

# **Public Comments** **on Items Not on Posted Agenda**

Written Comments Received After 12pm on 06/12/2023



*June 12, 2023*

*City Council Meeting*

Petra Kretschmer



June 9, 2023

Superintendent David Smith  
201 Fort Mason  
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Superintendent David Smith:

First off, I would like to welcome you to the GGNRA, it is great place and one I have been a member of since walking for Crissy Feld in 1999. Unfortunately, I have let my membership lapse due to the lack of respect and attention given to us in the area neighboring of one of your other sites, Mori Point. Since COVID, we have been battling with the City of Pacifica, GGNRA, NPS, Google Maps, Apple Maps, WAZE and numerous other sites regarding the access point to Mori Point. The trailhead to Mori Point is at Old Mori Point Road and Bradford Way and is clearly stated on your website, unfortunately, due to social media, people are being sent to the end of Fairway Dr. and the foot path behind the houses of Seaside Dr.

Knowing that you are new to the GGNRA, a little history here, initially the land was privately owned, when the citizens of Pacifica didn't want the land to be built upon, the owner finally sold the land to the GGNRA, part of that agreement in the sale to the GGNRA was that there would be little no disruption to the neighborhood and that the footpath that goes behind the houses (Seaside Dr.), by what we used to call the frog pond (dead end at Fairway Dr.), would be for neighborhood access only and never marked as an official trail, and for years, this was the case. Please look at the maps provided, printed from your own website and brochures, (enclosed with this letter). The footpath only got named a few years ago and we brought it up then to your organization, but nothing happened because there is no one around who knows the history or seems to care. This footpath is not really maintained and used to get what it was meant to get, local traffic only, up until COVID hit. The only time we had an influx of traffic was when the "fish were running" (local fisherman) or for the Pacifica Fog Fest in September, in both cases, people park all day for long periods of time, and are out of the neighborhood by dark. Since COVID and the social media "revolution" we in Fairway Park have been inundated with visitors, by the hundreds on weekends, and they are all being directed to the path at the end of Fairway. This trail, which was promised to be a neighborhood path, is now used as the "main entrance" to the Mori Point, a trail that happens to go through the very sensitive habitat that you are trying to protect! Not to mention there are no facilities there, so trash and urination and even defecation is occurring in our neighborhood (both human and animal)! We have tried reaching out to all the sites that are directing people to the wrong trail but to no avail. We have reached out to GGNRA, NPS, the City of Pacifica, OSPAC, also to no avail and we are now in year three.

Because people now are being "sent" to the "new main entrance" (end of Fairway Dr.), we as a neighborhood have made signs and tried to talk to people and explain where the actual trail head is, some listen and some are quite rude, calling us "Karens", racist, and NYMBYs, due to this rhetoric, we are basically being held hostage in what used to be our quiet little neighborhood, by people who feel their rights somehow outweigh our rights. It has gotten to the point where our addresses are being



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posted online and people are taking photos of our properties, and making threats on social media, along with directions to bring more people to our neighborhood "in protest", we've had cars vandalized, not to mention all the trash and feces both human and animal being left behind; it has gotten out of control and has become quite dangerous for us living in the neighborhood. We have strangers in our neighborhood from as early as 6 am until midnight some nights and no one seems to care. (These people know where we live, we have no idea who they are or where they are from, which emboldens them.) What used to be a quiet neighborhood where kids could play and ride bikes in the street now has forced us all inside, but even inside there is no respite due to doors slamming, car alarms beeping, loud conversations (being held right outside our homes and on our properties), blaring of car stereos, and even our own dogs barking (which is what they are supposed to do) because of all the activity happening outside our doors; we have no peace. And if we have no peace, the highly sensitive red legged frogs and SF garter snakes definitely have no peace! In fact, we haven't heard the frogs in months, and they used to serenade us quite frequently. We also haven't heard the coyotes, not that we mind this as much, but we used to hear them almost every night howling, yipping, and barking.

Here is what was given in the GGNRA's proposal during the formation of the Mori Point area and others:

.....recreational activities consistent with **"public safety needs, rights of property owners, and the natural resource areas from overuse, including at each point identified on Figure 3-1"** (which includes Mori Point). (PR-G-1) **"Provide access in a manner that takes into account the need to regulate the time, place, and manner that access is provided , based on such factors as topographic and site constraints and; fragility of natural resources; and the privacy of adjacent residential issues"**. (PR-G-2) **"Continue to distribute public facilities , including parking areas or facilities, so as to mitigate against the impacts of overcrowding or overuse by the public of any single area"**. (PR-G-3)

You, as an entity, have not upheld your end of the bargain! I do recognize that COVID hit everyone hard, that social media is here to stay, and that some people who use our park system don't really care very much about the environment they are visiting, we can't do too much to change any of those things. But what I think is doable, and quite frankly had it been done right at the beginning of all this mess, the issue could have been resolved years ago just by putting up GGNRA signage (at the top of Fairway or near the highway exits) that directs people to the actual trailhead. Placing a sign or a gate (labelled neighborhood/local traffic only) at the end of Fairway Dr.'s access to the footpath, this would make (and have made) a huge difference, to both the neighborhood and the sensitive habitat. Likewise, having the NPS and GGNRA reach out to Google, Apple, All Trails, Hikes Dogs Love, Trailspotting, etc. (as our efforts have been ignored) and advise them to remove their incorrect directions (sensitive habitat footpath behind the houses) and post the correct address (Old Mori Point Rd and Bradford Way), this too would make a huge impact. It is not the visitors' fault that they are going to the wrong place, they are being directed there!

Please, I implore you, take the time to investigate this matter, hopefully before summer gets into full swing and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. All previous efforts, phone calls, emails, and letters have gone unanswered and disregarded. Local government is just as impotent; we are frustrated and quite frankly, scared of the escalation of the rhetoric that is swirling around this issue. I would be more than happy to have an actual conversation with you regarding this subject. My efforts to reach a real human or even

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just a direct email to those in charge and/or to you specifically, have been in vain. So, I am hoping beyond I hope, that you will find the time to contact me [REDACTED] I do have a few other suggestions to alleviate the strain to the overall neighborhood and the parking issues regarding Mori Point, if you'd care to listen, like posting numerous access points: south end of levee (Beach Blvd.), parking by the quarry trail in Vallemar (west extension of Reina Del Mar Ave), and the parking lot off Marlo Way in Rockaway.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration. I am not one who generally "jumps" the chain of command but after three years, I feel I am not overstepping my bounds, I hope you agree. I look forward to hearing from you and hope that together (GGNRA and the Fairway Park neighborhood), we can implement some strategies that will decrease the traffic not only in our neighborhood but in the sensitive habitat located therein.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Petra Kretschmer', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Petra Kretschmer



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## Golden Gate

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## Mori Point

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Located on a promontory just south of the city of Pacifica, the 110 acres of Mori Point are one of the newest additions to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. High up above the cold waves, the site boasts sweeping views from Point Reyes all the way to Pedro Point. It protrudes several hundred feet out into the Pacific and is plainly visible from any high point in the City of Pacifica.

