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General Management Plan/EIS
Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Muir Woods National Monument

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PURPOSE

- Summarize comments received on DGMP
- Review changes to DGMP
- Update project schedule
- Gain concurrence on Final GMP

COMMENT ANALYSIS PROCESS

- **90-day Comment Period:** *September 9 to December 9, 2011*
- **541 correspondences received**
- **From many individuals and organization types**

Organization Type	# of Correspondences	% of Correspondences
Business	2	0.37%
Civic Groups	4	0.74%
Conservation/Preservation	8	1.48%
County Government	5	0.92%
Federal Government	5	0.92%
NPS Employee	1	0.18%
Recreational Groups	3	0.55%
State Government	1	0.18%
Town or City Government	5	0.92%
Unaffiliated Individual	506	93.53%
University/Professional Society	1	0.18%
Total	**541**	**100.00%**

COMMENT ANALYSIS PROCESS, *continued*

- **Comment Analysis and Response**
  - Comments entered and coded
  - Concern statements created and reviewed
  - Responses to comments and document changes created, reviewed, and agreed upon
  - Trackable comments, concerns, responses, and document changes

COMMENT ANALYSIS PROCESS, *continued*

Response Topics

- Recreation / Conservation
- Birds at Alcatraz Island
- Sensitive Resources Zone
- Equestrian Facilities and Use
- Maintenance &Design of Park Facilities
- Transportation
- Estimated Costs
- Trails
- Historic Resources in San Mateo County
- Coordination with the Presidio Trust
- San Francisco Peninsula Watershed Lands
- Background
- Alternatives
- Affected Environment
- Potential Environmental Consequences

COMMENTS RELATED TO DOGS & DRAFT DOG MANAGEMENT PLAN / EIS

- **Many Non-Substantive Comments**
  - Concerns over potential restrictions in Dog Management Plan

- **Substantive Comments**
  - Recreation should take precedence over conservation in GGNRA
  - Phrases in purpose statement *("provide national park experiences")* is leading towards national park designation
  - Opposition to management zoning in high use dog-walking areas

COMMENTS RELATED TO DOGS & DRAFT DOG MANAGEMENT PLAN / EIS *continued*

How comments were addressed:

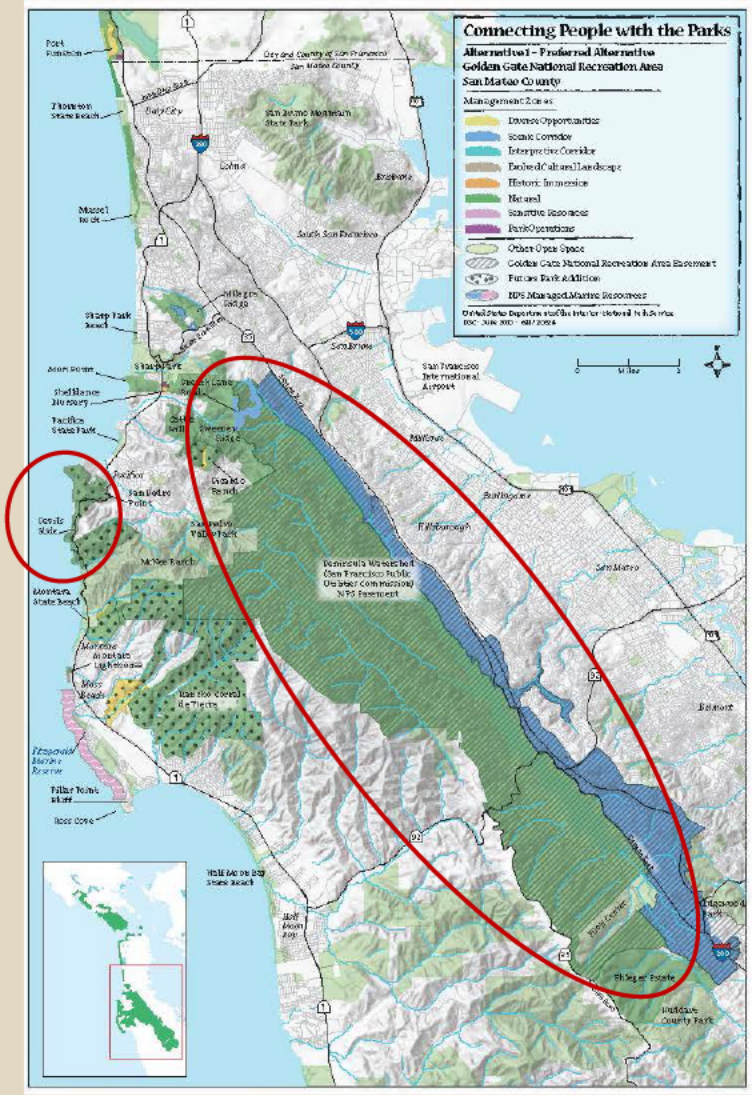
- Primarily with written responses
- Consulted with EQD to ensure consistency
- Few changes to the GMP
  - Purpose
  - Recreation = Visitor Experience
  - Natural Zone
  - Other minor revisions

CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT ZONING

- **Sensitive Resources Zone:** Modified description of compatible activities to make it more protective of resources; included coastal area west of Hwy 1 at Devil's Slide

- **San Francisco Peninsula Watershed Lands:** No longer applying management zones to lands owned & administered by SFPUC. GMP will reference NPS scenic & recreational easements.

