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Editorial: GGNRA plan outlines future improvements

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A 20-year plan adopted for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area includes a realistic “wish list” of possible improvements.

The plan took 10 years to complete and replaces a plan that has been the national park’s guiding document for more than three decades.

The new plan will serve as a key budget document in terms of planning and pursuing funding for improvements.

Turning those plans into reality would involve more public comment and involvement.

For instance, in Marin, elements of the plan include reorganizing parking and paths at Muir Woods National Monument, which has become a parking and traffic headache and an ongoing public controversy.

The plan also calls for renovating visitor facilities at Stinson Beach, raising them in preparation for rising sea levels.

In addition, the GGNRA wants to develop a visitor center, possibly including food service, at Rodeo Beach and removing some of the military housing to open more parkland at Marin Headlands.

These improvements are going to involve increased federal investment and many mean increasing the park’s workforce.

As these plans move forward and gain funding, the details will likely generate some public dialogue. But having them detailed in the park’s plan should give the public plenty of time to be prepared for those discussions.

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