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## SCRIPPS PARK PLAN - DRAFT



A PICNIC AT THE COVE  
in what is now Scripps Park, probably taken in the late 1870's.  
From a stereopticon view.

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## AN ACTION PLAN FOR SCRIPPS PARK SUMMARY

The Ellen Browning Scripps Memorial Park (PARK) is a 5.6-acre park bounded by the Pacific Ocean and the village of La Jolla. Gently sloping toward bluffs, tidepools, and beaches, the PARK is primarily an open-space, landscaped environment heavily used by local residents and visitors from around the world. From its beginning in 1887, the PARK has been the centerpiece of La Jolla, undergoing, along the way, changes and transformations. But its significance extends further. The spectacular dynamic shoreline, including world-famous La Jolla Cove, and its offshore waters, are a recreational, environmental and ecological resource of worldwide importance.

Located within a major urban center, the PARK is increasingly subject to the impact of heavy use and concerns for its continuing preservation and enhancement have grown in recent years. In 1989, a Preliminary Coastal Plan was created by the La Jolla Town Council and has been used by other community groups such as the Community Planning Association and La Jolla Park and Recreation, Inc. Although this Plan made specific recommendations pertinent to the coastline around the Park, it concluded that the PARK itself merited more detailed analysis and planning within the framework of “a clear visionary master plan.” However, no action was taken until 2001 when the Scripps Park Project (SPP), a group of interested local citizens, adopted as its mission “***develop and implement a long-term comprehensive plan to preserve, restore, and enhance Ellen Browning Scripps Memorial Park, incorporating extensive community involvement.***” As part of this effort, the SPP conducted significant research related to the PARK’s history, development and usage. The findings of this research are the content of Scripps Park Then and Now – A Cultural Landscape and Usage Patterns Report. It has served as a foundation for

planning and public processes as well as the Plan itself.

Following a fund-raising effort that drew individual and group donations as well as grant support, a public workshop was held on November 18-19, 2005. Approximately seventy persons heard presentations, toured the PARK, completed questionnaires, and engaged in table discussions culminating in the expression of their concerns about the PARK and ideas for its future. From this process a park planning consulting firm, Campbell & Campbell, provided a report containing recommendations for the PARK that, in its view, best addressed the values expressed by the workshop participants. This consultant’s report was subject to several public meetings and a great deal of local media coverage and attention. Responses were then considered and some revisions made. The most significant of these pertained to the recommendation by the consultant to move the Bridge Club, a PARK facility, in order to improve views. In light of many negative responses, SPP decided against pursuing this proposal. The following Plan is the result of these processes and outlines important steps that should be taken to provide continuing stewardship of the PARK into the future.

The Scripps Park Plan promotes four fundamental objectives

- Recognition that the site is an integral part of a larger coastal setting and experiences unique natural processes while providing abundant leisure and recreational opportunities.
- Careful preservation, restoration and enhancement of the PARK are required.
- Local PARK use and development processes must be given thoughtful guidance.
- Resources must be dedicated to help fund maintenance its.

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## **THE PLAN**

The PARK is an important heritage feature and visual and recreational signature of the internationally renowned coastal community, La Jolla. The accompanying Plan provides significant opportunities to preserve, restore and enhance integrity and vitality and reinforce its connections with the ocean and La Jolla Village.

This Plan recognizes the defining physical features of Scripps Park- its sweeping bluff tops, cliffs, beaches and ocean waters – the products of a unique meeting of sea and land. The appearance and condition of the coastal bluffs and shoreline of the PARK are the result of on-going, dynamic environmental processes of natural evolution. These processes are integral to the experience, identity and character of the PARK. The dynamic nature of the park's environment and the necessity that the land and the waters be considered as parts of an inseparable whole are fundamental to understanding the PARK, and must underlie public policy guiding all planning, design and environmental management efforts.

This Plan is founded on the integration of many elements into a new vision for Scripps Park based on the following policies.

### **GUIDELINE I**

**Preserve, restore and enhance the natural systems that integrate aquatic and terrestrial environment by re-establishing the invaluable natural landscapes and native ecologies of the PARK and its coastline including the bluffs, caves, tide pools, beaches, and adjacent La Jolla Ecological Reserve.**

The presence of the PARK and its off shore waters are integral

to the well being of the community. Its landscape serves not merely as an aesthetic presentation, but it expresses the “signatures” of dynamic natural processes, manifesting connection and commitment to the natural world, community, stewardship and re-generation. This Plan recognizes and effectively maintains the dynamic environment through preservation, restoration and enhancement of the site's natural attributes through runoff control and the restoration of native vegetation.

### **GUIDELINE II**

**Ensure future design compatibility with the natural environment and historical landscape context of the PARK, and institute sustainable design practices.**

The landscape and architecture of Scripps Park should be a visible demonstration of advanced sustainable designs and construction, using methods such as solar water heating and lighting, recycling, and other sustainable practices. The design should explicitly showcase cutting-edge technologies that engage and explore new relationships with the environment, and promote sustainable design stewardship.

### **GUIDELINE III**

**Future development should complement and complete the park's beauty and artistic quality, restoring spectacular views and enhancing public access.**

The present sweeping lawn, existing arcing pathways, and small picnic areas provide a public space that is rich in edges, linkages and small gathering places, yet is coherent as a whole. PARK structures should enhance the spectacular natural setting and views and engage and invigorate but not dominate the historic space. Native bluff top plant communities should be restored and expanded, and

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sustainable design and stewardship should be supported by an artistic perspective to designing structures and spaces for human use and celebration.

The safe and welcoming open character of the PARK should be enhanced, with barrier free access. Further, improvements should be designed to provide a safe and secure daytime and evening setting for a wide array of informal and organized activities in an artistic setting worthy of the natural setting that is the pride of the community.

#### **GUIDELINE IV**

##### **Establish local oversight for Scripps Park use and development through the creation of the SPP Committee of the La Jolla Town Council, or appropriate group, to oversee the evolution and implementation of this Plan's recommendations**

PARK use and development should be monitored closely by a Project Committee as established by the community. The Project Committee should include professionals from pertinent fields and others whose chief qualifications are demonstrated engagement with the PARK and an ongoing interest in its stewardship.

