



NEW RECREATION PROGRAMS!

❖ ZUMBA

Classes begin Jan 6
Cardio – Toning – Fun
 at the SLO Vet's Hall
 Every Thursday
 5:45pm – 6:45pm
 Info: Sally Unks
 (805) 528-8929

❖ LATIN DANCE

at the SLO Vets Hall
 1st & 3rd Tues Evenings
 All levels welcome!
 Lessons: 7pm – 8pm
 Dancing: 8pm – 11pm
 Info: Lilianna Graham
 (805) 748-4050

❖ WEST COAST SWING

at the SLO Vets Hall
 2nd & 4th Tues Evenings
 All Levels welcome!
 Lessons: 7pm – 8pm
 Dancing: 8pm – 11pm
 Info: Kara Frenzel
 (805) 823-3342

ON-GOING RECREATION PROGRAMS

❖ YOGA w/ Shoosh

at SLO Vets Hall
 Mon & Wed Evenings
 5:30pm - 6:30pm
 All levels welcome!
 Info: (805) 772-3560

❖ FREE YOGA FOR CANCER SURVIVORS

at the SLO Vets Hall
 Wednesdays
 4pm – 5pm
 Info: (805) 772-3560

❖ TANGO CLASSES

at SLO Vets Hall
 Monday Evenings
 Intro: 7pm – 7:30pm
 Exercises: 7:30pm – 8pm
 Practice: 8pm – 9pm
 Info: Rich Howe at
 (805) 783-0596 or
www.slotango.org

❖ DOG OBEDIENCE

at Los Osos Red Barn
 Wednesday Evenings
 6pm – 9pm
 Info: Erica Duggan at
 (805) 550-2292

COUNTY PARKS APPLIES FOR LOPEZ LAKE NATURE CENTER GRANT FUNDING

BY: SHAUN COOPER, SENIOR PARK PLANNER

County Parks has submitted a Proposition 84 Nature Facilities Grant for the Lopez Lake Recreation Area Natural History Museum and Education Center. In June 2010, staff submitted a \$6,991,200 grant application to fund 100% of the design and construction of the proposed facilities. Kristin Brewster, Park Ranger III wrote the grant criteria narrative, and worked with a Cal Poly Architecture class, and a museum exhibit consultant to generate preliminary designs for the proposed facilities.

The Nature Center will be centrally located near the Marina overlooking the lake. It will replace the existing Amphitheatre and small Nature Center shed that are in a state of disrepair. The new facilities will include classrooms, observation decks, a conference room, kitchenette, restrooms, amphitheatre and native plant garden. It will incorporate interactive exhibits, collections, demonstrations and programs focusing on the resources inherent to the park and surrounding area. Visitors will learn about the history of Lopez Canyon while being taken on a journey through time beginning 26 million years ago to present day. This journey will encompass the earliest presence of the Chumash Native Americans, to the homesteaders of the 1800's, to the construction of the dam and to our current management practices. It will educate on the practices of the Chumash as the early stewards of the environment. The education will focus on human impacts on the resources and culture throughout history, and provoke environmental stewardship focusing on the importance of natural resource preservation and protection.

The facilities will be built from a sustainable perspective and will elicit thought through design. The sustainable practices used will be incorporated into the education and interpretive displays to further the environmental stewardship of the visitors. The grant project evaluation process will conclude during the Winter of 2010, after which time County Parks we will be notified if the Lopez Nature Center is selected for funding.



ANNUAL PASSES MAKE GREAT GIFTS!

There's still time to get that perfect gift! San Luis Obispo County Parks' 2011 Annual Vehicle and Boat Passes for Lopez Lake and Santa Margarita Lake are available. If you visit either facility at least once a month, the pass will pay for itself; the more you visit, the better the bargain. And the convenience of being pre-paid when you reach the lake will speed your entry through the gate! You can purchase your passes at either lake facility or you can purchase a gift certificate at the County Parks office at 1087 Santa Rosa in San Luis Obispo that can be used to redeem your pass.

