

Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

To: Public Agencies, Organizations and Other Interested Parties

From: County of San Mateo
Parks Department
455 County Center, 4th Floor
Redwood City, California 94063

Subject: Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration
for the Off-leash Dog Recreation Pilot Program at Pillar
Point Bluff and Quarry Park

Notice is hereby given that San Mateo County Parks, acting as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is releasing for review and comment to all agencies, organizations and interested persons, a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Off-leash Dog Recreation Pilot Program at Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park (Project).

Public Review Period: The Draft IS/MND is being circulated for a 30-day review period beginning **July 15, 2021 to August 13, 2021** pursuant to Section 15105 of the CEQA Guidelines. Persons responding are urged to submit their comments in writing. Comments should be mailed or emailed to the City, at the addresses listed below, by no later than **5 p.m. on August 13th**.

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Project Location: The Project Site is located in the cities of Moss Beach and Half Moon Bay, , San Mateo County, California at Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 037300010, 037300080, 037300060, 037300100, 047300120, 047300140, 047311070, 047311050, 047311999, 047312030, 047313080 for Pillar Point Bluff. Assessor's Parcel Numbers for Quarry Park include: 047340290, 047340020, 047340010, 047340040, 047330010, 047331010. Trails designated as off-leash during the Pilot Program would include the Jean Lauer Trail for Pillar Point Bluff, and the Dolphine Fire Road, South Ridge Trail, Middle Ridge Trail, Vista Point Trail, and the Mirada East Fire Road for Quarry Park.

Project Description: The purpose of the Proposed Project is to conduct the Pilot Program at both Pillar Point Bluff and Quarry Park for 12 months (1) to determine if the above-mentioned rules are being adhered to and (2) to make management adjustments as needed to avoid or minimize potential impacts to the environment. To evaluate the impacts of the Pilot Program, an Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) has been prepared. Key components of the AMP are the impact indicators/metrics and measurable standards that Parks staff will monitor on a recurring basis throughout the Pilot Program. The AMP would allow Parks to manage the Pilot Program in a transparent and effective manner.

Public Hearing Dates: A public hearing date for the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission to review the IS/MND and Project has been tentatively scheduled for August 4, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. The San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission will be held virtually. Log in information will be provided on the County Park website <https://parks.smcgov.org/> when the meeting agenda is published.

CEQA Project Status: A Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration have been prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. The Draft IS/MND prepared for this Project demonstrates that the Project will not have any significant or unmitigable effects on the environment. As a result of the adoption of this document and the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, the Project will not have any significant or unmitigable effects on the environment.

The Draft IS//MND and all related analysis are available online at the San Mateo County Park website July 15, 2021 at <https://parks.smcgov.org/>