#### **GUIDELINE V**

##### **Secure funding from a multiple sources to implement the Scripps Park Plan**

To come to fruition, the Plan needs funding commitment. In the past, financing came primarily from government sources, but current funding demands are too great for this sole source to be effective. A funding program that includes not just government funds, but private donations, endowments, and PARK generated revenue should be pursued.

## **POLICIES, RECOMMENDATIONS AND PHASING**

The Policies established for this Action Plan are the results of the SPP and the consultant's analyses of background studies, plans previously prepared, and materials produced by the November 18-19, 2005 workshop. The workshop participants experienced the PARK as both an evening and daytime environment. Opportunities and constraints maps permitted them to prepare and submit individual diagrams as well as written comments related to their experiences and ideas. Group discussions produced consensus in many areas, and were the subject of assembly discussions and consultant analysis.

The process identified the following overriding policies and related recommendations for the development of Scripps Park. Recommendations for actions to be taken are designed to implement the Policies stated, and are organized into a phasing program of:

- A. Administrative actions designed to prepare the groundwork, construction drawings, and specific programs necessary to bring recommendations to fruition during the Short, Mid, and Long Range phases of development;
- B. Short range or initial actions to be accomplished in the first year upon adoption of this Plan are primarily critical maintenance activities;
- C. Mid-range actions to be taken in the first five years upon adoption of this Plan; and,
- D. Long-range actions to be accomplished within 10 years of adoption of this plan.

A number of recommendations are accompanied by descriptive background statements to provide a proper context.

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However, most of the recommendations entail basic maintenance or restoration and require no further explanation.

## **GUIDELINE I**

### **PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND ENHANCE THE NATURAL SYSTEMS THAT INTEGRATE AQUATIC AND TERRESTRIAL ENVIRONMENTS BY RE-ESTABLISHING THE INVALUABLE NATURAL LANDSCAPES AND NATIVE ECOLOGIES OF THE PARK AND ITS COASTLINE INCLUDING THE BLUFFS, CAVES, TIDE POOLS, BEACHES, AND ADJACENT LA JOLLA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE**

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Site analysis found storm and irrigation water runoff, the presence of bluff-top exotic ice plant and rodent populations. These cause erosion of the bluffs, water pollution, and consequent degradation of the quality of the bluff, beach and ocean environment. Further they constitute a health hazard to users of the park's beaches and off-shore waters. The specific interrelationships among shoreline erosion processes, surface and groundwater flow patterns, water quality, geology and soils, and flora and fauna of the site must be considered in the development of landscape design and engineering plans as well as on-going environmental management.

Published research (Coastal Bluff Erosion in San Diego County, G. B. Griggs, UC Santa Cruz) has shown that while the bluffs at La Jolla are actively eroding, they are typically associated with relatively low average rates of erosion (3 cm/yr). The presence of waves, groundwater and the rock and soil composition of the bluffs all contribute to the continuing erosion of the shoreline. In Scripps Park the key erosion factors are bluff soil conditions and groundwater runoff.

Studies undertaken during the 1980's and 1990's provide information on the effects of "shoreline processes" on the PARK perimeter. In addition, an environmental quality analysis by the consultant produced recommendations and guidelines and a plan addressing water quality; an integrated conceptual design response including grading, drainage and habitat management to minimize erosion; and a recommended approach to vector animal control.

This report recommends an integrated concept design with civil engineering/landscape architectural elements related to managed shoreline retreat; management of groundwater and surface runoff; habitat management for flora and fauna (including vector animals); control of erosion at outfalls; and low flow diversion of runoff from drains opening onto the shoreline at Scripps Park.

The concept design (see figure 3-1) addresses and implements responses to environmental issues described above through an integrated approach including the following:

- a) Careful management of turf irrigation;
- b) On-site modifications to surface grading, pathway construction and landscape planting;
- c) Habitat management; and
- d) Off-site construction of low flow urban runoff diversion facilities.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

##### **A. Administrative Actions**

- 1. Use only non-polluting pest control and fertilizer products***
- 2. Prepare grading and landscaping construction documents consistent with the Conceptual Grading Plan,***

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***pathway realignment and the lists of vegetation materials included in this Plan.***

Use the conceptual grading plan provided in this document (See appendix) and incorporate the appropriate location and scope of native vegetation materials from lists provided by this Plan.

***3. Prepare a Maintenance Management Program listing all maintenance activity and their optimum scheduling per the recommendations of this Plan***

Develop and adopt an environmental management and maintenance plan specific to Scripps Park. This plan can successfully address environmental issues immediately and over time. The most critical issues are those related to irrigation and have to be addressed immediately by adjusting water application schedules and repair of defective system components. Management and maintenance over a longer time frame will successfully restore habitat through the phased replacement of invasive exotic plants (ice plant) with native coastal bluff species, and control of vector animal animals through a combination of habitat alteration, public education and ecologically safe integrated pest management.

**B. Short Range, Immediate Actions**

***1. Carefully adjust water irrigation schedules and repair defective system components.***

The careful adjustment and repair of irrigation systems will provide an immediate relief regarding bluff erosion, water quality, waste water, and reduction in the propagation of invasive plants and improved sanitation through animal vector

and runoff control.

***2. Replace exotic plant species such as ice plant with the introduction of native coastal bluff plant species and control of infestation of the bluffs and other areas by vector animals.***

Replacing existing exotic ice plant and other non-native plant species along the PARK's bluff perimeter with appropriate, deep-rooted, indigenous plant species that thrive in coastal conditions will reduce erosion, provide native wildlife habitat, help stabilize coastal bluffs and reduce infestation by vector animals.