For information regarding the 2011 annual pass benefits please call Ranger Staff at either Lopez Lake Recreation Area at (805) 788-238 or Santa Margarita Lake at (805) 788-2397.



- ❖ Vehicle Pass - \$80.00 (Senior/Disabled - \$72)
- ❖ Boat Pass - \$100.00 (Senior/Disabled - \$90)
- ❖ Regional Vehicle Pass - \$120.00 (Senior/Disabled - \$108.00)
- ❖ Regional Boat Pass - \$150.00 (Senior/Disabled - \$135.00)



ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PARKS COMMISSION meetings are open to the public and take place on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00p.m. in the County Government Center Board Chambers located at 1055 Monterey Street in SLO

PARKS COMMISSIONERS

[Deanne Gonzales](#) - Representing **District 1** for Supervisor Frank Mecham

[Pandora Nash-Karner](#) - Representing **District 2** for Supervisor Bruce Gibson

[Bruce Hilton](#) - Chair, Representing **District 3** for Adam Hill

TBA Representing **District 4** for Supervisor-Elect Paul Teixeira

[Rick Mathews](#) - Representing **District 5** for Supervisor Jim Patterson

TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday, every other month. Guests are welcome. Applications for membership are available at meetings. Call at 781-5930 or email Ernie Del Rio, Parks Superintendent at edelrio@co.slo.ca.us



GOLF COURSE CHANGING FACES, WELL, SORT OF...

BY: JOSH HEPTIG, GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT



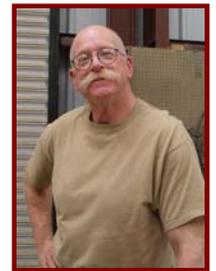
Life has been exciting at the golf courses for the past year. We said fair well to a good friend, Tom Massey when he retired last year. This summer Albert Nunes was asked if he would like the opportunity to walk a few miles in Tommy's shoes and he resoundingly said, "Yes!" Albert is doing a great job and is quickly adapting to his new environment splitting time on the courses and administrative time at the computer.

We are also happy to introduce, Brad Cash, as our new Equipment Mechanic at Morro Bay Golf Course! Brad impressed Albert and myself and successfully navigated his way through the hiring process. Brad comes to us from Turf Star a Toro Distributor from where he brings a wealth of knowledge about trouble-shooting, problem solving, and the repair of equipment. Brad has been a great addition to the team as he fits right in as though he has been here for 10+ years!

Our newest transition began with the retirement of Alan "Joe" Balthaser this past August. Joe decided it was time to chase all of those fish that he has been dreaming about over the years. By fish I mean his hobbies and dreams, which now that I think about it, does include fish! Sean Gabriel, one of our Park Aides has accepted the full time position of Greenskeeper Aide to fill the vacancy left by Joe. Sean has worked as an intern for two years and a Park Aid for this past year. We are happy to have Sean. He is a dedicated hard worker and possesses many of the qualities we will miss in Joe's absence. I would like to congratulate these three gentlemen and wish them the best of luck!

PARKS SUPERINTENDENT DENIS PHILBIN RECEIVES BOARD COMMENDATION

On Tuesday, November 9, the Board of Supervisors presented a resolution honoring Parks Superintendent Denis Philbin for his long service to the SLO County Safety Commission. Even though the Safety Commission is not a function of SLO County Parks Denis has served as chairman for nearly two decades. His expertise and commitment to safety has been unwavering, and his efforts in support of safety for the County and County Parks has been much appreciated. Thank you for your dedication Denis.



EL CHORRO DOG PARK RECEIVES NEW ENTRYWAY



El Chorro Dog Park received a beautiful new entryway that was made possible by a generous donation from Lee Boyle and Chris Boyle and built by Richard Barrett, R.J. Barrett Construction. SLO-4-PUPS celebrated it's "grand opening" at their annual Fun Day fundraiser at the park on Sunday, October 3, 2010. Stop by the park and take a test-drive walkthrough with your best four-footed buddy. El Chorro Dog Park is open until dusk, 7 days a week. County Parks thanks SLO-4-Pups for making El Chorro Dog Park one of the best in San Luis Obispo County.

