Recent Task Force Meeting Highlights:

At the May 8th Task Force meeting, the Task Force reviewed the project schedule for the next six months and drafted goal statements for the project. We heard a presentation from Ellen Foley, Coyote Lake Park’s staff, on the Martin Murphy family history as it relates to the Bear Ranch portion of the project. Other members of the public also spoke. They offered valuable insight and suggestions to the Task Force as they prepare for topics that will be presented in the upcoming months. A summary of the meeting and proposed project goals are available on the park’s website under Coyote Lake Ranch County Park Master Plan.

On May 10th, the project consultants toured the site and were treated to the last remnants of the spring wildflower display and observed a pair of golden eagles hunting on the ridge. On June 8th, Brent Bear led the Task Force on an extended tour of Coyote Lake, Bear Ranch and the Mendoza property. As we approached dusk, we observed a wide range of wildlife, including deer, turkeys, quails, and more. We also reviewed access options and possible trail links to other public lands in the area.

Next steps:
The next Task Force meeting will be at 6:30 on July 10th in Gilroy. They will be reviewing project goals drafted at the last meeting, natural resources baseline information to date, and beginning to compile proposed program elements (such as biking, camping, and more) for consideration as future park uses.

Messages for any Task Force member can also be left on the project’s voicemail (408)358-3741 ext. 172

New Website for the Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch Master Planning
We have redesigned our website for the Master Plan. You will find information regarding the history of the park, past meeting notes, an outline of the master plan process, and much more. We hope all our readers will visit it at www.parkhere.org. Click on “Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch Master Plan” on the Parks Department’s home page to enter the site. If you don’t have internet access, please contact the project manager, Elish Ryan, to request transcripts or any further information.
Task Force Research Topics

At our most recent Task Force Meeting, members were invited to research topics of personal interest that could be of benefit to the possible uses to be explored in the Master Plan. Some of our members are already pursuing areas of interest and will be bringing back more information on these topics at upcoming meetings.

Alicia Borowski, Jan Webb, Doug Reynaud: State of the art examples of multi-use trails. What do other agencies do and how are these trails managed?

Kathy Rairden: History, needs, and management of 4H clubs in Santa Clara County, youth environmental education, model ranches and demonstration farms in other park districts.

Bill Konle and Fadi Saba: Changing trends in golf course management. State of the Art conservation and management techniques of innovative golf courses in sensitive areas.

If you have any comments, ideas, or references on these topics to share, please contact our Task Force members or staff.

Redesigned Web Site

Our website for the Master Plan has been redesigned. We encourage all our readers to visit it at our web address: www.parkhere.org, select the Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch Master Plan link, browse the history of the project, the master plan process outline, schedule updates, past meeting notes, and more. If this is not possible for you, please contact Elish Ryan, Park Planner, at (408)358-3741, extension 147 for transcripts.

Coyote Lake-Harvey Bear Ranch County Park Master Plan

Task Force Meeting
Tuesday, July 10, 2001
from
6:30 pm to 8:45 pm

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