Recommended Native California Bluff Plants:

- Agave America – Century Plant
- Artemesia – Coastal Sagebrush – Several
- Atriplex lentiformis ssp. breweri –Coastal Quail Bush
- Camissonia cheiranthifolia – Beach Evening Primrose
- Ceanothus – California Lilac - Several
- Coreopsis - Several
- Distichlis spicata – Salt Grass
- Dudleya – Live Forever - Several
- Erigeron glaucus ‘Arthur Menzies’ – Compact Beach Aster
- Eriogonoum parvifolium – Coastal Buckwheat
- Galvesia speciosa – Bush Island Snapdragon
- Isocoma menziesii var menziesii
- Lavatera assurgentiflora – Tree Mallow
- Limonium californium – Coastal Statice
- Lycium californium – Box Thorn
- Perityle incana – Guadalupe Island Rock Daisy
- Rhus integrifolia – Lemonade Berry
- Salvia – Sage– Several

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**3. An arborist/horticulturalist should be contracted to report on the present health status of the PARK's existing trees and make recommendations for immediate and long-term maintenance to ensure their future health and public safety.**

Many of the existing trees in Scripps Park are more than 95 years old. Their viable life-span needs to be assessed and a plan for their maintenance, restoration or, in some cases, replacement needs to be prepared. Although some species of trees and shrubs have survived in this tough coastal environment, but their health and future viability also need to be assessed.

**4. Control rodent population in the PARK to reduce erosion and other damage.**

Absence of natural predation and the presence of food sources from refuse and feeding by the public have allowed unacceptable population levels of vector animal pests including pigeons, Beechy Ground Squirrels and other rodents. These vector animal causes accelerated erosion to bluffs. Further, vector animals are associated with potential public health concerns as carriers of parasites and disease. Effective control of these vector animals in bluff top public shoreline parkland has been achieved in a setting similar to that of Scripps Park in the City of Santa Barbara. Vector habitat has been altered by frequent removal of refuse, signs explaining the negative impact of feeding, and the use of an environmentally safe EPA exempt cornmeal based non-persistent pesticide product marketed as "Rodetrol."

**5. Incorporate Scripps Park in the La Jolla Ecological Reserve Area Special Biological Significance Study for**

**water quality monitoring and enhancement planning.**

The City of San Diego and Scripps Institute of Oceanography are currently working together on a water quality enhancement planning grant from the State of California related to the La Jolla Ecological Reserve Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS). Scripps Park is not presently within the boundaries of the Reserve and thus, the waters of the PARK are not included in this water quality enhancement planning effort. Because of the immediate proximity of Scripps Park to the area of study, it is recommended it be included in the study. The heavy public use of the waters off Scripps Park, and use of Scripps Park as a "portal" to the La Jolla Ecological Reserve provide a basis for inclusion, thereby reinforcing the constituency of support for continuing public investment in water quality efforts.

### **C. Mid Range Actions**

**1. Divert all water runoff from landscaping away from the bluffs by reconfiguring the Park's grading and drainage patterns and irrigation system to minimize storm and irrigation water discharge onto the bluffs and into the ocean.**

Management of groundwater and surface runoff from sources within the PARK can reduce the shoreline erosion and positively influence water quality. (see Water Quality discussion above) Necessary elements of this management are, introduction of permeable paving surfaces, use of native plants requiring no supplemental irrigation, and contouring of park topography through grading to direct runoff away from bluff tops to infiltration swales. A grading plan for the PARK along the lines identified by the Conceptual Grading Plan (see Appendix) should minimize mature vegetation disruption as it diverts water flow away from the bluffs.



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## **2. Protect the bluffs from accelerated erosion activity**

Realign segments of the bluff top pathway at both the west and east ends of the PARK. Managed shoreline retreat in areas of active erosion requires the inland relocation of improvements such as pathways, moving them further away from active erosion zones. Control pedestrian access by planting introduction of low barriers of native drought-adapted ground cover at the bluff top edge.

## **3. Reconfigure and renovate the Scripps Park storm water drainage system to bring it into compliance with the California Ocean Plan to reduce erosion and pollution. Improve or replace existing irrigation systems to conserve water, prevent over-watering and on-going breakage and other maintenance problems.**

This is one of the most important issues affecting shoreline ecological stability. Isolated areas of bluff erosion associated with concentrated runoff related to storm water discharge points are present in some areas. Detention and diversion of low flow runoff from discharge points, while primarily addressing water quality issues (see above Water Quality discussion), will have a positive effect on reducing erosion from these locations during low flow conditions. However, with the exception noted above, the presence of discharge points of concentrated storm water flows is not currently addressed in the PARK. Additionally, pollutants present in urban runoff from city storm drains and surface water flows, adversely affect the quality of the waters of Scripps Park. The PARK is adjacent to the La Jolla Ecological Reserve –designated as an “Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS),” and subject to a major State funded water quality enhancement planning project. Levels of pollutants in urban runoff conducted at the Scripps Park shoreline have not been quantified, and only one of the

storm drains directly adjacent to the PARK has been identified as a candidate for the City’s coastal low flow diversion program, which directs runoff to treatment facilities.

Over time, a number of documents and government policies have been produced related to this topic. The recently adopted La Jolla Community Plan states that: “To address current development and redevelopment projects, including all development projects in La Jolla, the City’s development regulations have been revised to include a combination of site design, pollution prevention, source control, and treatment control Best Management Practices (BMPs).” Currently, only one of the storm drains flowing into the waters directly off shore at Scripps Park is prioritized for diversion by the City. This drain, the most easterly one, which runs directly into La Jolla Cove, has been designated a “priority IV” diversion- the lowest priority for implementation. Informal observation confirms that urban runoff is present on the beaches and waters of Scripps Park during both low flow and storm flow conditions. Implementation of this diversion project should be accelerated.