SURVEY DRAWING WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who participated in San Luis Obispo County Parks' Visitor Survey this past summer. The survey was conducted to gather information to help County Parks better serve our customers. A drawing took place for those wanting to participate in the survey. Each won gift certificates for two free nights of camping. Congratulations to our winners:

- Saul Pinedo - Northridge
- D. Helmer - Nipomo
- Jennifer Hall - Fresno

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

Friends of Lopez Lake will be selling cords of Red Oak for \$250.00. Please call Armand at (805)234-3867 to arrange your purchase.



DID YOU KNOW?

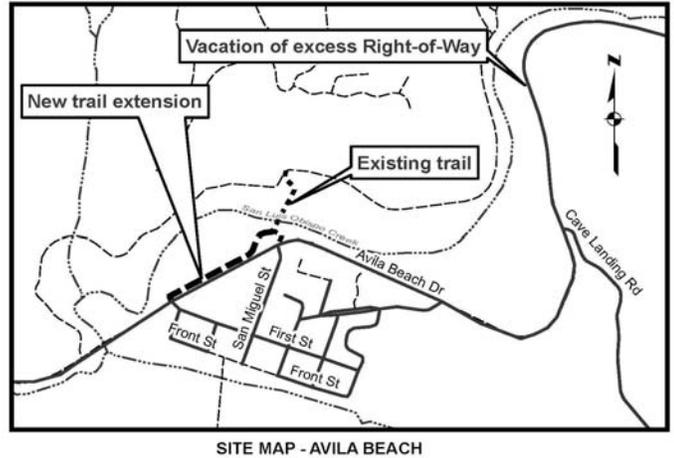
- ❖ County Parks manages approximately 14,000 acres in its parks system, including over 35 miles of trails.
- ❖ Approximately 3 million people have visited County Parks in 2010.
- ❖ County Parks received over 73,000 hours of volunteer time for FY 2009/2010.

BOB JONES TRAIL PROJECT UPDATE:

BY: SHAUN COOPER, SENIOR PARK PLANNER

The County Board of Supervisors has approved proceeding with the construction of a new section of the Bob Jones Trail. This section, in Avila Beach, will include the construction of an approximately one-quarter-mile, 8-foot wide, paved trail between San Miguel Street and First Street. Other improvements include: the installation of a 10' fence between the golf course and the trail; the construction of two stairways, connecting the trail to Avila Beach Dr.; the construction of screen barriers between the 18th Tee and the trail; and the construction of retaining walls adjacent to the trail.

Completing the construction of this segment will allow the current crossing at San Miguel Street (across Avila Beach Drive) to be closed and a new crossing to be provided at a signalized intersection at Avila Beach Drive and First Street. The Construction bid was awarded by the Board of Supervisors on December 7, 2010. Construction completion is expected by Summer of 2011.



BLUEBIRD BOXES INSTALLED AT EL CHORRO REGIONAL PARK

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Cheryl Lish, Alan Schmierer and Holly Sletteland of the Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo (ECOSLO), San Luis Obispo County Parks is now part of the Californian Bluebird Recovery Program (CBRP).

CBRP was established by Dick Blaine in an effort to help increase the Bluebird population. Over the years, bluebirds have lived and reproduced in California but with development in rural areas much of their preferred habitat has been destroyed. Many people have not seen a bluebird in years in areas in which they used to be residents or frequent visitors. Now there is a network of County Coordinators providing close contact with individuals who maintain their own nest box trails.

Cheryl Lish, a member of the Morro Coast Audubon Society initiated this local project and received a \$200 grant for bluebird box kits. Alan built the boxes and Cheryl placed the boxes with help from Holly. Existing posts were used and the boxes are now located near the back gate at El Chorro Regional Park. Thanks Cheryl, Alan and Holly!





SLOGB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY AT THE GARDEN

JANUARY 8, 2011
1:00pm

*If it's Evergreen, It's
Time to Preen and
Prune*

Evergreen pruning demonstration by specialist Curtis Counts.

