



**CITY OF PACIFICA**  
**OPEN SPACE & PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**April 17, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.**  
**Senior Services Card Room, Pacifica Community Center, 540**  
**Crespi Drive, Pacifica**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:** *(5 minutes)*

**Roll Call.**

**Approval of Order of Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes of March 20, 2024 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Public Comment** - *This portion of the agenda is available to the public to address the Committee on any issue within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee that is not on the agenda (3 minutes per speaker).*

**Committee Communications –**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:** *(5 minutes)*

1. **Update by GGNRA/GGNPC –**
2. **Update by City Council –**

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:** *(5 minutes)*

3. **Development project updates –**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

4. **Presentation and Discussion by GGNRA on the Mori Point Access Improvements.** *(35 minutes)*
5. **Review of the 2024 Annual Report to the Pacifica City Council.** *(15 minutes)*
6. **Discussion on the recent Ahni Trail Damage and Recap of the April Workday.** *(15 minutes)*

**ADJOURNMENT.**

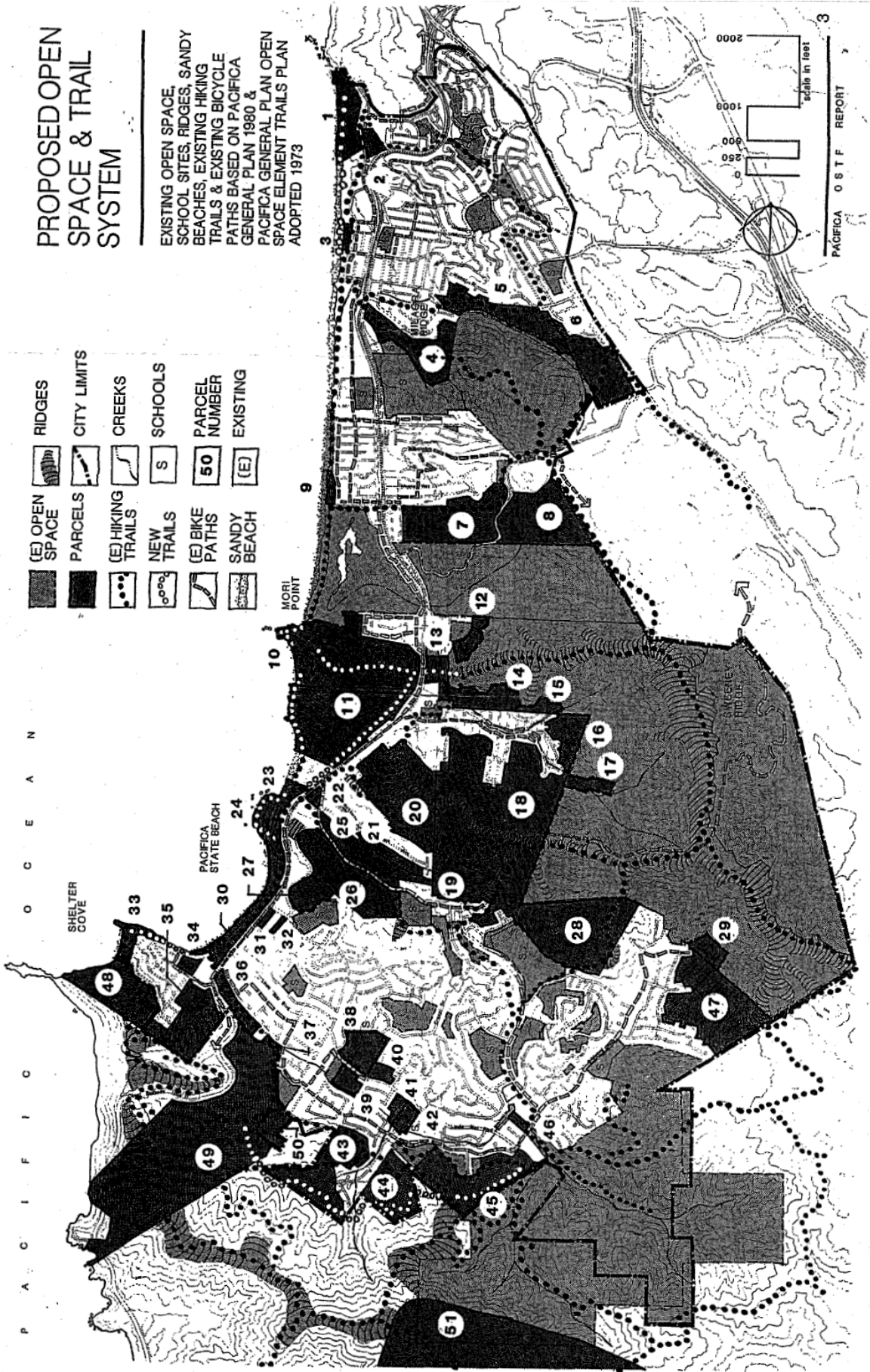
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# PROPOSED OPEN SPACE & TRAIL SYSTEM