## **4. Dead and/or diseased trees should be replaced with species that thrive in coastal conditions, enhance coastline and ocean views to and through the PARK, and can withstand the specific conditions of their siting – for example, turf irrigation and heavy soil compaction.**

Recommended trees include:

- Brahea edulis – Guadalupe Palm
- Chamaerops humilis – Mediterranean Fan Palm
- Dracaena Draco - Dragon Palm
- Ficus rubiginosa – Rustyleaf Fig
- Howea forsteriana – Paradise Palm
- Livistona australis

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Lyonothamnus floribundus asplenifolius – Catalina Ironwood (Best in groves a little away from bluff edge)  
Metrosideros excelsus – New Zealand Christmas Tree (can withstand turf conditions)  
Phoenix reclinata – Senegal Date Palm  
Pinus torreyana – Torrey Pine (away from direct bluff edges)  
Syagrus romanzoffianum – Queen Palm  
Washingtonia robusta – Mexican Fan Palm

**5. Trees or shrubs, should be pruned or replaced to improve views, add shade, and help deflect winds. These include the Italian Stone Pine at the intersection of Lower Girard and Coast Boulevard, some Australian Tea Trees around the picnic areas and overgrown, windbreak shrubs such as the Pittosporum that are spread throughout the PARK.**

Recommended color, groundcover and wind deflecting shrubs:

Agapanthus – Lily of the Nile - Several  
Aloe - Several  
Bougainvillea - Shrub Forms  
Cistus – Low Forms  
Erigeron several  
Lantana montevidensis – Several  
Lavendula – Several  
Pittosporum tobira – Several Dwarf Varieties  
Phlomis fruticosa –Jerusalem Sage - Several  
Raphiolepis – Low Growing Varieties  
Rosa rugosa– Sea Tomato - Several

## GUIDELINE II

### **ENSURE COMPATIBILITY OF FUTURE DESIGN WITH THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND HISTORICAL LANDSCAPE OF THE PARK, AND INSTITUTE SUSTAINABLE DESIGN PRACTICES**

#### DISCUSSION:

The PARK's historic landscape design is presently degraded and requires appropriate restoration. The Plan recommends the preparation of a horticultural analysis and a Landscape Master Plan (see Guideline I) to guide the restoration and re-visioning of the PARK's historic landscape design features. Additionally, immediate and long term sustainable design and maintenance practices should be implemented for the PARK. These sustainable practices include use of renewable and non-polluting energy sources such as solar energy, water quality control and recycling, recycling of waste materials, use of recycled materials, and use of non-polluting pest control and fertilization products.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

##### **A. Administrative Actions**

**1. Use only sustainable materials and methods when repairing, renovating, restoring or replacing PARK features and amenities including but not limited to walls, paving, barriers, signage, site furniture, planting and every element of the PARK's structures.**

This will include use of building and plant materials and site furnishings that are both sustainable and appropriate to the small scale, coastal, historic La Jolla character of the PARK. The design, construction processes, and materials of all of the

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PARK's built elements shall support "SMART sustainable" (Sustainable Management of Scarce Resources in the Coastal Zone) planning practices and lifetime sustainable design principles specifically suited to this coastal exposure.

**2. Prepare Development Guidelines to ensure that all PARK additions, renovations, repairs, event selection and scheduling, and maintenance practices reflect, contribute to and enhance the unique, inherent, natural coastal landscapes, ecologies and historic and cultural landscape of the PARK.**

The Cultural Landscape and Usage Patterns Report prepared for the SPP provides a context regarding use of traditional materials used such as wood framed and clad structures similar to the Bridge Club building (Richard Requa, 1939), or use of stucco and block. These materials and forms should be the inspiration for future design of structures and other park development.

**3. Prepare development guidelines for organized events for use in to reviewing requests for event activity at the PARK (See Park Project Committee responsibilities)**

The Usage Patterns Report prepared by the SPP identifies numerous uses made of the PARK by individuals as well as groups and organized events. The activity increases yearly. The PARK has a definite carrying capacity beyond which it begins to deteriorate and cannot be properly maintained. Further, organized events displace popular informal activities and greatly compound parking problems. This makes it mandatory that a detailed analysis be made of the various activities in the PARK, and their consequent impact on the improvements, to set any desirable limits, and to determine the

level of impact fees that should be assessed for the Park's use in order to properly maintain and manage this precious public resource.

**B. Short Range, Immediate Actions**

- 1. Add water heating for the comfort station showers.**
- 2. Modify the lawn area between the comfort station and the Cove to appropriately accommodate its heavy use.**

The grass area immediately in front of the existing comfort station is often muddy and water clogged. City work crews cannot keep up with the maintenance that this area requires. A careful analysis needs to be made to establish a better design and surface material that is able to withstand heavy human use.

- 4. Preserve and, if necessary, augment the rows of Mexican Fan Palms (*Washingtonia robusta*) along Coast Boulevard.**

The existing row of palm trees along the southern edge of the PARK were planted in 1910, almost 100 years ago, and are coming to the end of their natural lives. Although most appear to be in good condition, one is already dead. Therefore, plans need to be made to replace or augment them in order to restore the ambience presently established by this wonderful row of street trees.

- 5. Restore and maintain the historic belvederes as long as their present sites remain viable, and, if necessary, relocate or rebuild them using historically appropriate, sustainable materials and methods.**

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The small green structures along the coast have lost much picturesque charm and historic significance due to extensive renovation and replacement. If erosion or undermining becomes too great, they should be removed or relocated away from the bluff edge.

- 6. *Correct the interface between the turf and the decomposed granite paving of the picnic areas – raise the DG, lower the turf, or add access points. This is an on-going maintenance process.***

#### **C. Mid Range Actions**

- 1. *The Cove Cave reinforcing structure installed by the WPA (Works Progress Administration, 1930's) needs immediate repair and renovation to ensure public safety.***
- 2. *Ensure that any proposal to change or replace the existing lifeguard tower and/or provide ADA access fully preserves and protects the current use and space of the terrace and surrounding environs.***

A lifeguard tower project has been in design process for sometime. Past proposals for massive bluff grading to provide ADA access have raised community concerns. ADA access should be achieved without such ramping and grading but still make the emergency/first aid function of the new lifeguard tower accessible to all.

Additionally, the design of this facility should be coordinated with an upgraded and possibly relocated comfort station to assure that these facilities are properly and efficiently integrated, avoiding the helter-skelter approach to development of the past.