Rainy day date:

January 15th, 1pm
Donations of \$5 for members, \$10 non-members.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

JANUARY 8, 2011

Wonderful Willows

Children will discover what makes willows so important. Kids will explore a riparian area, participate in willow plantings and create a dream catcher.

Suggested donations of \$5 non-members



HARVEST DINNER

JANUARY 30, 2011
4:00pm – 8:00pm

An evening of honoring our local farmers and wine makers. Amazing food and a great cause.

Seats are limited.

For tickets call Lindsey at (805) 541-1400, x 304

BOTANICAL GARDEN SEEKS TOP LEADER



**San Luis Obispo
Botanical
Garden**

A nationwide search has begun for the position of Executive Director for the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden. The SLO Botanical Garden Board of Directors is looking for an experienced leader to continue the Garden's progress toward the planning, implementation and management of a world-class botanical garden.

The Executive Director will be primarily responsible for leading the Garden through its \$100m+ development program. This will include completing the environmental review process and guiding construction development through a prioritized, phased approach.

The new Executive Director will also play a key role in building the community support, both financial and volunteer-based and to grow the envisioned world-class botanical garden. This position is vital for the next phase at the garden and the recruitment will remain open until the "perfect" person is found.

The Garden's current annual operating budget is approximately \$450,000. The Garden employs a full time Business Manager and a variety of paid part time and intern positions. Approximately 210 volunteers provide in excess of 19,000 hours of service to the Garden annually.

The long range master plan and goals envision a capital improvement program of over \$100 Million and include incorporation of demonstration gardens, theme restaurants serving foods related to the five cultures, theater venues, "green" architecture, unique pedestrian circulation systems, state-of-the-art GPS-based information system for each plant displayed, a seed repository to maintain a base for plants of the five regions, and incorporation of art works and additional facilities to make this a world-class botanical garden and visitor destination anticipating some 1.5 million visitors per year at build-out, similar to Eden in England or the Monterey Aquarium in Monterey, CA.

The San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden's mission is to honor and preserve people's connection with nature. What makes the Garden's connection to nature unique is their focus on the role of plants upon which all life is dependent. They tell the story of Mediterranean climate plants on the six continents and their role in advancing human endeavors and cultures. These stories connect visitors and the plant world.

The Garden's goal is to be a financially sustaining, world-class botanical garden that displays and preserves the diverse plant life of the five Mediterranean climate zones. On their 150 acres they will emphasize horticulture, research, water conservation, education, sustainable practices, children's gardens of exploration, culinary demonstrations, life celebration gardens, health and nutrition, storytelling and the arts.

Detailed information about the position, required qualifications, desired skills and core competencies, is available on the web at: www.slobg.org. You may also contact Pandora Nash-Karner, Board Member, (805) 528-7014 or Pete Jenny, Board Member, 543-0437 or Debbie Hoover, SLOGB Business Manager, (805) 541-1400, extension 300.



THANK YOU
*Paul Teixeira for
 your outstanding
 service as a Parks
 Commissioner to
 San Luis Obispo
 County Parks!*

*Congratulations on
 becoming the new
 San Luis Obispo
 County District 4
 Supervisor.
 We wish you the
 best of luck on
 your new
 endeavors!*



BOB JONES PATHWAY PROMO

Your California Radio
 Talk Show & Video
 News spotlighted the
 Bob Jones Pathway.
 Check out the video at
www.yourcaliforniashow.com/map
 and click
 on Bob Jones link.

HELPING TO KEEP OUR HISTORY ALIVE!

BY: HOLLY SLETTELAND, ECOSLO

After one rained out date volunteers finally made it to the historic Rios Caledonia Adobe in San Miguel on Saturday, December 4th. This volunteer activity was part of the Make A Difference Day sponsored by Cal Poly State University.