EXISTING OPEN SPACE,  
SCHOOL SITES, RIDGES, SANDY  
BEACHES, EXISTING HIKING  
TRAILS & EXISTING BICYCLE  
PATHS BASED ON PACIFICA  
GENERAL PLAN 1980 &  
PACIFICA GENERAL PLAN OPEN  
SPACE ELEMENT TRAILS PLAN  
ADOPTED 1973

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|--|-------------------|--|------------------|
|  | (E) OPEN SPACE    |  | RIDGES           |
|  | PARCELS           |  | CITY LIMITS      |
|  | (E) HIKING TRAILS |  | CREEKS           |
|  | NEW TRAILS        |  | SCHOOLS          |
|  | (E) BIKE PATHS    |  | PARCEL NUMBER 50 |
|  | SANDY BEACH       |  | EXISTING         |





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**March 20, 2024, 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.**  
**Auditorium, Pacifica Community Center, 540 Crespi Drive, Pacifica**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:** (5 minutes)

**Roll Call.** A quorum was confirmed.

**Approval of Order of Agenda** Unanimously approved.

**Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2024 (distributed to OSPAC with Agenda)**

Unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Public Comment** - *This portion of the agenda is available to the public to address the Committee on any issue within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee that is not on the agenda (3 minutes per speaker).*

*Mike Khan (Pacifica)* commented that he works for Hilltromper and had just launched BloomTracker, which is a resource on where to go find wildflowers. The purpose of the program is to foster a recreate responsibility item, so users will have to sign a pledge to access it. This is a test case to see if it would get utilized, and it covers the San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties.

*Patton* asked if the program is using Google Map Data to show people where to park.

*Mike Khan (Pacifica)* said that the program would link directly to the GGNRA website for official information.

*Bigstycck* asked for the name of the program.

*Mike Khan (Pacifica)* said that the website is called Hilltromper, and the project is called BloomTracker. The purpose of the program is to implement the recreate responsibility and the “know before you go” principle, to keep visitors on the trail and avoid destroying flowers.

**Committee Communications –**

*Patton* provided updates from Ranger Michael Pham up on the easement portion of the Ahni trail, where eight shrubs and four California buckeye were planted, with each plant to have their own watering bag until they are established.

*Tan* announced that April 22 is Earth Day, and the Pacifica Beach Coalition is having a celebration at the Linda Mar Shopping Center. He asked if the committee would want to put anything together to display at the event.

*Patton* commented that one of the priorities should be getting the work day brochure out at the event, and to have City staff confirm if there will be staff at the event.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: (5 minutes)**

**7. Update by GGNRA/GGNPC –**

*Patton* provided an update from Darren, who is looking forward to next month's meeting, and is currently to see if the Moose Lodge or the community center would accommodate the open house prior to the April OSPAC meeting.

**8. Update by City Council –**

*Bigstych* announced that he will be absent for next month's meeting. He updated the City continues to work on the Housing Element, Local Coastal Land Use Plan, the annual goalsetting for budget next fiscal year, and as of late, the Quarry Reclamation Planning Commission on Monday but no councilmember were present. He states that it will be eventually coming to City Council that they are currently working on. He continued with an update on the proposed kiosk at trailhead of Ahni Trail, to which while a productive conversation with the San Mateo County park manager took place, nothing was promised and additional review will have to take place in the future.