This Plan also calls for treating the urban run-off in the areas and redesign of the traffic turnaround on Coast Boulevard. These proposals should also be included in the lifeguard tower planning process.

- 3. *Stairs to Shell Beach and the Cove need repair to provide safe access.***

#### **C. Long Range Actions**

- 1. *Replace the present comfort station to enhance ADA access, views and improve functionality. Design the structure to appropriately recall the small scale, coastal, historic La Jolla character, withstand coastal conditions, improve function, and accessibility and sustainability, and meet the user needs of this heavily used facility.***

This structure needs replacement. Currently, it is poorly situated, unattractive, functionally limited, and falls well below acceptable public health and safety standards. The facility should be designed to enhance rather than block views through the center of the PARK toward the Cove. Its design and construction materials should recall the intimate scale and simple “beach cottage” style of earlier PARK and La Jolla structures, incorporating an arts perspective. The new design should incorporate an arts perspective. It should provide full ADA access, limited maintenance, adequate storage, facilities for swimmers and divers, and solar heated water. It should further address the issue of ongoing damage to the lawn adjacent to the comfort station.

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**GUIDELINE III.  
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT SHOULD COMPLEMENT AND  
COMPLETE THE PARK'S BEAUTY AND ARTISTIC  
QUALITY, RESTORING SPECTACULAR VIEWS AND  
ENHANCING PUBLIC ACCESS**

**DISCUSSION:**

Ad hoc construction, and placement of PARK facilities and furnishings and vegetation management practices have impeded the PARK's spectacular ocean views, and impaired the public's access and enjoyment of this important resource. Future actions to restore and develop the PARK should benefit the human spirit, and would benefit from designs that foster an artistic perspective, protect the environment, restore the PARK's spectacular views, and improve public access and enjoyment. Safe, universally accessible paths of travel should be maintained and provided.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A. Administrative Actions**

- 1. All built elements in the PARK should enhance rather than degrade views to, through and from the PARK***

Every project undertaken within the PARK should be evaluated in relation to its effect on the spectacular views. Only projects that enhance should be approved.

- 2. An artistic perspective should be incorporated in all improvements to the PARK.***

This Plan promotes the artistic development of the PARK. It is intended is to enhance the PARK's character and identity

in a way that residents and visitors will delight in the experience of the PARK. To this end all projects shall incorporate an artistic perspective.

- 3. Conduct a feasibility study to determine if diagonal parking can be added along the village side of Coast Boulevard. The study should assess the viability of adding diagonal parking along the hotel side of Coast from Lower Girard to the turnaround.***
- 4. Develop uniform, Park-specific design guidelines to regulate all of the PARK's signage – typeface, size, materials, and colors. Concentrate all PARK signage within two or three low monuments at the PARK's primary access points***

**B. Short Range, Immediate Actions**

- 1. Maintain the wide, open lawn that sweeps through the center of the PARK northwesterly from around the Lincoln Memorial to the maintenance access way.***
- 2. Replace the existing raised, bright blue, trash container lids with lower, less obtrusive ones***
- 3. Remove or, where necessary, replace the existing chain link fencing and pipe safety barricades along the bluffs with less obtrusive barriers such as native California plants or low cable barriers.***
- 4. Restore the signage that existed at North Boomer Beach adjacent to the call box, with one similar to that existing to the south.***

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Boomer Beach is exclusively a body surfing area with a long history of use, one of the very few existing. An identification sign existed in the area, but has been removed. This sign should be incorporated into the comprehensive sign program at a later date. (See Mid Range Plans #4 below.)

**5. Remove obstructions such as planters and overgrown trees and shrubs that are blocking the existing pedestrian access ways from Prospect to Coast Boulevard.**

**6. Redesign the Point La Jolla area to better capitalize on its provision as the PARK's best and most prominent view by clearing the area of insignificant vegetation and unnecessary hardware and providing an off-sidewalk, ADA accessible viewing station.**

**7. Add ADA Parking spaces at either end of the PARK and provide additional access ramps.**

**8. Add turnaround striping and a raised planter at the north end of the PARK at Coast Boulevard.**

This project should consider the context given to the area by the historical structures such as the Red Rest and Red Roost, Brockton Villa, and those lining the Coast Walk trail to the east.

**9. Repair and maintain accessways from the PARK to the ocean, where appropriate.**

**10. Repair the damaged stairs from the PARK to beaches in an appropriate and timely manner.**

**11. Repair potholes in walkways in an appropriate and timely manner.**

**12. Re-grade and maintain the decomposed granite surfaces and turf edges of the picnic areas and pathways to accommodate universal access for wheelchairs and strollers, including the provision of an off-sidewalk ADA accessible viewing area at Point La Jolla.**

**13. As natural processes undermine existing perimeter walkways, relocate them back from the bluff edges. Where possible, replace poured concrete paving with vegetation or permeable, durable paving such as stabilized decomposed granite or pavers set in sand.**

#### **C. Mid Range Actions**

**1. Replace the steep ramp to the belvedere above Shell Beach with stairs.**

Access should be made safer by replacing the ramp with steps.

**2. Add universal access companion-seating places next to existing benches and future bench locations where appropriate, and maintain them in an inviting, open condition.**

**3. Remove or, where necessary, replace the disparate collection of perimeter railings with a uniform system designed to enhance views - preferably a low seat wall similar to the existing one along the Point.**

Develop a consistent barrier design for the PARK that does

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not detract from the spectacular views. Use railing only where necessary, relocating the perimeter walk away from the direct bluff edge where intense erosion or undermining occurs. Replace heavy aluminum and wood railing with less obtrusive, low seat wall or vegetation. Where railings are absolutely necessary, an artistic perspective will further enhance the appearance of the PARK.