### History

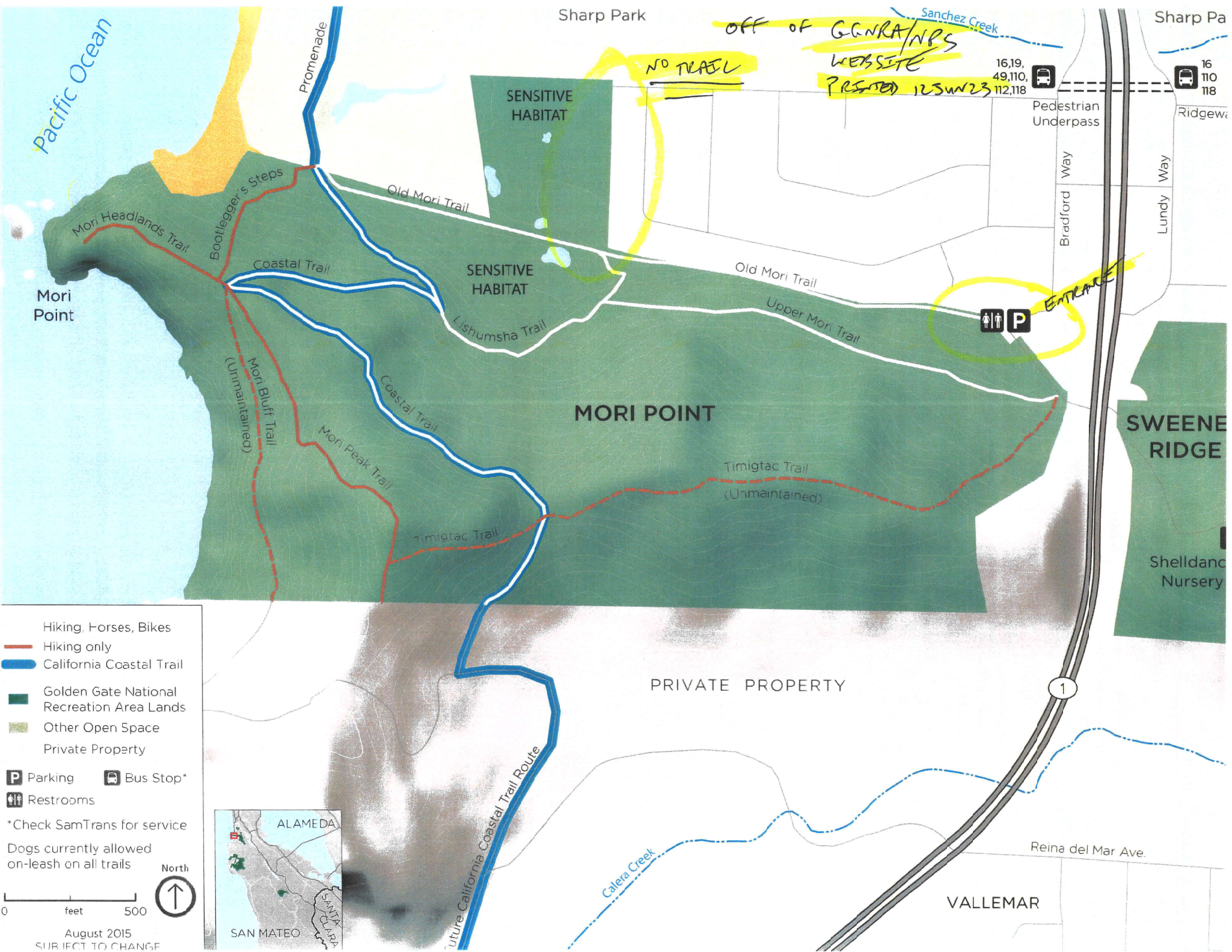
For nearly a century, Mori Point served as a haven for settlers, travelers, boot-leggers and diners. Today, after a generation of development battles, this spectacular place serves as a haven for walkers and wildlife and is a link to national parklands on Sweeney Ridge and Milagra Ridge along the San Mateo coast.

### Tips and Highlights

When hiking in Golden Gate National Recreation Area, stay on trails and keep your distance from cliffs.

- Parking is available on Mori Point Road or Bradford Way.
- Walk barefoot on the black sands of Sharp Park Beach.
- The tip of the promontory boasts stunning views; it's quite windy on the bluffs so dress accordingly.
- Beautiful wildflower blooms are at their peak in the springtime, with the most flowers usually present in April and May.
- Accessible Parking, Trail, Boardwalk and Restrooms.







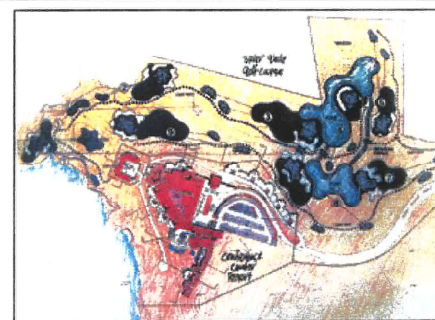


### Finding Your Way

Mori Point is located in Pacifica just west of Highway 1, and directly south of Sharp Park Golf Course. Trailheads are found at the south end of Bradford Way and at the southwest corner of Sharp Park, near the south end of the levee protecting Sharp Park Golf Course.

### Point of Contention

Since the early 1900s, real estate developers have been promoting coastside homes within an easy commute to San Francisco. After the Mori Point Restaurant was destroyed, developers had many visions for Mori: a seven story conference center, a golf course, a sixty-home housing development and a card gambling club. In the 1970s, highway planners proposed an extension to Interstate 380 through Mori Point. For nearly twenty years, Pacificans wrestled over protection of Mori Point. They wrote letters, and formed Pacificans for Mori Point, Friends of Pacifica, and the Pacifica Land Trust. Finally, in September 2000, Congress enacted legislation to purchase and add Mori Point to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.



Proposed Mori conference center and golf course, W7MH Architects

### Protecting the Point

At least two rare species—the endangered San Francisco garter snake and the threatened red-legged frog—find protection in Mori Point's native coastal prairie vegetation. Wildlife at Mori Point, especially its endangered species, rely on the efforts of volun-

teers to ensure their survival and ongoing health. Volunteer efforts organized through the Site Stewardship Program offer drop-in volunteer workdays and special projects. Call (415) 561-3067 for directions and a calendar of events.

### Enjoy a Safe Visit

Please continue to protect Mori Point by staying on trails and picking up litter. Dogs on leash are welcome. Please protect yourself from the elements. Spring and Fall offer the

best weather, but fog may appear year-round, so wear layered clothing and bring sunscreen and water.

### For More Information

**Pacifica Visitor Center**  
(650) 355-4122  
[www.pacificachamber.com](http://www.pacificachamber.com)

**Presidio Visitor Center**  
(415) 561-4323  
[www.nps.gov/prst](http://www.nps.gov/prst)

**Site Stewardship Program**  
(415) 561-3067  
[www.parksconservancy.org](http://www.parksconservancy.org)

For disabled access call  
(415) 556-8371



## 10 HOURS OR LESS

- Explore the ruins of Sutro Baths and nearby Sutro Heights Gardens.
- Enjoy spectacular views of the Golden Gate at one of the many overlooks.
- Walk the Esplanade at Ocean Beach.
- Take a history walking tour of Fort Mason.
- Take a wildflower walk at Fort Funston (in spring).
- Look for red-legged frogs in ponds at Mori Point.



**Above:** Miles of roads and trails—ideal for hiking and biking—traverse the Marin Headlands.  
ILLUSTRATION BY MICHAEL WATSON

## 1 DAY OR MORE

- Hike from the ocean to the top of Montara Mountain (2,000 feet) at Rancho Corral de Tierra.
- Find the Bay Discovery Site on Sweeney Ridge where Spanish explorer Gaspar de Portolá first saw San Francisco Bay in 1769.
- Join in the Junior Ranger program at Alcatraz. Reserve tickets ahead!
- Bicycle along the waterfront from San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park across the Golden Gate Bridge to Battery Spencer—and panoramic views of the city.
- Catch fish at Fort Point, Baker Beach, or Ocean Beach.
- Camp at Kirby Cove, with a panoramic view of the Golden Gate.
- Take the rocky trail out to the Point Bonita Lighthouse (limited hours).
- Spot wrens, jays, spotted owls, and other wild creatures among the coast redwoods at Muir Woods National Monument.