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: (5 minutes)**

**9. Development project updates –**

*Staff Liaison Lin* provided an update on the recent Quarry Reclamation Planning Commission meeting, to which was continued tentatively to the May 6<sup>th</sup> hearing.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**10. Review 2024 Preservation Award nominations, Vote, and Discussion of a Draft Proclamation for Transmittal to City Council. (45 minutes)**

*Staff Liaison Lin* presented this year's Preservation Award nominees, which were Russ Hartman, Julie Lancelle, Mary Petrelli.

*Arnos* asked if a list of previously nominated individuals that weren't awarded was available, as they should also be considered.

*Staff Liaison Lin* said that a list of recent nominees was immediately available from 2021-2022, however, he was not able to locate a list from the years prior.

*Arnos* responded that she has the list and will provide it to staff some time following the meeting for the future.

*Patton* asked the committee for any questions before a blind vote takes place.

*Patton* said that while she wasn't well acquainted with Russ Hartman, the nomination provided by Lynn Adams was well written and commended him for many accomplishments and hard work. She continued to say that she has met and worked with Mary Petrelli from awhile ago, and appreciates the nomination sent in by John Keener on her accomplishments and contributions.

*Staff Liaison Lin* conducts the blind vote and announces that the results were unanimous for Julie Lancelle.

*Patton* comments that she had instructed staff to prepare a draft resolution to be reviewed and revised as necessary following the result of the vote and asks the committee to review and provide feedback.

*Goodmiller* addressed that there were a couple of grammatical errors on the proposed proclamation.

*Natesan* commented that she thinks that there are many more accomplishments such as participating in the Connemara negotiations that should be included in the proclamation.

*Patton* acknowledged but stated that due to the upcoming deadline, there may not be enough time to verify them before they are due to City Council.

*Natesan* asked when it would be due to City Council.

*Patton* responded that it would be prior to the next OSPAC meeting, and the resolution will need to be voted on. She concluded that this would allow the award to be presented in accordance with Earth Day.

*Natesan* acknowledged but commented that some awards in the past may have been presented in May.

*Patton* commented that it's currently tentatively scheduled on the City Council agenda, and if we do decide to postpone it, it should be done tonight.

*Natesan* and *Tan* addressed a wording error on the proposed proclamation.

*Tan* commented that committee should vote to approve the proclamation but acknowledge the small grammatical and wording errors to be amended.

*Natesan* commented that the committee will need to verify whether the Connemara negotiations before a vote takes place this evening.

*Tan* asked if the Julie's years served is accurate and requests for City staff to fact check her terms.

*Arnos* received a public comment remotely to verify the Connemara negotiations.

*Cardona* asked for a motion to approve the proclamation requesting the proposed amendments to be addressed.

*Natesan* second the motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

## **11. Recap of the March 9<sup>th</sup> Workday. Review New Workday Flyer. (30 minutes)**

*McDermod* provided an update regarding the past Ahni Trail workday, highlighting that a small group of volunteers conducted work on the higher parts of the trail focusing on drainage work nearby a GGNRA site.

*Tan* commended the work that everyone has done so far on the trail.

*Aaron Reif (Pacifica)* commented that the most important thing to acknowledge at this point is that if there aren't a lot of volunteers coming out to the workdays, there should be measures put in place such as only bringing out what's necessary so that there aren't wasted efforts for no reason.

*Natesan* appreciated the comment and agrees on potentially having a dedicated set of tools for the trail workdays.

*Patton* commented that this may be something that the subcommittee may be able to further discuss and plan.

*Arnos* commented that if volunteers are able to digitally confirm ahead of time of their presence it may allow for efficient planning.

*McDermod* responded that the City now has the QR/bar code which worked ahead of time, but on the day of workday it did not work, addressing that this was a technical issue.

*Tan* requested for clarification on the waiver process that volunteers will have to sign before the workday.

*Aaron Reif (Pacifica)* commented that the flyer was well done and designed, but he received comments that the flyers going unnoticed because of the number of texts that passerby will unlikely read in that environment. He suggests that the flyer should be simplified so that it only identifies the workday, date and time in large bold text.

*Tan* move to accept the current flyer with a landscape background and to discuss revisions at a future meeting. *Natesan* second the motion.