- 4. Relocate scattered, disparate signage to two or three, low monuments at the ends or center of the PARK along the sidewalks. Develop and implement a uniform signage system for the PARK – size, materials, type face, color, etc.**

This is another project where an artistic perspective should be encouraged. Signs should not only include directional, legal and identification signs, but also providing educational exhibits and perhaps seating areas or other street furniture. The sign identifying the location and historical context of body surfing activity at Boomer Beach should also be incorporated into the comprehensive sign program.

- 5. Reopen, re-designate and generally improve the existing historic pedestrian access ways between Prospect and Coast Boulevards. Add clear signage at the top and bottom, benches at the stair landings and step lighting where possible.**

This recommendation includes actions to remove obstructions blocking access and views through these corridors.

- 6. Replace existing pole light standards with low, unobtrusive, solar-powered walkway lighting for the perimeter bluff-top walks and the accessible walkways**

**to improve nighttime access and safety. Remove the spot lights on the La Jolla Cove Suites.**

**D. Long Range Actions**

- 1. Create ADA accessible ramp to the newly created observation platform at the lifeguard station, and add equivalent facilitation of views by providing an off-sidewalk, ADA accessible viewing station.**

An artistic perspective could enhance ADA access and make it especially fun to traverse, creating a sense of “place” and further beautify the area without endangering access.

- 2. Improve views and pedestrian connections between La Jolla Village and the PARK along Lower Girard Avenue, widen the sidewalks along Lower Girard Avenue and add diagonal Parking along the southeast side of Lower Girard Avenue.**

- 3. Reconfigure the intersection of Lower Girard and Coast Boulevard to include special pedestrian and ADA crossing paving and significant planting areas to frame views of the PARK and note pedestrian crossings.**

An artistic perspective would enhance this important intersection that should be designed for automobile movement, pedestrian access, and view enjoyment.

- 4. Add a shuttle to and from remote parking structure(s) or lots, if and when such facilities are available.**

**GUIDELINE IV.**

**A SPP COMMITTEE WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO**

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## **SPEARHEAD IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PLAN'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **DISCUSSION.**

At present, Scripps Park is identified by the City of San Diego Progress Guide and General Plan as a *Resource Based Park*. A number of Resource Based Parks in the City are monitored by City Council appointed special commissions that review all activity and are charged with overseeing park development. Continuous oversight and close monitoring are critical to implementation of this Plan. A preferred method for review and oversight at this PARK is through a committee established by the Community, to assure that activities and development at Scripps Park are monitored on a day to day basis and that the maintenance and development of the PARK is consistent with the policies and recommendations established by this Plan. The benefit of having a local focused PARK committee is that its members can readily see the progress of their actions and can take remedial action, if necessary, more expeditiously and effectively.

**1. Establish SPP Committee as an advisory Committee of the La Jolla Town Council with attention paid to participants' relevant expertise and demonstrated engagement with the PARK and interest in its ongoing stewardship. The Committee will serve in an advisory capacity to the La Jolla Town Council and work in coordination with its Parks and Beaches Committee and other relevant committees in the following areas:**

a. Secure funding for improvements, restoration and maintenance of the PARK.

- b. Review and develop guidelines for organized events within the PARK, and advise regarding proposed uses and events that may not conform to the guidelines. As a living environment, the PARK has capacity limits determined by its ability to successfully withstand and recover from its heavy, year around, daily use and these special events. For example, the struggling lawn between the comfort station and the Cove illustrates the detrimental effects of constant use. Extra maintenance, renovation and replacement can help to counter these impacts. Nevertheless, the PARK's plantings and surrounding natural environments need recuperative periods to not only thrive but also survive. In addition, organized events always, to varying degrees, displace or impede use of the PARK for popular informal activities.
- c. Develop and establish design guidelines and review and advise on all of the PARK's alterations, events and major maintenance procedures, including specific, seaside and aesthetically appropriate, sustainable designs or product designations for site materials and furnishings such as paving materials, walls, railings, signage, recycling/trash receptacles, light fixtures, drinking fountains, benches, picnic tables, fire pits and barbeques, etc
- d. Develop a detailed, long-term, PARK Management and Maintenance Plan with specific maintenance guidelines to direct the implementation.
- e. Initiate a public art and memorials program to enhance the PARK, and develop consistent guidelines for acceptance and placement.



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## **2. The SPP Committee will:**

- a. Insure that high standards of design are maintained in the development and construction within Ellen Browning Scripps Memorial Park.
- b. Protect and preserve, as nearly as practical, the charm and beauty of the PARK and the integrity and health of its adjacent natural landscapes and environments including the historical style, qualities, characteristics and scale of its structures, built features and planting associated with its memorable and distinguished past. These include but are not limited to paving, walls, stairs, railings, site furnishings, signage, lighting, etc.
- c. Review and advise on all proposed design, construction and maintenance procedures within the PARK. Including but not limited to:

Any alteration to any building or structure

- Grading alterations
- Paving alterations
- Retaining or other wall alterations
- Stair and ramp alterations
- Site furnishing alterations
- Planting alterations including their replacement, heavy pruning, or removal
- Signage alterations
- Lighting alterations
- Urban design/streetscape alterations in the vicinity of the PARK or as related to the PARK
- Alterations of access to the PARK including the alterations to the existing pedestrian access ways between Prospect and Coast Boulevard
- Alterations to PARK Parking and loading including input into remote Parking lots and shuttles.