- **Angel Island:** Show "Scenic Corridor" zone extending ¼ mile from shore *(previously omitted)*



CHANGES RELATED TO BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS

- **Bolinas Lagoon**

  Changed from "**proposed** boundary adjustment" to "**potential future** boundary adjustment"

- **Marin Transit Hub** *(Muir Woods Offsite Welcome Center)*

  Eliminated as "potential future boundary adjustment"

- **Proposed boundary adjustments**

  Described likely management zone if acquired

- **Proposed boundary at ¼ mile offshore NPS San Mateo County lands**

  No change from DGMP following consultation with WASO & PWRO

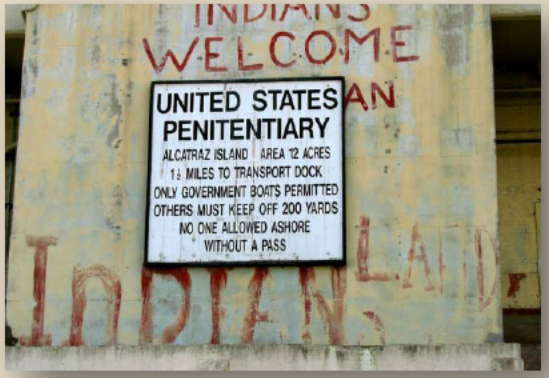
CHANGES RELATED TO PARK OPERATIONS

- **Centralized Maintenance Facility**

  Description of facility to be located in Presidio was made more general to reflect recent discussions between Trust and GGNRA

- **Park Operations Zone at Alcatraz Island**

  Adjusted zoning to simplify access through gate to maintenance yard at Modern Industries Building



CHANGES RELATED TO WATERBIRD HABITAT PROTECTION

Concerns

- Adverse effects on waterbird habitat and recreation from proposed projects and management zoning of specific coastal sites

Responses & Changes

- **General:** NPS considers the level of habitat impact analysis appropriate for GMP/EIS; project-level can follow
- **Biological monitoring:** routinely occurs on Alcatraz Island to avoid/ assess possible impacts to bird habitat caused by visitation
- **Kayakers at Bonita Cove/ Bird Island:** Sensitive Resource Zone reduced to 100 yards *(proposal was 300 yards)* from shore; personal safety can take precedence over prohibition to land

CHANGES RELATED TO WATERBIRD HABITAT PROTECTION, *continued*

Responses & Changes

- **Potential Environmental Consequences:** modified Preferred Alternative to clarify anticipated impacts to Western Gulls on Alcatraz Island – could be major adverse due to rehab of Parade Ground
- **Devil's Slide:** coastal areas have been changed from "Natural" to "Sensitive Resources" in Preferred Alternative

SPECIFIC CHANGES BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

- **MUIR WOODS NATIONAL MONUMENT**

  Off-site Welcome Center at Manzanita: Removed active proposal; could be explored with County again at a later date

- **SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY**

  Treatment of Fort Mason Pier 4: Stabilize under the Preferred Alternative *(previously omitted)*

- **SAN MATEO COUNTY**

  San Francisco Peninsula Watershed Lands: (increased recreational access could increase risk of wildfire and impacts to special status species) Clarified no open fires; no zoning the lands

  Hiker's huts: Improved description of huts along the BA Ridge Trail

  Few funds designated for San Mateo County: Clarified that costs area associated with capital projects and infrastructure *(which are limited in park's SM CO. lands)*

COST UPDATE

Cost Changes since the Draft Plan			
Centralized Maintenance Facility: cost revised up from $5.5 to $7.68 million	$ 2,180,000	Common To All Alternatives	Essential/Priority
Muir Woods offsite welcome center: removed	$ (2,230,000)	Preferred	Essential/Priority
Pier 4: stabilization	$ 3,000,000	Preferred	Desirable/Lower Priority
Increase to total costs, Preferred Alternative	$ 2,950,000		

COST UPDATE *continued*

Total Cost	
Draft Plan	$149,900,000
Final Plan	**$152,850,000**
Increase in Cost	$2,950,000

Essential/Priority Costs	
Draft Plan	93,630,000
Final Plan	93,580,000
Decrease in Cost	(50,000)

Desirable/Lower Priority Costs	
Draft Plan	56,270,000
Final Plan	59,270,000
Increase in Cost	3,000,000

SCHEDULE UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS

- **Finalizing changes to the document**
- **Admin Draft Final GMP/EIS submitted for Park/Region**
  (end of march, early April)
- **Final GMP/EIS submitted for Permission to Print**
  (June or July 2013)
- **NOA for Final GMP/EIS to be printed**
  (September 2013)
- **Sign ROD and NHPA Programmatic Agreement**
  (November 2013)

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