- Hike, bike, or ride a horse to the ocean on the Tennessee Valley Trail.
- Spend the day at Stinson Beach, the park's only life-guarded beach.

**Left:** Muir Woods boardwalk. **Below:** Mission blue butterfly (actual size), an endangered species native to the Bay Area.  
MISSION BLUE BUTTERFLY: ART BY JACQUES TOUSSAINT; PHOTOGRAPHY: JACQUES TOUSSAINT



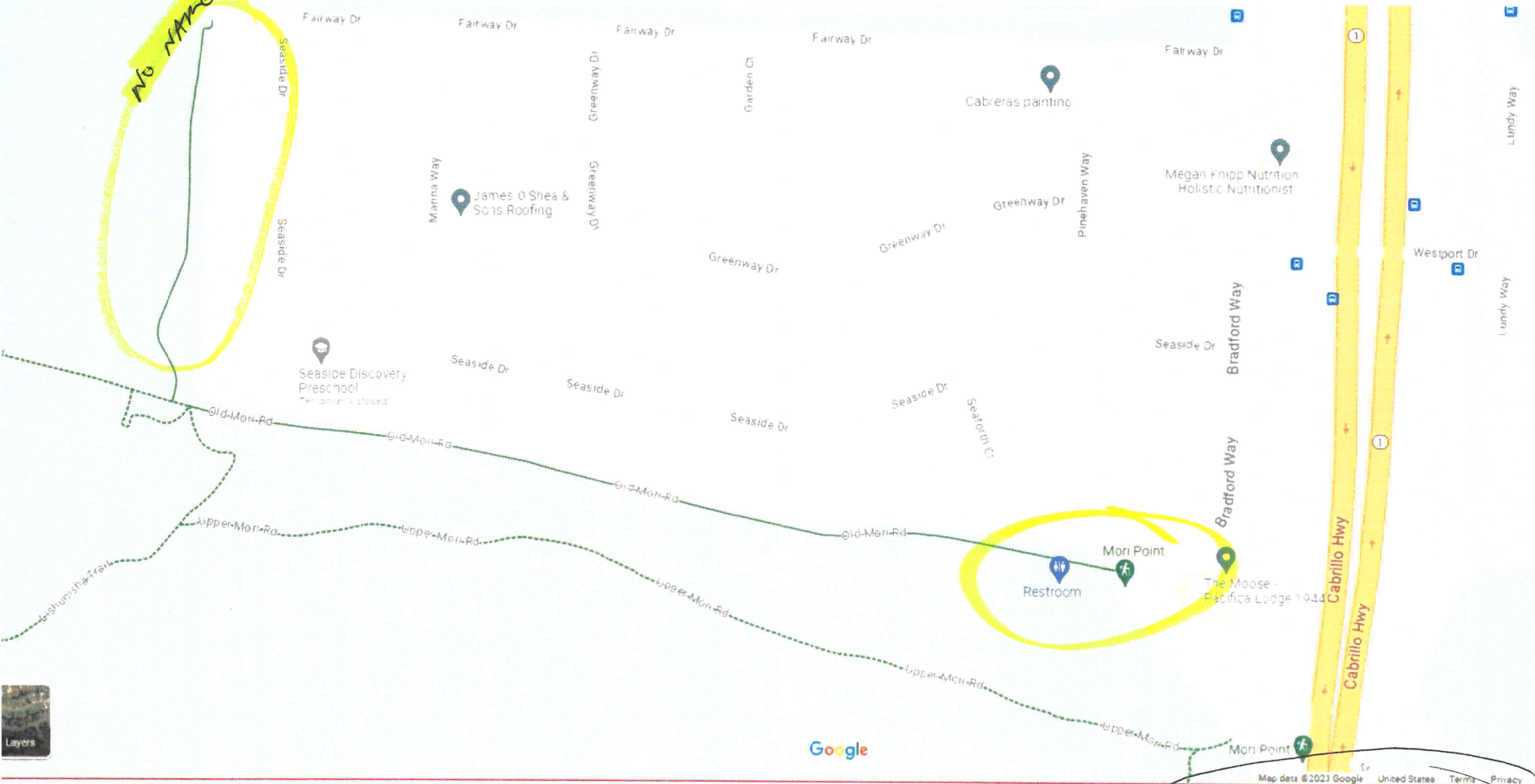
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GOLDEN GATE  
BROCHURE*

*END of  
FASQUEM DR.  
NO PATH STOWN*



Posted 12 JUN 23

No NAME



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WHILE A PATH IS NOW SHOWN  
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A DASHED LINE LIKE ALL THE OTHER TRAILS  
IF YOU LOOK AT ALL THE PREVIOUS MAPS

