



Appendix E
Additional Comments



Mission Bay Wetlands Proposal



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I think that expanding the Mission Bay wetlands is a worthy goal. But if I read the TV 8 piece correctly, there is also a related proposal to shift RV camping from Campland by the Bay to the existing De Anza Trailer Park property. That would be a serious mistake. The worst thing about the De Anza Trailer Park was the ugly view of trailers that we all had while driving down Interstate 5. It was an eyesore and a supremely inappropriate use of public parkland. But if the trailer park is replaced by an RV campground, then it looks like we are left with the same ugly view and the same inappropriate use.

The City of San Diego is spending tens of millions of dollars to evict the De Anza park residents. It seems like a waste of money to replace their trailers with similarly ugly RVs. At least Campland by the Bay was shielded by trees. Under this proposal the RVs will be out in the open for everyone to see.

Very little of Mission Park Park is currently devoted to active park space. Much of the park is undeveloped (for example, Fiesta Island), or worse, cordoned off for private or commercial use (Sea World, Campland by the Bay, hotels). That's why the De Anza property should be developed into landscaped park space. There is no doubt such space would be heavily used. And since it is located on the east side of the bay, adjacent to Interstate 5, it would probably be convenient to residents of Clairemont and Bay Park as well as Pacific Beach. If maintaining some acreage for RV parking has to be a top priority, then continue that use at Campland by the Bay. If necessary, reduce the camp ground footprint to provide more space for wetlands restoration. But De Anza should be a park not an RV park.

Sincerely,





ReWild Mission Bay

Thu, Mar 17, 2016 at 1:58 PM

Hi SDAS:

I attended the March 16 public meeting, which was a good introduction to the project. After speaking with the project representatives at the stations, and based on having lived near and visited/recreated on/around Mission Bay for 20+ years, here are my initial comments and recommendations:

1. Future meetings/workshops should have more graphics. For example, it would be helpful to have today's shoreline and developments overlain on the historic site map so we can better see the changes since the initial mapping. Also, provide maps that show the projected sea level rise effects on the (current?) bay and shoreline (using the Coastal Commission SLR Guidance values for low, medium and high projections of SLR). All of the following recommendations presume that a full assessment of future SLR effects will be accounted for in all the restoration plans. It would be prudent - and likely necessary - to construct restoration sites to accommodate future SLR rather than current conditions.
2. I heard from ReWild representatives that an historical account of Mission Bay is being prepared. It will be helpful to know what the bay's (or at least this portion of the bay) conditions were pre-development so that we can better prioritize restoration needs/opportunities. When that document is available, please announce it and make it available to the public.
3. The northeast portion of Mission Bay - from Kendall-Frost to Rose Creek/DeAnza Cove - is probably the only "natural" remnants of its extensive marsh/wetland/shallow water habitat areas not subject to intensive recreational activities. Although controversial, the removal of Campland and De Anza SSA as developed, active recreational use areas appears to be the only means by which the City and its partners can recover/restore a portion of Mission Bay's former marsh/wetlands. These areas should be the priority for restoration.
4. In addition to Campland and De Anza SSA, serious consideration should be given to moving/removing the ball fields/tennis courts/golf course and redeveloping/repurposing the site. The western portion (ball fields and tennis courts) should be relocated away from Rose Creek and restored to riparian habitat, with a portion of Rose Creek flows rerouted through it and newly created marsh in the De Anza site. If eventual restoration of the entire golf course site is not feasible, then perhaps the central and eastern portions (bounded by Grand Ave, E Mission Bay Drive and N Mission Bay Drive) could be redesigned to retain a 9-hole golf course, construct a short-term camping (RVs, tents, etc.) area, and provide appropriate supporting amenities (restaurant, small visitor center, small store, etc.). This area should also be a transit-priority.
5. De Anza Cove (or what it is restored to) should not be a permanent boat berthing area.
6. Public access should be mostly around, rather than through, the restored natural habitats areas. In some cases pedestrian/bike access may be unavoidable, such as the current bike-pedestrian bridge from De Anza Cove public park across Rose Creek and along the south side of MB High School to connect to Pacific Beach Drive. If the suggestions in #4 above were implemented, then the existing bike path along Rose Creek) would be moved further east. Consideration should be given to providing limited access to the new marsh/wetlands that would be created on the Campland and De Anza SSA areas. A number of coastal and inland wetland and other sensitive habitat areas (parks/refuges/etc.) successfully use raised boardwalks to allow, but reasonably limit, human access to these areas.
7. There should be restrictions on motorized craft near the restoration areas (and none should be allowed within the restoration areas). The shallow open water in this portion of Mission Bay (adjacent to and near the proposed restoration areas) has historically, and even presently, supports wintering waterfowl as well as resident sensitive/endangered species. A no (motorized craft) entry zone must be clearly delineated, which should include a buffer distance based on further research on noise effects. Similarly, seasonal restrictions on sail boats, kayaks, paddleboards, etc. should be established to protect sensitive habitats and species.

I look forward to participating in the ReWildMissionBay efforts.

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Thu, Mar 17, 2016 at 12:49 PM

I live in North County now but I attended Mission Bay High School in the late 50's. They rented gas masks on campus because of the horrid, rancid smell from the wetlands. I support anything that protects the environment but you haven't proposed anything wonderful for public use with the acreage you still have. I would assume you all live in the area?