Motion passes unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT.** Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

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# Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee

2023-2024 Annual Report to the Pacifica City Council

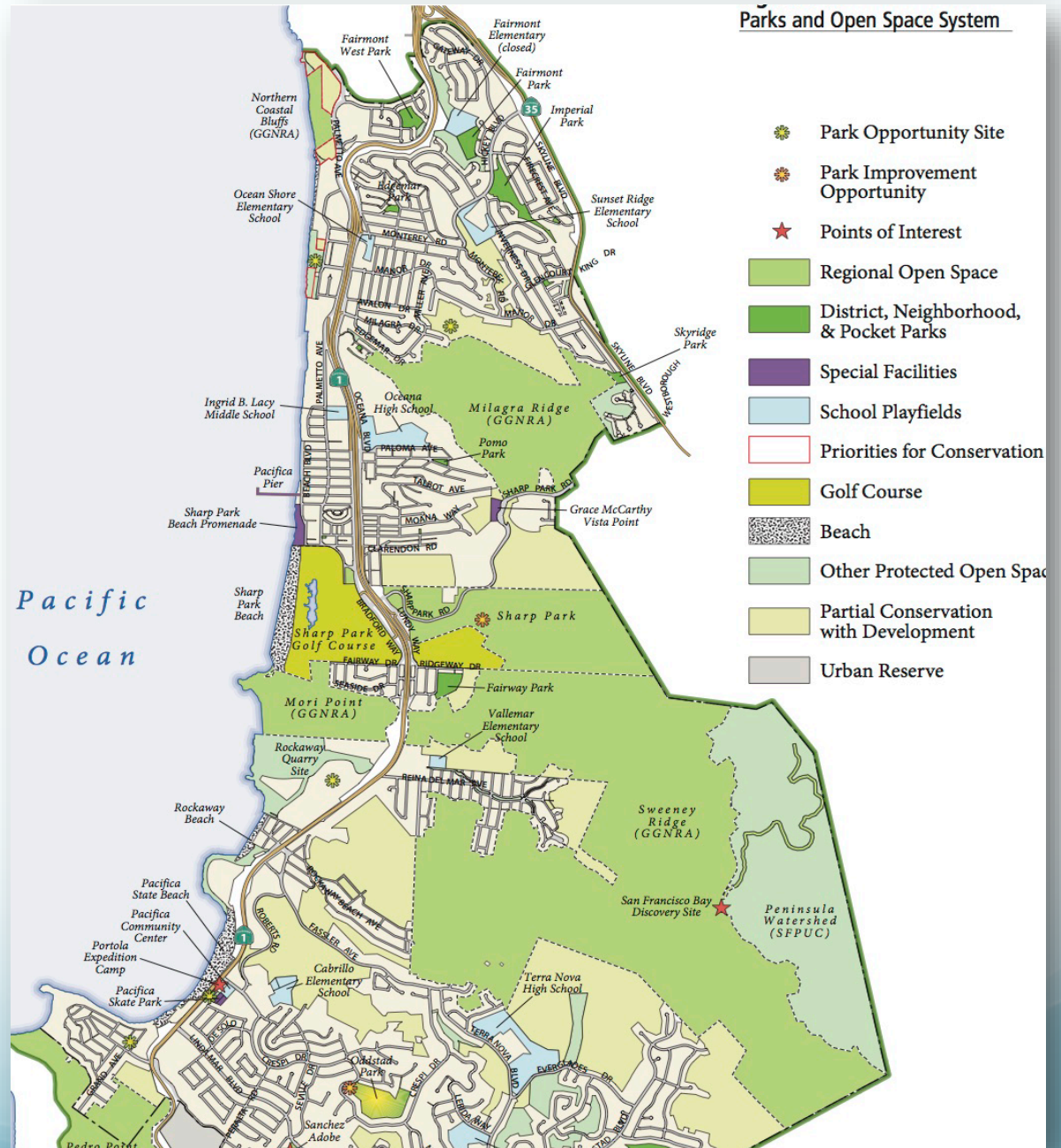
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## Item 5

Pacifica currently has

- 6.5 acres of city parks and play fields, and
- 2,927 acres of regional parks and beaches





# Benefits of Open Space

- Healthy communities
- Tourism and economic growth
- Natural beauty
- Boosts property values
- Buffers and mitigates impacts of climate change