GOOGLE MAPS 2023

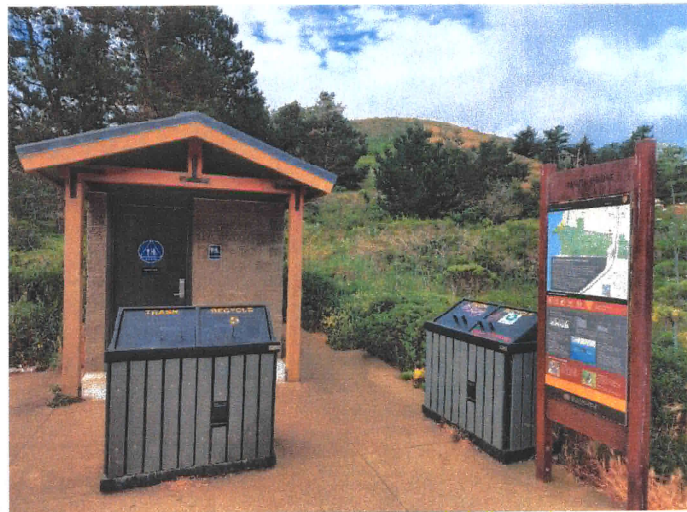
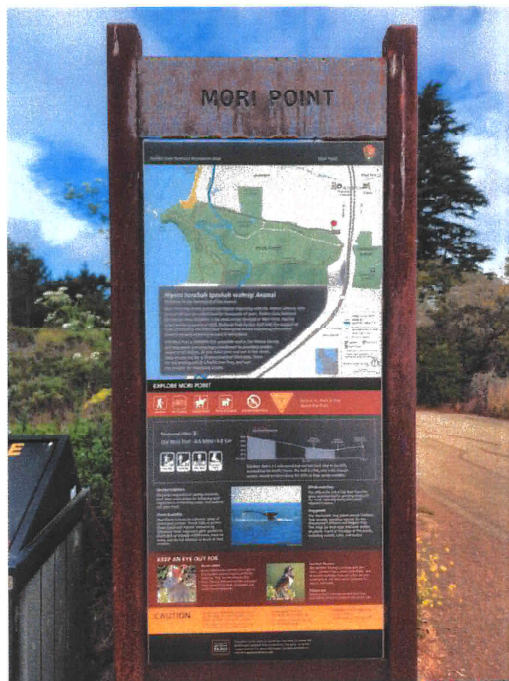
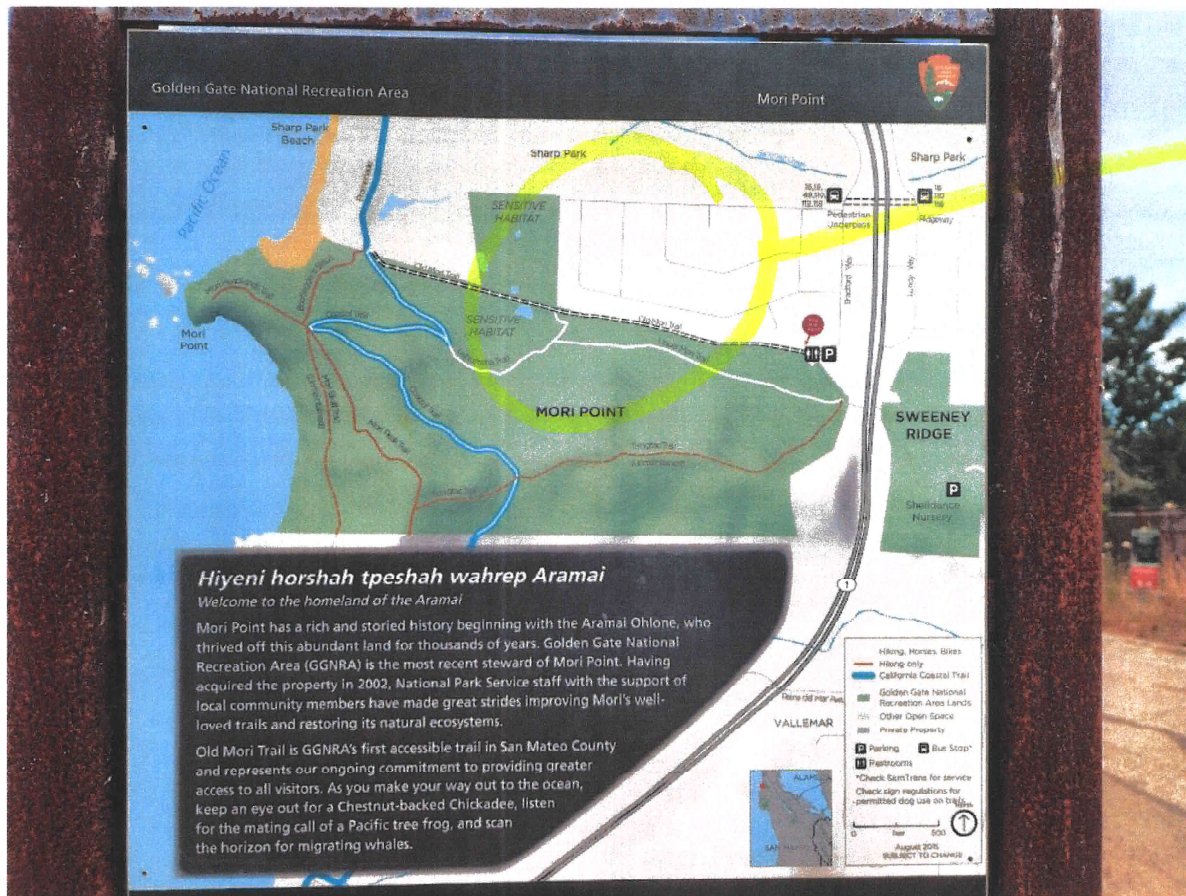


## PLAN YOUR VISIT

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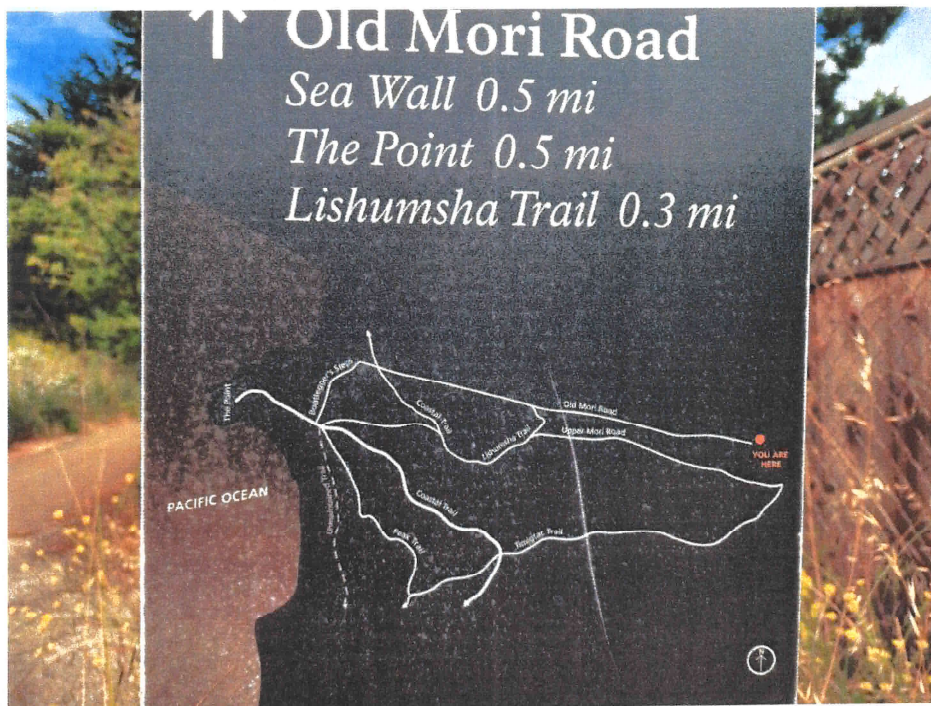
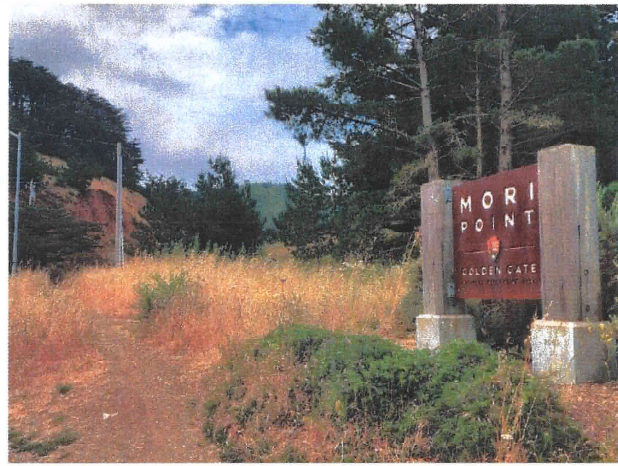
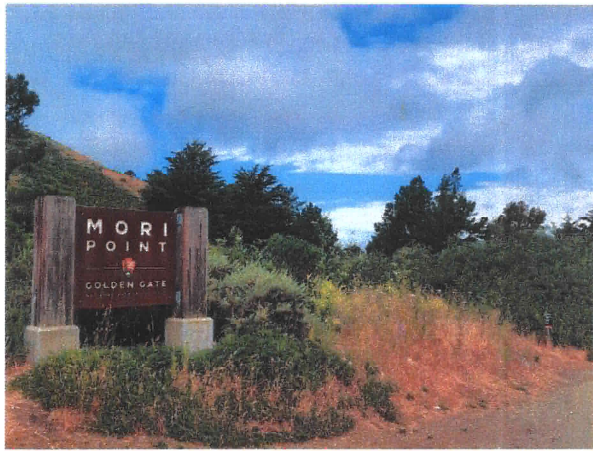






SIGNAGE - PICTURES TAKEN 12 JUN 23





NOTICE =  
NO TRAIL  
BEHIND  
SEASIDE DR.  
HOUSES

PICTURES TAKEN 12 JUN 23





NEW SIGN PUT UP

NOT SURE WHEN

BUT LOOK @ THE WOOD

COMPARED TO BRIDLE (OLD)