The Adobe is a beautiful, century-old inn and stage stop that can be found only eight miles north of Paso Robles, just after the San Miguel off ramp from Highway 101. Volunteers helped to improve visitor services by painting signs, staining picnic tables, planting wisteria and more. They also had a chance to take a look inside the museum and travel back in time. Tools, tips and munchies were provided to all of the volunteers. Thanks to all of our volunteers!

DUNA VISTA TRAIL EXTENSION

If you've never been on the Duna Vista loop trail above Lopez Lake you are missing a great opportunity to experience one of Lopez Lake's greatest assets. On Sunday, December 5th volunteers headed up the trail meandering through oak studded hills, before making a bit of a challenging climb to spectacular 360 degree views from the top. Once the volunteers reached the top they were able to see both arms of the lake directly below, and the Oceano Dunes to the west.

Volunteers worked extremely hard that day working on the new extension by cutting the trail, clearing brush and building a retaining wall. This trail project was accomplished with 25 – 30 volunteers as well as Park Ranger staff. After the workday was over all of the volunteers received a complimentary pass to a regional park of their choice as our way of saying thanks!



This event was sponsored by Central Coast Concerned Mountain Bikers (CCCMB), San Luis Obispo County Parks and ECOSLO.



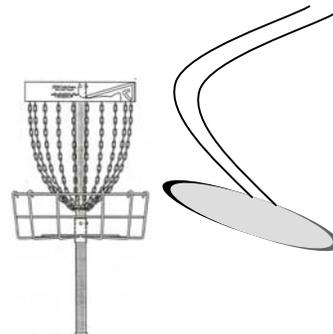
HEILMANN PARK DISC GOLF COURSE

Anyone visiting Heilmann Regional Park in Atascadero will notice numerous basket-like structures located throughout the park, more noticeably around the Dove Group Day Use Area. It won't take you long to figure out they are targets for a popular recreation activity known as disc golf. What's disc golf? Disc golf is a game similar to the traditional "ball" golf but instead of golf balls players use plastic flying discs. They are not "Frisbees" which is a registered trademark and are not a major supplier of the discs used in disc golf.

The object of the game is to throw your disc into basket targets with the fewest number of throws. Each hole, just like traditional golf, has a starting point called tee boxes and then you throw your disc until it hits the target chains and drops into the metal basket.

Head out to Heilmann Park just about any weekend and you will undoubtedly find dozens of disc golf fans. Disc golf has been a popular recreational activity for many years across the United States and it made its debut locally at Waller Park in Santa Maria.

A big "Thank You" goes out to the SLO Throwers, a volunteer Adopt-A-Park group that helps maintain the Heilmann Disc Golf Course. They have done a great job in helping us keep this facility up to par!





In Memorium



BILLY MORRIS

With the holidays just around the corner, we ask that you keep the Morris family in your thoughts and prayers. For those who haven't heard, Billy Morris had been ill for the past two months and was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer. Sadly, Billy passed away on December 14th, at home with his family by his side.

Billy has been a member of the parks family for 14 years working as a Greenskeeper II at Dairy Creek Golf Course and most recently, Lead Greenskeeper at Morro Bay Golf Course. Any of you that knew Billy know what a great individual he was and as you can imagine, this is a very difficult time for his family.

There will be a service planned after Christmas.



LEE GALLI

We also ask you keep the Galli family in your thoughts and prayers. Lee was another member of the Parks family who lost his battle with cancer October 21. When Lee retired in December 2008 he was an Equipment

Mechanic II at Morro Bay Golf Course. Lee worked for County Parks for 12 years. He was a great man with a kind heart. We miss you Lee.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE...

