investigate the possibility of finding a site to physically expand and enhance the interpretive program. This could include the Sheldance Nursery site, Pedro Point Headlands, or other suitable areas.

Goal 7: Increase the Public's Knowledge of the Cultural and Historical Heritage of GGNRA Lands

Objective 7.A: Investigate Native American history, culture, and uses of what is now property in the GGNRA and Pacifica in general.

Task 1: Research the feasibility of incorporating what is known of native cultures into interpretive programs, signs, school education programs that interface with the NPS, etc.

Objective 7.B: Research the history of Nike missile silo and gun emplacement sites.

Task 1: Research Nike missile silo and gun emplacement history and prepare text and images for web development by (insert date here)

Task 2: Build a website to provide information on the Nike missile silo and gun emplacement and link the website to Pacifica's main web site.

Task 3: Investigate building a replica of a bunker with gun emplacement by researching costs of other similar efforts within GGNRA and NPS.