SIGN (NEW)

BOTTOM PICTURE:

ACCESS FROM NEIGHBORHOOD

NO OTHER SIGNS OR MARKERS -

AGAIN WAS ORIGINALLY A

FOOTPATH FOR LOCAL ACCESS

(NEIGHBORHOOD) AS PEOPLE'S

BACK GATES ENTERED AREA



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# PICTURES FROM MULTIPLE DAYS

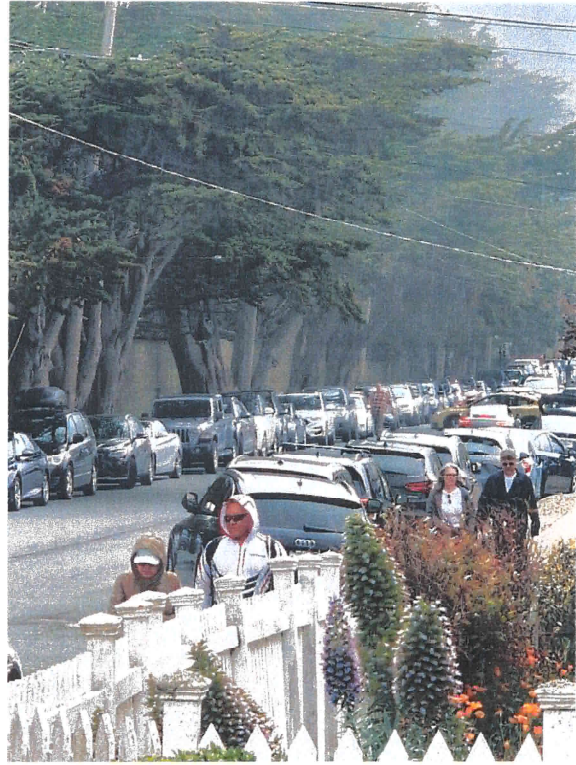
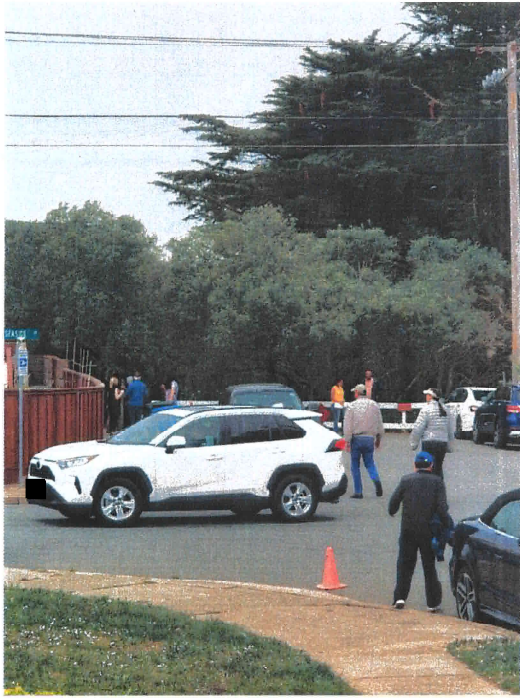