HUASNA DISTRICT (LOPEZ LAKE)

- ❖ Repairs and painting of marina boat house
- ❖ New landscaping around restrooms
- ❖ Installation of new volleyball court near Sycamore Group Day Use Area
- ❖ Repair interpretive information wall from woodpecker and termite damage
- ❖ Installation of benches at the Mallard Cove playground

MESA DISTRICT (SOUTH COASTAL)

- ❖ Replacing damaged and uplifted sidewalks at Oceano Park and Campground
- ❖ Replacing roofs at Coastal Dunes Campground restrooms and office
- ❖ Maintenance and safety issue repairs on the Bob Jones Pathway
- ❖ Hosted the annual Oktoberfest at Nipomo Community Park
- ❖ Upgraded electrical panel for tennis court lights and preschool at Nipomo Park
- ❖ Replace water heater at Oceano Campground showers
- ❖ Installed 2 Mutt-Mitt stations and trash cans along the Bob Jones Pathway

PECHO DISTRICT (NORTH COASTAL)

- ❖ El Chorro Regional Park on-going landscape maintenance
- ❖ Cuesta Park restroom roof replacement
- ❖ Memorial bench installation and tree planting at Los Osos Community Park
- ❖ Replacement of fire rings at El Chorro Park Campground
- ❖ Replacement of pedestal barbeque pits in day use areas of El Chorro Park.
- ❖ Project upgrades to Los Osos Community Park Grizzly group day use area.
- ❖ Aeration and fertilization of all turf areas at parks in the Pecho District
- ❖ Hardie adult and tot pool pump maintenance & motor replacement/rebuild
- ❖ Installation of new safety surface at Paul Andrew Park playground

SALINAS DISTRICT (NORTH COUNTY)

- ❖ Installation of new high speed (T1) line at Santa Margarita Lake (SML)
- ❖ Installation of water and electric service at SML Osprey campsites
- ❖ Heilmann Park water park play area controller/transmitter upgrades
- ❖ Roof leak repairs throughout district
- ❖ Heilmann Regional Park tennis court resurfacing
- ❖ Installation of spring-loaded gates, ladder repairs & deck upgrades at pools
- ❖ Vineyard Trail landscape maintenance project with CCC
- ❖ Memorial bench installation at Templeton Park
- ❖ CCC grant preparation for Falcon Trail work

MORRO BAY & DAIRY CREEK GOLF COURSES

- ❖ Renovating landscaped areas of the Morro Bay Golf Course parking lot
- ❖ SLO Golf Card sales are going well with many new customers purchasing cards
- ❖ Updating the Marshall Program rules and protocols with concession staff
- ❖ Updating golf policy and procedures manual
- ❖ Alan Cameron Retiring December 24, 2010. Happy Retirement Alan!



5K TURKEY TREK & TINY MILE TURKEY TROT RESULTS

Womens Division

Ages 10 - 14

1st Maddie Jackson 26:39

Ages 15 – 19 (no participants)

Ages 20 - 29

1st Lindsay Josvai 21:51

2nd Katie Weber 33:24

3rd Kally Weber 34:23

Ages 30-39

1st Wendy Sutter 26:15

2nd Melissa Jackson 28:48

Ages 40 -49

1st Tracy Langwood 29:52

2nd Stacey Bruce-Kardell

32:19

Ages 50-59 (no participants)

Ages 60-69

1st Ruth Maples 40:50

Ages 70+ (no participants)

Mens Division

Ages 10 - 14

1st Joey Rogers 21:19

2nd Colin Otremba 27:20

Ages 15 - 19

1st Junior Alvarez 18:39

2nd Jacob Bartly 21:46

Ages 20-29 (no participants)

Ages 30-39

1st Mickey Sederberg 19:40

2nd Sean Kenady 19:51

3rd Dustin Shaver 20:54

Ages 40 - 49

1st Jay Fiscalini 20:17

1st Paul Lee 20:17

2nd Hans Kardel 22:42

3rd Joe Schwartz 46:23

Ages 50-59

1st Coker Ellsworth 21:20

2nd Stanley Hughs 22:19

3rd Mark Hays 25:08

Ages 60-69

1st Rod Rodman 24:50

2nd Bob Keffe 32:05

Ages 70+

1st Milton Hays 46:23



Despite the weather the Friends of Lopez Lake welcomed over 40 fun run participant to their 3rd Annual Turkey Festival on Sunday, November 21, 2010. Due to weather predictions many of the activities were cancelled but that didn't stop the runners and volunteers from showing to help make a successful event. The

Friends of Lopez Lake look forward to next year's event tentatively scheduled for Sunday November 20, 2011.