- 3. The SPP Committee will work with community organizations and the City to seek funding for the implementation of this Plan, and, together with these groups, oversee the expenditure of funds and the scheduling and completion of Capital Improvement Projects.**

## **GUIDELINE V. SECURE FUNDING FROM MULTIPLE SOURCES TO IMPLEMENT THE SCRIPPS PARK PLAN**

### **DISCUSSION:**

At present, funding for maintenance and improvements at Scripps Park is provided from the City's General Fund and allocated on a citywide basis. From time to time, the City also seeks and obtains funding from government grants for specific projects within the park system. In this effort, Scripps Park competes with other parks in the City, and often does not enjoy timely maintenance or improvements due to other more pressing city demands. It is critical that a local citizens group such as the SPP Committee focus on funding resources and priorities. Through its efforts, funding must be secured to implement both the necessary immediate maintenance and long-term improvements. Establishing a mechanism to dedicate funds generated in the PARK to the PARK is essential. Since Scripps Park is a public facility, the major portion of the rental and permitting fees generated by use of the PARK should go to maintaining and improving the PARK *"to preserve and make available to the public areas of outstanding, scenic, natural, or cultural interest."* In addition, grants and endowments should be sought.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Establish an annual Budget based on the recommendations of the Management and Maintenance Plan, using various funding sources available including the City of San Diego General Fund, Special Funds, Government Grants, Private Grants, Endowments, and Fees.**
- 2. Identify and apply for specific governmental grants and funds set aside for specific projects mentioned above, such as California State Resources Agency grants for infrastructure planning and public access and PARK improvement grants from the State Coastal Conservancy.**
- 3. Seek private funding grants and endowments for specific projects within the PARK and for its maintenance.**

***A large endowment fund could sustain much needed maintenance activity.***

***4. Require that a portion of all funds generated within the PARK, beyond the reasonable operational costs of the organizations involved and fees required by the City, be dedicated to accomplishing the particular recommendations contained within the adopted Plan for the PARK. Fees required by the City should be reviewed to ensure that they cover the direct and indirect mitigation of all impacts from any of these PARK activities. Funds generated specifically for officially sanctioned fund raising events by recognized charitable organizations should be exempt after any mitigation costs are covered. Expenditure of these funds shall be overseen by the SPP Committee."***

## SCRIPPS PARK IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

### ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

This phase is to be accomplished within the first one to three years from plan adoption. It is designed to prepare enabling documents, to organize, provide design or development guidelines and construction plans to properly implement Short, Mid, and Long Range Phases for this Plan.

<b>GUIDELINE Action</b>	<b>TIMING</b>	<b>PROJECTED COST (2005\$)</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
<b>I. PRESERVE, PROTECT AND ENHANCE NATURAL LANDSCAPES AND ECOLOGY</b>				
<i>1. Use non-polluting pest control and fertilizing products</i>	Operating Guideline Immediate	NA	City General Fund PARK Generated Funds	
<i>2. Prepare grading, landscaping and Irrigation plan for construction</i>	Fiscal Year 2010	\$35,000	Government Grant Private Grant	Public-Private Match Funds
<i>3. Prepare Maintenance Management Program</i>	Fiscal Year 2010	\$10,000	Government Grant Private Grant	Public-Private Match Fund
<i>4. Contract arborist-horticulturist to report on health of vegetation and Make recommendations</i>	Fiscal Year 2010	\$5,000	Coastal Conservancy Grant CA. Open Space Grant Private Grant	
<i>5. Vector Control Program</i>	Fiscal Year 2010	\$ 3,000		

<b>II. ENSURE COMPATIBLE FUTURE DESIGN WITH ENVIRONMENT, HISTORICAL LANDSCAPE AND INSTITUTE SUSTAINABLE DESIGN PRACTICES</b>				
<i>1. Use only sustainable materials and methods for repairing, renovating, restoring or replacing PARK features and amenities</i>	Operating Guideline Immediate	NA	City General Fund PARK Generated Fund	
<i>2. Prepare Development Guidelines for PARK additions, renovations, repairs and maintenance</i>	Fiscal Year 2011	\$10,000	CA. Coastal Conservancy Grant Private Grant	Public-Private Match Funds Ongoing implementation through project review
<i>3. Prepare Guidelines for Organized Events</i>	Fiscal Year 2011	\$1,000	Government Grant Private Grant	Public-Private Match Grant Ongoing implementation through project review
<i>4. Structural Design for Cove Cave stabilization</i>	Fiscal Year 20011	\$5,000	City General Fund CA. Coastal Conservancy	
<i>5. Lifeguard Tower design concept and construction documents</i>	Fiscal Year 2012	\$40,000	ADA and other Government Grant City General Fund	
<i>6. Design and construction documents for new Comfort station</i>	Fiscal Year 2013	\$45,000	Government Grant	This Design to be coordinated with Lifeguard Tower, ADA viewing area, and Coast Boulevard turnaround

<b>III. DEVELOPMENT COMPLEMENTS AND COMPLETES PARK'S BEAUTY AND ARTISTIC QUALITY, RESTORES VIEWS AND ENHANCES PUBLIC ACCESS</b>				
<i>1. All built elements in the PARK enhance rather than degrade views to, through and from the PARK</i>	Operating Guideline Immediate	NA	City, other government or private funds	Ongoing Implementation
<i>2. Extensive use made of an artistic perspective for improvements to the PARK</i>	Operating Guideline Immediate	NA	All funding for all projects	
<i>3. Conduct feasibility study on diagonal parking along village side of Coast Blvd</i>	Fiscal Year 2010	\$2,000	City and CA. Transportation Funds, Coastal Funds, La Jolla BID Funds,	
<i>4. Develop Guidelines for PARK signs</i>	Fiscal Year 2011	\$10,000	Government Grant Private Grant	
<i>5. Maintain wide open lawn</i>	Operating Guideline Immediate	NA	City General Fund PARK Generated Fund	
<i>6. Develop Designs for Trash Cans</i>	Fiscal Year 2011	\$2,000		
<i>7. Develop Designs for Barriers throughout</i>	Fiscal Year 2011	\$6,000	CA. Coastal Conservancy Grant City Art Grant Private Grant	This Design Program should address areas identified in Grading and Landscaping Plan for barriers
<i>8. Designs for restoring historical access ways from Prospect and construction documents if necessary</i>	Fiscal Year 2011	\$40,000	City General Fund CA. Coastal Conservancy Private Grant	