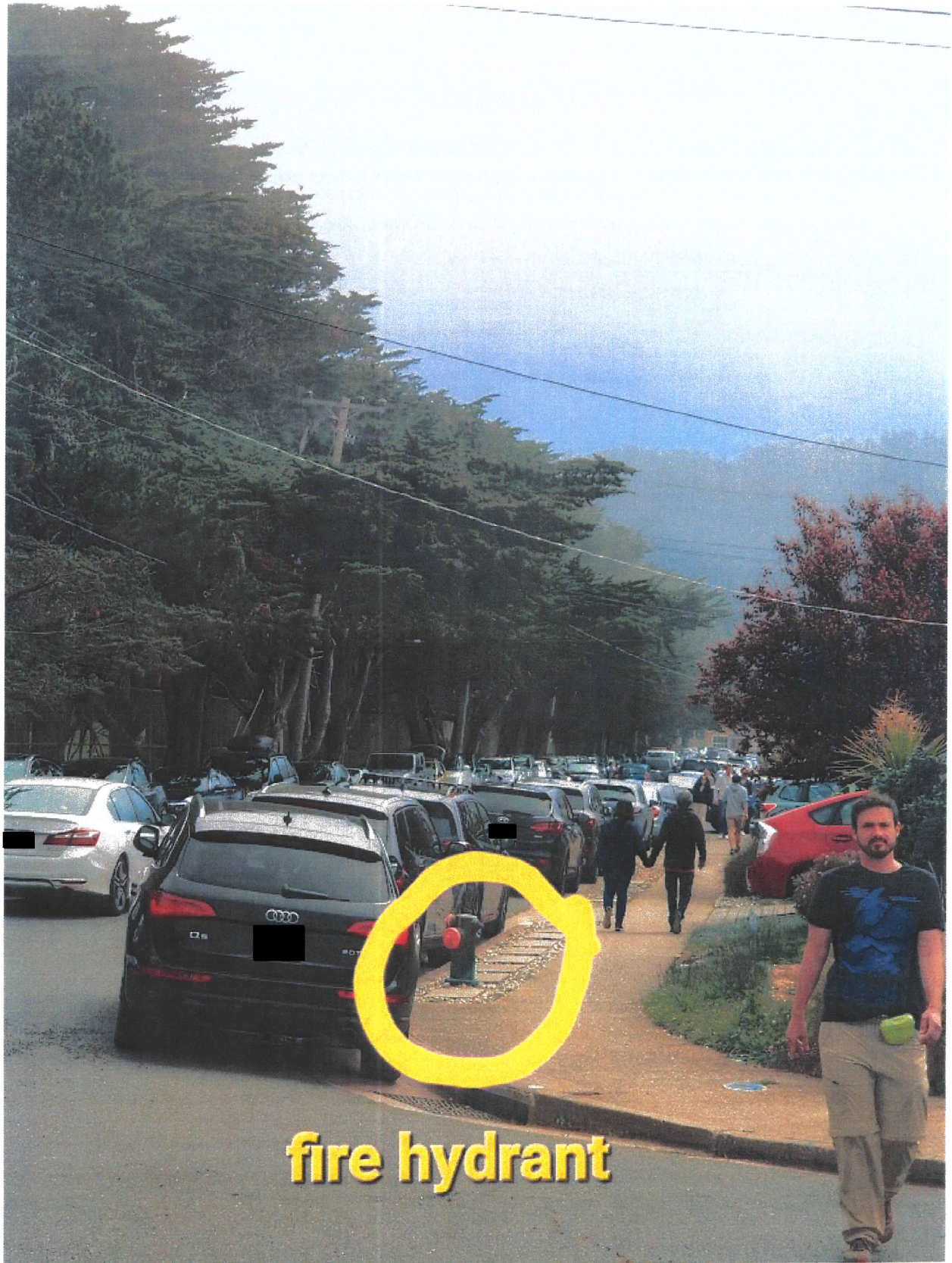


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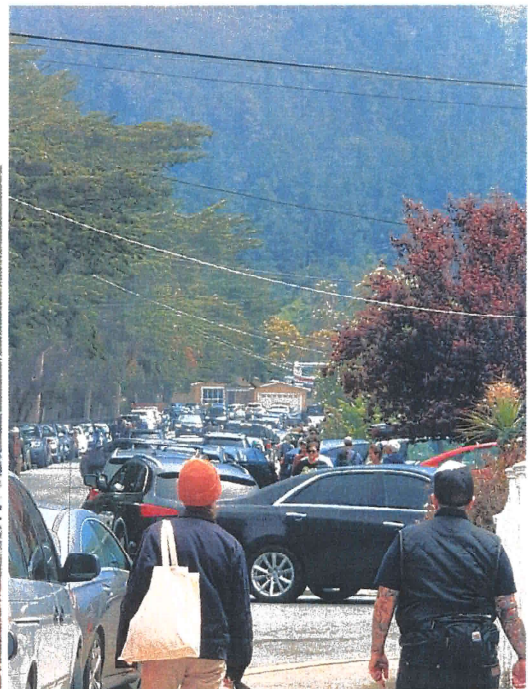
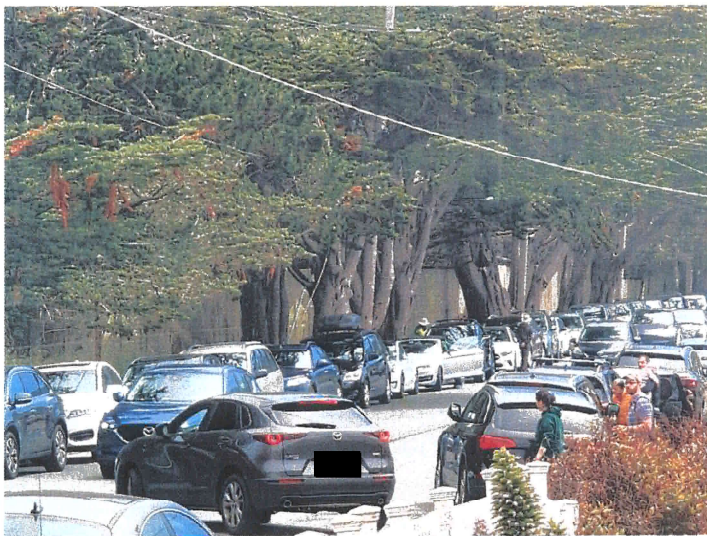


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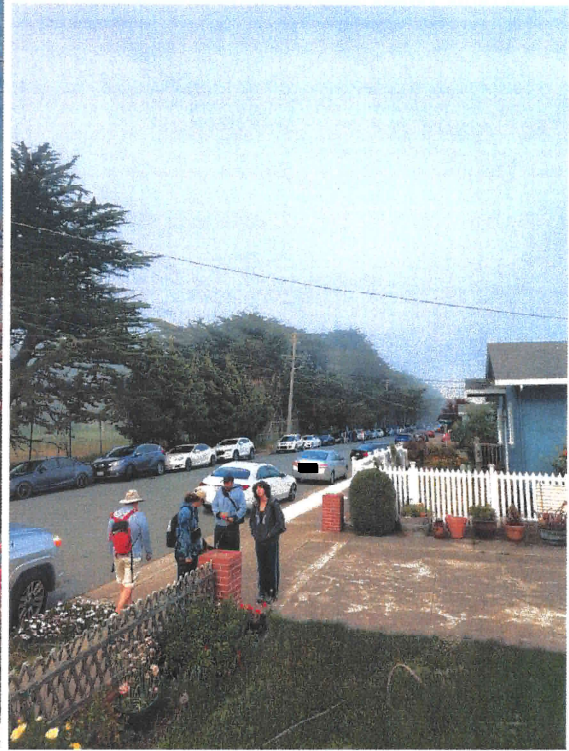








