

Major Items Changed for Alternative 4e

- 1). Multi-use trail shortened and removed from most of the leash free area. This lowers cost, removes fencing and other barriers for the leash free area. A pre-fabricated bridge has been added on top of mounds, to cross the two roadways. This will improve safety. These mounds will also be ideal for viewing areas and are consistent with one of the concepts in the Master Plan. One 16' wide bridge will be added along with another 10' wide bridge. The 16' wide bridge includes 10' for the two-way multi-use trail and the remaining 6' will be a walkway to connect up the two sides to the leash free and regional park area. A fence would be placed separating these two uses across the bridge and entry ramps.
- 2). The "Cut-off" road has been moved northward to join with the two-way road going to the beach, regional park and leash free areas. The intent here is to allow more direct access to these areas without going around a large part of the island. Jet skiers, water skiers, dog walkers, kayakers, paddlers, and other regional park users will have an option to go to and from this area more directly. The intersection would be a two-way stop sign for the two-way roadway, giving right of way to the one-way looped road.
- 3). The No Swimming, Wading only restrictions in Hidden Anchorage have been replaced with a No Swimming, No Wading recommendation, given the permit and operating patterns of this cove. San Diego PD, Boat Patrol provided more information on this topic that does allow the water ski boats to come within a few feet of the shoreline.
- 4). The new proposed beach has been made deeper, based on the slope that currently exists and the difficulty in laying this beach back to a reasonable grade. The parking lot was shortened and a slightly larger area added back to the leash free area. The slope along the dog leash free size is also proposed to be laid back to prevent erosion and increase access. This would be a dog and people swim beach, whereas west of the floating dock, it would be people swimming and small non-motorized watercraft only. The dock would be available for dog jumping, competitions and training.
- 5). The proposed dock in Enchanted Cove has been dropped as well as the leash free fenced in area. Conflicts with current users, especially sailboarders and kite sailors that say they end up down-wind at this location quite often and would prefer not to see the conflict with shore obstructions and a fenced in dog leash free area.
- 6). The regional park (South Central) has been reconfigured to be closer to new Cut-off road and reshaped to not be split by a roadway. Also, this configuration allows a smaller less expensive parking lot and more useable open fields. The natural parkland near this area has been expanded and made more contiguous. Moving the regional park into this location also allows for the elimination of one public restroom and allows this parking lot to be used for more surface parking during special events.
- 7). The entry road is now proposed to be a rip-rap sided land connection, with new hydraulic pipe connections. Some of the north side would be new construction and bay fill, already covered by the Tecolote Treatment Wetland dredging and fill requirements. The width has been reduced and the sidewalk / multi-use trail moved to the north side only.
- 8). Instead of public art, mounding, kiosks and tower at the entry area, we are now suggesting a pre-fab 10' wide bridge, to straddle between the two native mounds. The ends of the bridge can serve as a focal point with some simple public art. All other public art has been dropped. This bridge would remove the most dangerous crossing point (2 actually) near the entry road.
- 9). Many of the trails have been adjusted to be soft-surface (compacted DG, stabilized for ADA access and edged with a trex header) instead of concrete surfaces. The multi-use trail has been reduced down to 10' from 12', now with two 2' side trails (DG) for runners and walkers and the occasional equestrian. The loops have been adjusted to eliminate as many street crossings as possible.
- 10). Some misc. habitat areas have been converted back to the natural parkland. This eliminates fencing and use restrictions. Only marginal habitat areas have been converted.