The 1st Place 5K Turkey Trek Winners and the top four Tiny Mile Turkey Trot finishers took home a frozen Turkey to share with their families for the Holidays.

COUNTY PARKS WORKING TOGETHER

BY: GLENN PRINCIG, PARK RANGER III



The anadromous steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) native to creeks and the Pacific Ocean face numerous challenges. Currently listed as a Federal "Threatened" species, their existence is challenged by obstructions, pollution, siltation, and inadequate flows in the waterways necessary for their migration to and from the sea.

Dave Highland, a long standing California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Habitat Specialist - Central Region, has made consistent efforts over the past three decades to ensure steelhead survival. By monitoring the watershed of San Luis Obispo County, he ensures the means of passage required to support the life cycle of the fish is maintained.

In July, Dave noted a potential problem in San Luis Obispo Creek near the Arroyo Group Day Use Area at Cuesta Park. A mass of concrete appeared to have become dislodged from the footbridge. The obstruction was inhibiting flow and with seasonal high water and debris would have created an undesirable dam site.

Collaborating with DFG, County Parks staff facilitated the diligent efforts by Dave and his assistant to remove the concrete. The team broke apart the mass and removed the material. The riprap created was utilized on site in a surface drain application away from the waterway.

The highlight of the project was observing the many fry in several pools along the creek, confirmation of a successful reproductive cycle. Long live the steelhead!

VINEYARD & EL MORRO TRAILS RECEIVE MUCH NEEDED ATTENTION

December has been a good month for some major clean-up projects. With help from the California Conservation Corp, the Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo (ECOSLO) and the Small Wilderness Area Preservation (SWAP) San Luis Obispo County Parks and ECOSLO organized two days of work for the Vineyard Trail in Templeton and the El Morro Trail in Los Osos. The CCC performed weeding, dead tree removal, cutting back growth, removal of non-native species and litter pick-up. Vineyard Trail will now have a new Adopt-A-Park group known as the Vineyard Trail Volunteers to help with litter pick-up, light trail maintenance and patrol. Thank you Katie Winkler for taking the lead on organizing this new group. We look forward to a great partnership. A special thank you to our hardworking C's: Stacey Bauer, Haykal Boles, Antiganious Collins, John Friesen, Steven Hobdy, Kyle Mabrey, Sonia Mancha-White, James McAfee, Alejandra Orozco, Alani Parlato, Gabriella Rubalcava, James Turk and Ronald Wilson.



From the Directors Chair

At the close of the year we always tend to look back over our shoulder to see what has been accomplished. As you read the articles contained in this issue of Mariposa, please take time to notice our many partnerships and staffs involved in making County parklands safe and ready for your visits. From trail maintenance to dog parks to simple repairs for roofs, plumbing and electrical our staff and volunteers are actively making our parks better!

As we look forward to 2011 we see many bright days ahead for County Parks and we encourage you to get involved – come help us make a difference! We are extending the Bob Jones Pathway, seeking grants to build a nature center and park/recreation facilities for San Miguel and much, much more. Spend time in our parks and park lands we can guarantee you – Parks Make Life Better!

Curtis Black, GSA Deputy Director-Parks

Curtis Black	GSA Deputy Director - Parks
Ernie Del Rio	Parks Superintendent
Denis Philbin.....	Parks Superintendent
Josh Heptig.....	Golf Course Superintendent
Stacey King	Park Operations Coordinator
Shaun Cooper	Senior Park Planner
Elizabeth Kavanaugh.....	Park Planner III

Albert Nunes	Golf Course Supervisor
Bob Yetter	Supervising Park Ranger, Pecho Dist.
Mark Wagner.....	Supervising Park Ranger, Mesa Dist.
Ken Klis.....	Supervising Park Ranger, Salinas Dist.
Don Melin.....	Supervising Park Ranger, Huasna Dist.
Anna Diaz.....	Administrative Assistant III, Reservations



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