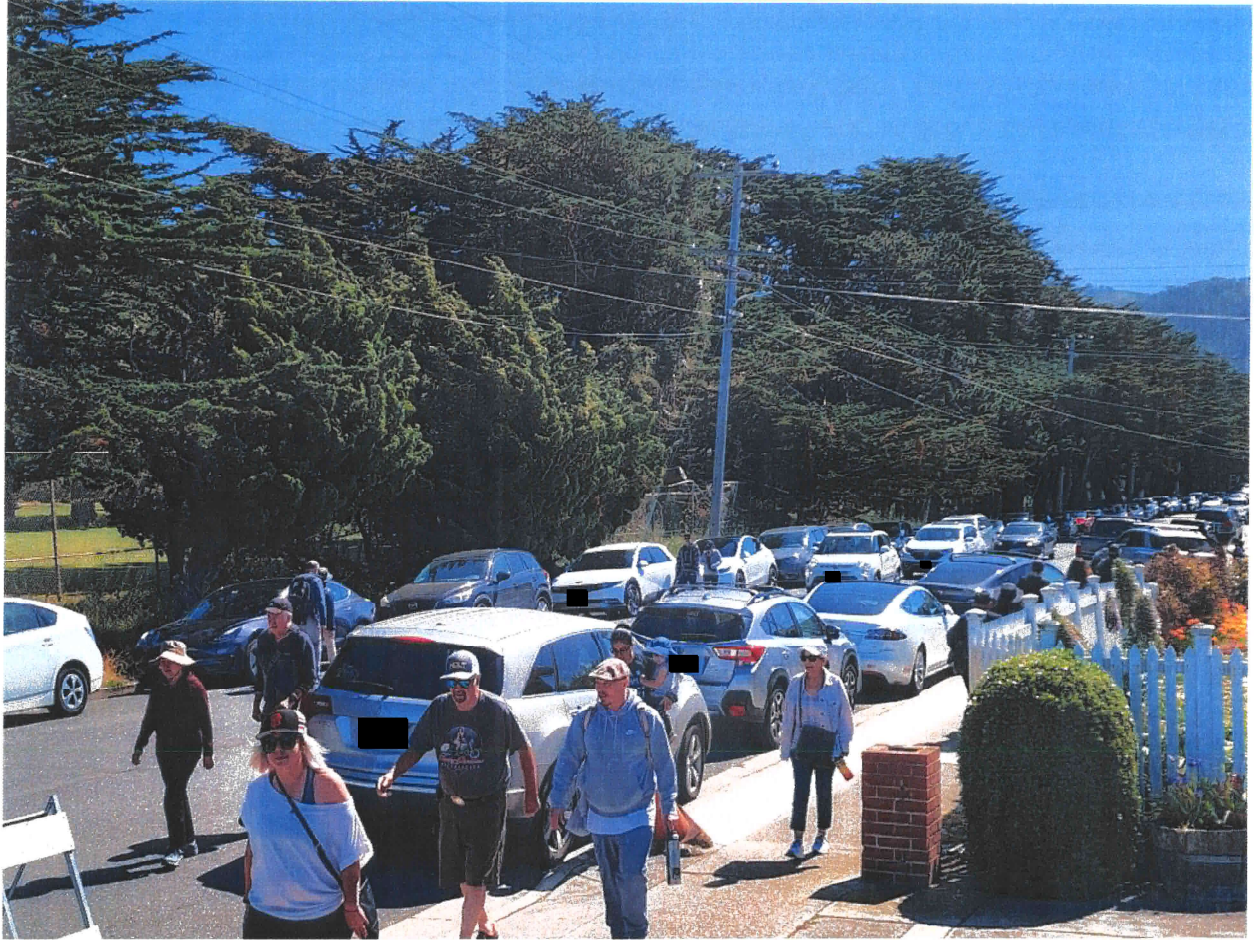
































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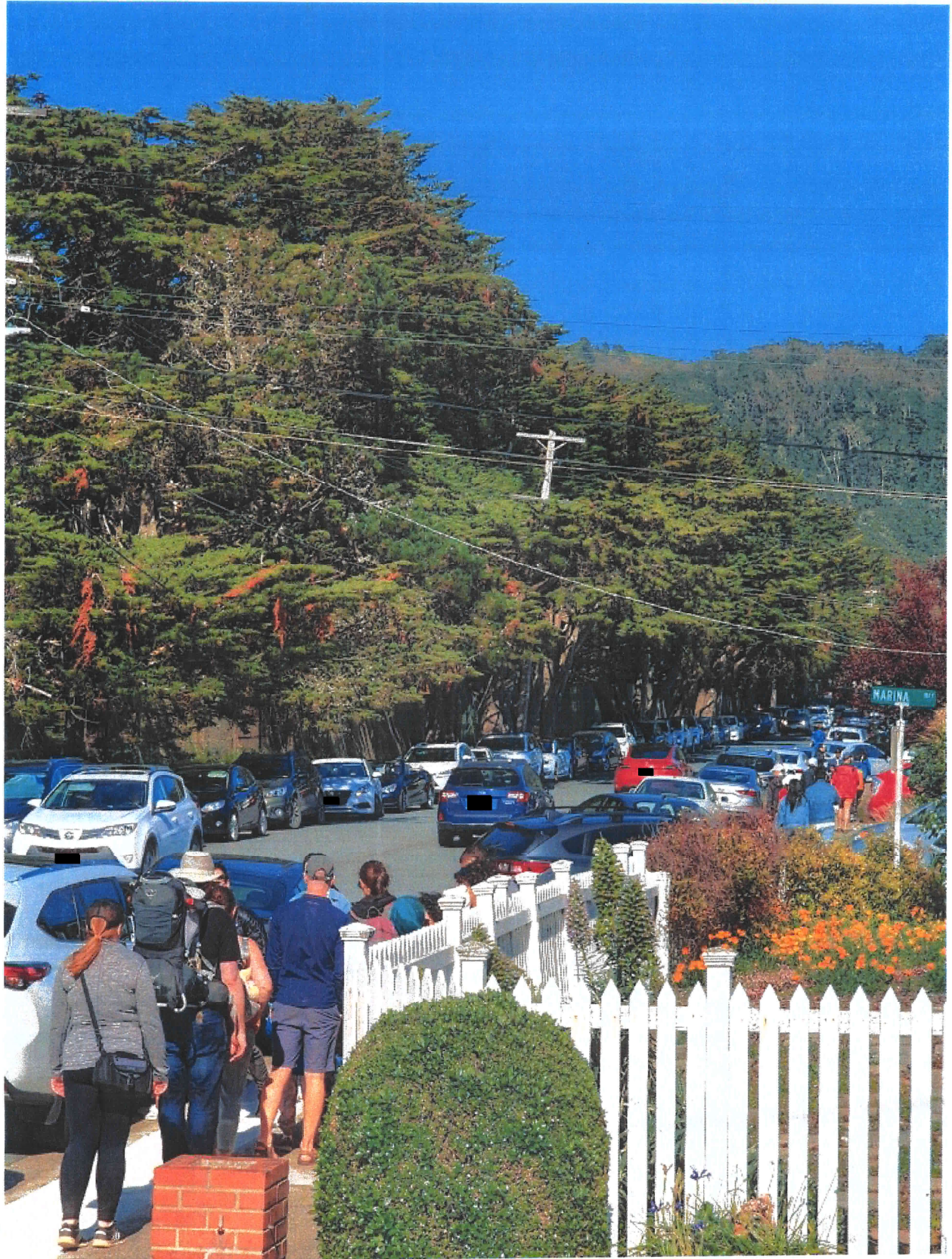
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again, fire hydrant













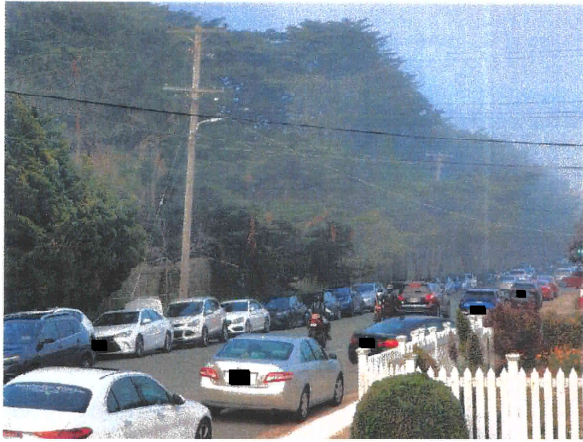
**wrong way parking**

**cars trying to pass**

**neighbor put up net  
to keep people off  
lawn**



7pm



8pm



<https://www.pacificatribune.com/news/city-asks-ggnra-for-mori-point-improvements/article fb17d82e-4cab-11ec-86c3-a3f5b08f3448.html>

## CITY of PACIFICA

### Sec. 5-10.02. - Unlawful.

1. Code of Ordinances
2. TITLE 5. - PUBLIC WELFARE, MORALS, AND CONDUCT
3. CHAPTER 10. - LOUD, DISTURBING, UNUSUAL, AND UNNECESSARY NOISES

cause to be made or continued, any loud, disturbing, unnecessary, or unusual noise or any noise which annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, health, repose, peace

### Sec. 5-10.03. - Enumerated.

1. Code of Ordinances
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3. CHAPTER 10. - LOUD, DISTURBING, UNUSUAL, AND UNNECESSARY NOISES

excessive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning, church, or court while the same is in use or adjacent to any hospital, which noise unreasonably

- Sec. 5-10.02. - Unlawful.

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It shall be unlawful for any person to make or continue, or cause to be made or continued, any loud, disturbing, unnecessary, or unusual noise or any noise which annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, health, repose, peace, or safety of other persons within the City.



RE: Mori Point area and neighborhood inundation

From: Petra Kretschmer [REDACTED]

To: goga\_info@nps.gov

Date: Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 04:21 PM PDT

Mr. James Marks and anyone else that will "listen",

I am writing this email in regard to the constant issue of our neighborhood, Fairway Park, being overrun by "visitors". This has been a recurring theme since COVID so I am attaching the pdf I made at that time as well. Basically, since COVID we have people in our neighborhood all day long, not just on weekends but on weekdays, from early morning to well past sunset and into the late night hours. The constant traffic and disruption to our everyday life is unacceptable! From loud conversations to the beeping of car alarms to the slamming of doors. Dog feces, human feces, urination, trash, harassment of neighborhood animals, the safety of neighborhood children (and their ability to play in their own neighborhood), and the safety of the people (visitors) walking down the middle of the street with dogs, baby strollers, to the end of Fairway Drive, a trail that you, the **GGNRA** agreed to keep off the map long ago when you took over the land, (and keep as local access only). This area, which you have designated as a sensitive habitat, now has hundreds of people a day traipsing through on a narrow path made for one, maybe two side-by-side (when maintained), to Mori Point, an already unstable hill/mountain, where people are standing in line on the Bootleggers Steps to take pictures of the very flowers they are trampling as they pose for the perfect snapshot. You have already had to fill in, with boulders, a "cave" that people decided to dig in the side of Mori Point (during COVID), right next to a naturally occurring slide. We have had homeless people back in the sensitive habitat, where their trash, filled truckloads. We have even had tour buses (yes buses) and tour vans park and off-load passengers into our neighborhood, using the trail that was never meant to be the "entrance trail". at the dead end of Fairway Drive.