# OSPAC Purpose

## (Resolution \_\_-2024)

The Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee (OSPAC) has been established to consider issues related to:

- The Open Space Task Force Report (OSTF) Report Remains the the basic reference for OSPAC.
- Advise City Council on issues related to open space and parklands, including issues of equity, access, safety, trail connectivity, biodiversity and habitat protection, economics, scenic beauty and affects on adjacent neighborhoods.
- Advise City Council on 1) The Policy and Procedures of the National Park Service (NPS) as they relate to areas of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area within the City of Pacifica and adjacent communities; (2) Issues surround the transfer of ownership of Cattle Hill and the Pedro Point Headlands to NPS or other suitable long-term stewards; (3) Access to and operation of San Mateo County Parks in and around the City of Pacifica including San Pedro Valley County Park and the Devil's Slide Trail County Park; (4) Access to and operation of lands owned by the California Coastal Conservancy; (5) Access to and improvement and operation of open space lands owned or controlled by the City of Pacifica, and (6) Ways in which these areas can contribute to the economy of the City.

# Resolution \_\_-2024 (continued)

- OSPAC may assist City Staff with identifying sources of funding for open space preservation purposes.
- OSPAC may plan and undertake periodic trail improvement and maintenance on City-owned property.
- OSPAC may conduct an annual retreat to improve organizational capacity and team building
- During a future annual review of the General Plan City Council will consider whether a General Plan amendment will formally connect the recommendation of the Open Space Task Force (OSTF) Report.

# Resolution \_\_-2024 (continued)

- OSPAC support staff shall prepare a written report describing projects proposed on sites listed in the OSTF Report summarizing the projects relationship to the report.
- OSPAC may advise applicants on properties listed in the OSTF Report if applicants voluntarily agree. Recommendations of OSPAC are solely advisory. OSPAC is authorized to draft invitation letters that Planning staff shall furnish to applicants in the OSTF Report. These letters shall be sent as early as practical in the project review process to maximize consideration of OSPAC's recommendations.
- OSPAC may from time to time be required to engage and collaborate with City Staff, other City Committees, Commissions, and Pacifica Land Trust in furtherance of its authorized activities.

# Open Space Task Force Report

(Second Edition, 2000)

- Analyzed 51 properties within Pacifica
- Led to preservation of open spaces such as Mori Point, Pedro Point Headlands, Milagra and others
- Led to new trail developments
- Led to establishment of Pacifica Land Trust
- Remains the basic reference for OSPAC
- Finds that the City should investigate methods of funding open space acquisition, including bonds
- OSPAC may advise applicants on properties listed in the Open Space Task Force report and on other open space issues

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# OSPAC Activities

- Requested a review of the OSPAC 2015 resolution, resulting in a joint study session with City Council with a revised resolution at City Council's March 25<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting
- OSPAC is a conduit to the Community. OSPAC stayed engaged with progress of the conditions at Mori Point resulting in a presentation of alternatives by NPS at the April 17<sup>th</sup> OSPAC meeting.
- OSPAC maintains relationships with other organizations such as Mid-peninsula Regional Open Space District to discuss funding and other Open Space management issues.
- Provided feedback to the applicant of the trails section of the Linda Mar Woods project.

**Item 5** Mori Point Community NPS  
Presentation

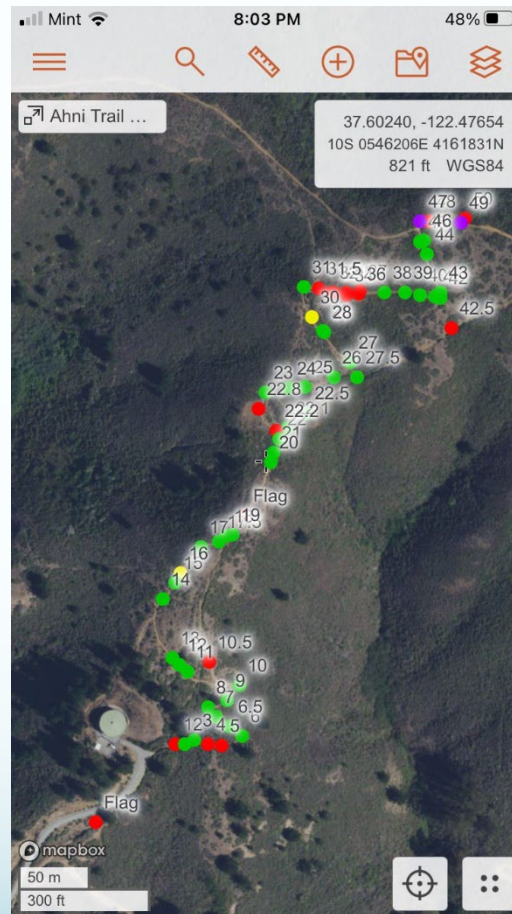
# OSPAC Activities (Continued)