We are being held hostage in our own neighborhood, where everyone seems to have rights but us! If you say anything you are greeted with, "They have a right to be there and deal with it". It starts as early as 6 am and continues until 9 pm or later. I walked my dog at 6 am just to "beat the rush" last Saturday and by 7:30 am we were inundated. This particular day I heard a bunch of LOUD talking all the way from the main path and when I got to the dead end of Fairway Dr. there was a group of 10 people, loud as can be having a "conversation", when I said to them could you please keep it down, people live here and it's 7:30 in the morning on a Saturday, immediately they told me to mind my own business and they had a right to be there. It then got heated, to which I was called "a racist and to shut the f\*\*K up. Do you tell all the white people the same thing?" To which I answered yes, I tell everyone! These "visitors" stand on our lawns, pick our flowers, harass our pets, turn around in our driveways, park in front of fire hydrants, and park blocking our driveways. It took an hour to get to our neighborhood, even using the frontage roads, due to the traffic coming in and out of Fairway Park, how is this being allowed? If you say anything, they know where we live. I no longer feel safe in my front yard or leaving my garage door open while doing work around the house because of all foot and car traffic. Not to mention what all of this "access" is doing to the land you are supposedly trying to protect. Here is what you promised years ago, you have not kept that promise!

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LAST EMAIL I  
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NUMEROUS TIMES WAS TOLD  
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**(PR-G-2) "Continue to distribute public facilities , including parking areas or facilities, so as to mitigate against the impacts of overcrowding or overuse by the public of any single area". (PR-G-3)**

By the way, the aforementioned info and their links, which I had attached to the original pdf in 2020 no longer work. I am unable to find or access these documents anywhere, documents I had access to just 3 years ago...strange indeed!)

**Here is a link to my photos, they include some from today (May 21, 2023):**

The pictures do NOT do justice to what has occurred in our neighborhood, but hopefully, they will help spur you into action, again this is unacceptable on all fronts! I am a nature lover and a park member, I walked years ago to raise money for Crissy Field; I am not just an "angry homeowner", I understand the balance of access and preservation, unfortunately, the scales have tipped and Mori Point is nowhere close to being "balanced".

Might I suggest you ask the city for access to the old sewer plant site (near the pier) and/or the land in between Vallemar and Rockaway (near the "new" sewer plant). maybe putting parking in those areas will allow for access to the trails and will/can also bring foot traffic to local businesses. And possibly adding a few toilets and trash receptacles will help keep our area clean and free from trash and human/dog waste.

I am hopeful after seeing the information I have provided, that you will take this matter seriously and do your due diligence in rectifying an obvious wrong. Again, I have included the pdf I sent to the City of Pacifica way back in 2020, just to show you that it is NOT just because of a Super Bloom!

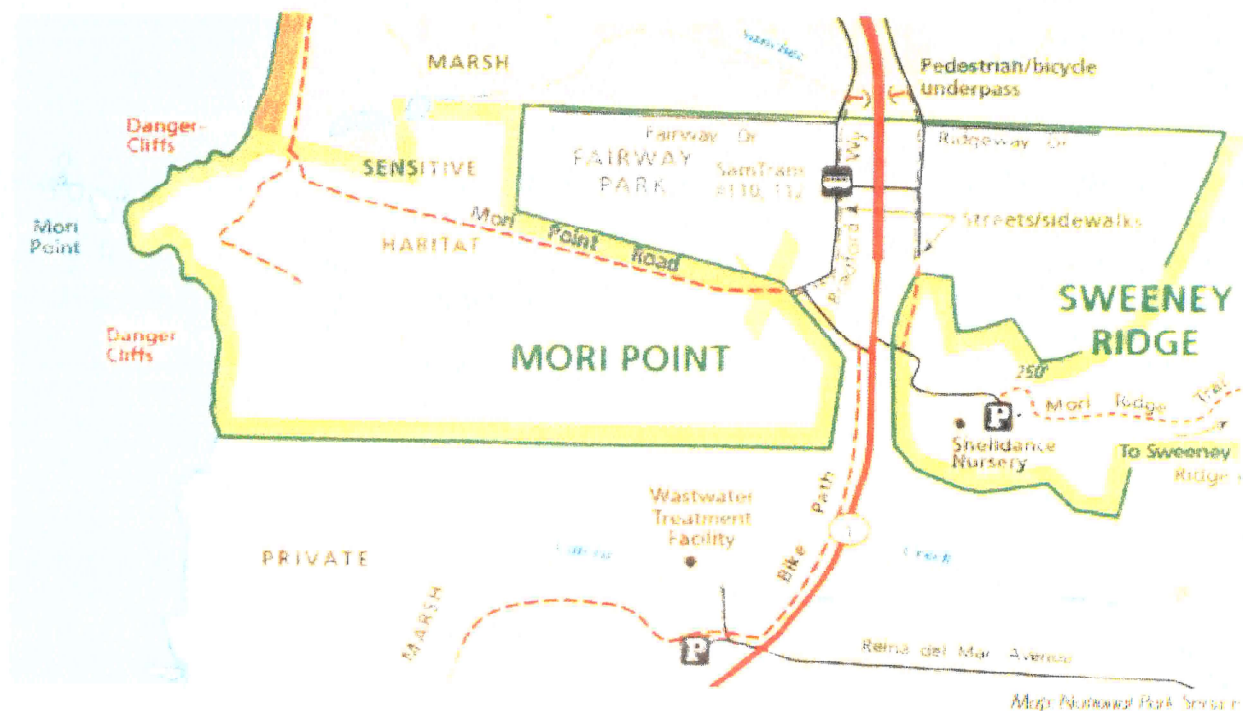
Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and your prompt response and solution. Our neighborhood, Mori Point, and the surrounding natural habitat of flora and fauna deserve it!

Sincerely,

Petra Kretschmer

**FYI.....from FALL 2010 Pacifica Land Trust: (Please pay attention to trail access point)**





## Mori Point Restoration

Susie Bennett, National Park Service

Thanks to the hard work of organizations like the Trust for Public Land, the California Coastal Conservancy, and the Pacific Land Trust, a 110-acre parcel along Pacifica's coastline was preserved as a biologically diverse open space. This parcel, known to locals as Mori's Point, was saved from potential development with help from a speedy grassroots fundraising campaign and was transferred to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in 2002.

Park planners and natural resource specialists thoroughly analyzed different trail plans and habitat enhancement activities with extensive community input, and in 2006 issued an Environmental Assessment which outlined a plan of action for this important site. The National Park Service and its support partner, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, have completed three years of combined habitat restoration and trail improvements, transforming this highly disturbed area into a more intact, hydrologically functional site. These improvements have included road-to-trail conversions, a consolidated trail

network with way-finding signs, and an elevated trail crossing over some of the most sensitive areas of the park site. Habitat enhancement activities have included removal of artificial fill, recontouring erosion gullies, invasive plant management, and large-scale planting fueled by volunteers with the Park Stewardship Program. The site's threatened California red-legged frogs are flourishing with the increase in breeding habitat, and we're anticipating higher numbers of endangered San Francisco garter snakes during our next round of surveys, as they rely on California red-legged frogs as a major food source.

For more details and images, please check the Parks Conservancy's website at <http://www.parksconservancy.org/our-work/mails-for-vertack-omphiments/mori-point.html>. If you haven't visited lately, I encourage you to visit Mori Point for yourself!



Copy of 1 Copy of Fairway Dr. Labor Day 2020.pdf  
8.2 MB

EVEN SENT  
A COPY OF  
WHAT WAS SENT  
IN 2020

I HAVE CALLED THE NPS AS WELL  
AND THEY HAVE NO RESPONSE EITHER

~~NOT~~ TO MENTION... YOUR OWN VOLUNTEERS ARE KICKING DOWN  
about blank OUR SIGNS AND ARE BEING ABUSIVE TO THE RESIDENTS. 3/3