- Continued its trail work responding to multiple concerns from the public regarding the degradation of the newly named Ahni Trail on Cattle Hill due to historical neglect, increased use due to social media, and weather conditions.
- Held seven (?) community workdays along with multiple one on one workdays with more than 60 (?) community volunteers. There is an estimated 300 (?) hours of volunteer time invested in this project.
- Working with the community to secure a trailhead informational sign to establish trail etiquette, workday announcements and trail history.



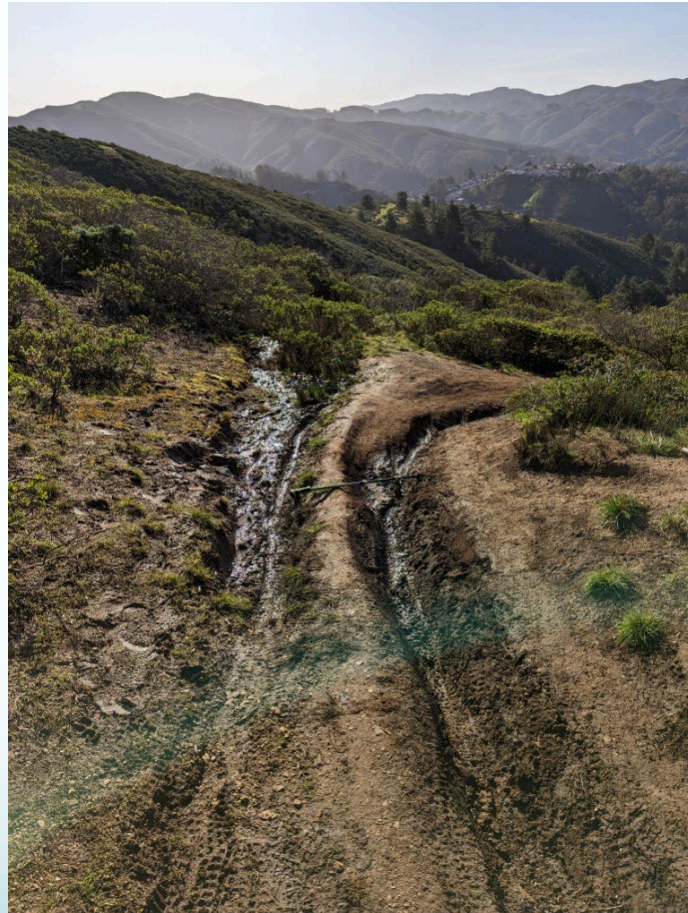
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Screen Shot of Cal topo map  
Red is needs repair. Green is repaired.



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# Sample Trail: Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 2023



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# Construction March 2023



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# OSPAC Activities (Continued)

Complete!



Complete!



# Trail Builders

A coalition of hikers,  
mountain bikers and  
Open Space  
Advocates!

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# May 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 Workday



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# Preservation Award

2024 Julie Lancelle

- The Preservation Award honors individuals or groups who have contributed to preserving or maintaining Pacifica's open spaces, parklands or other areas adjacent to Pacifica.

# COMMUNITY

- OSPAC Works Collaboratively with City Staff and Public Officials
- Listens to Public Concerns
- Is Respectful to Development Applicants
- Appreciates Diverse Opinions



# Thank you!

## Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Term</b>
• JoAnne Arnos	5/25
• Sarah Cardona	5/24
• Lauren Goodmiller	5/24
• Mike Kahn	5/26
• Ian McDermod	5/25
• Ellen Natesan	5/27
• Arlene Patton	5/26
• Aaron Reif	5/25
• Remi Tan	5/23