<i>9. Design and construction documents for Lower Girard improvement</i>	Fiscal Year 2013	\$40,000	Transportation Funds	
<b>IV. ESTABLISH SCRIPPS PARK PROJECT COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE EVOLUTION AND IMPLEMENTATION</b>				
<i>1. Draft Project Committee operating procedures</i>	Immediate	NA	City Funds Community Pro-Bono support	
<b>V. SECURE FUNDING FROM A MULTIPLICITY OF SOURCES TO IMPLEMENT PLAN</b>				
<i>1. Establish Annual Budget</i>	Immediate Ongoing effort	NA	City General Fund PARK generated funds	
<i>2. Identify and apply for government grants</i>	Fiscal Year 2010 Ongoing effort	NA	City General Fund PARK generated funds	
<i>3. Seek private funding grants and Endowments</i>	Fiscal Year 2010	NA	City General Fund PARK generated funds Private Grants or Endowments	
<i>4. Develop and establish Guidelines for PARK income distribution</i>	Fiscal Year 2010	NA	City General Fund	

**SHORT RANGE IMMEDIATE ACTIONS**

Immediate actions are primarily important maintenance actions that should be undertaken immediately to stabilize the ecology of the PARK. These actions should be taken within the first year of adoption of the Scripps Park Plan.

GUIDELINE Action	TIMING	COST	FUNDING	NOTES
<b>I. PRESERVE, PROTECT AND ENHANCE NATURAL LANDSCAPES AND ECOLOGY</b>				
<i>1. Adjust water irrigation schedules</i>	Immediate Ongoing	NA	City General Fund	
<i>2. Replace exotic plants with natives on the bluffs</i>	Fiscal Year 2010	\$130,000	City General Fund PARK generated funds	
<i>3. Implement Horticulturist recommendations</i>	Fiscal Year 2011	Ongoing maintenance	City General Fund PARK Funds and Donations	Coordinate with Grading and Landscaping Plan
<i>4. Control vector and rodent populations</i>	Immediate	\$5,000	City General Fund	
<i>5. Incorporate Scripps Park into La Jolla Ecological Reserve</i>	Fiscal Year 2010	NA	City General Fund	
<b>II. ENSURE COMPATIBLE FUTURE DESIGN WITH NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, HISTORICAL LANDSCAPE AND INSTITUTE SUSTAINABLE DESIGN PRACTICES</b>				
<i>1. Add solar water heating for comfort station showers</i>	Fiscal Year 2011	\$45,000	Energy Conservation Grant City General Fund Energy Grant	This project should be the initial effort to address a major issue of energy conservation
<i>2. Modify existing lawn area between Comfort station and Cove to accommodate heavy use</i>	Fiscal Year 2011	\$100,000	City General Fund Private Grant	This project should be an initial effort to address a major problem with an easy solution

<i>3. Preserve and if necessary, augment rows of Mexican Fan Palms along Coast Blvd</i>	Fiscal Year 2011	\$20,000	City General Fund Private Donations	Follow Horticulturist recommendations for restoring palms along Coast Blvd, by initiating new plantings prior to the dying out of existing palms
<i>4. Maintain and restore and if necessary relocate historic belvederes</i>	Fiscal Year 2011	\$60,000	City General Fund PARK Generated Funds	
<i>5. Correct the interface between turf and decomposed granite paving of picnic areas</i>	Fiscal Year 2011	\$10,000	City General Fund	This is an immediate maintenance item. Needs to be coordinated with re-grading and new irrigation
<i>6. Reconstruct stair to Shell Beach</i>	Fiscal Year 2010	Funded	City General Fund	This is an existing project already in the pipeline
<b>III. DEVELOPMENT COMPLEMENTS AND COMPLETES PARK'S BEAUTY AND ARTISTIC QUALITY, RESTORES VIEWS AND ENHANCES PUBLIC ACCESS</b>				
<i>1. Replace existing raised, bright blue trash container lids with lower less obtrusive ones</i>	Fiscal Year 2011	\$20,000	City General Fund PARK Generated Fund Private Donations	
<i>2. Remove or replace existing chain link fencing and pipe safety barricades with less obtrusive barriers or native vegetation</i>	Fiscal Year 2011	\$60,000	City General Fund Private Grant Arts Commission Funds	
<i>3. Restore sign at North Boomer Beach</i>	Fiscal Year 2010	\$1,000	City General Fund Donation	This restoration will be a temporary condition until all signs are updated per the proposed signs program



<i>4. Restore the Point La Jolla area to capitalize on its view by clearing the area of insignificant vegetation unnecessary hardware, and provide ADA viewing station</i>	Fiscal Year 2010	\$10,000	City General Fund PARK Generated Fund	
<i>5. Remove obstruction blocking pedestrian access ways from Prospect Street</i>	Fiscal year 2010 through 2012	\$20,000	City General Fund PARK Generated Fund	
<i>6. Add ADA parking at either end of the PARK, along Coast Blvd and implement results of Parking Feasibility Study</i>	Fiscal Year 2010	\$2,000	Transportation Fund ADA Funding City General Fund	
<i>7. Add turnaround striping and raised planter at the north end of the PARK on Coast Blvd</i>	Fiscal Year 2012	\$100,000	Transportation Funds Arts Commission Funding Private Grant	This effort should be designed in coordination with the Lifeguard Tower, ADA access and viewing station and new Comfort station
<i>8. Repair and maintain paths from the PARK to the ocean, where appropriate</i>	Fiscal Year 2010	NA	City General Fund CA. Conservancy Grant PARK Generated Fund	
<i>9. Repair damaged stairs from PARK to beaches</i>	Fiscal Year 2011	\$100,000	City General Fund CA. Conservancy Grant	
<i>10. Repair potholes in walkways in an appropriate and timely manner</i>	Fiscal Year 2010	\$30,000	City General Fund	Ongoing maintenance
<i>11. Re-grade and maintain decomposed granite surfaces and turf edges in picnic areas</i>	Fiscal Year 2011	\$10,000	City General Fund	This project should be coordinated with Grading and Landscaping Plan
<i>12. Replace concrete paving with vegetation or permeable durable paving</i>	Fiscal Year 2011	\$100,000	CA. Conservancy Grant Open Space Grant Private Grant	This project should be coordinated with Grading and Landscaping Plan

## SCRIPPS PARK IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

### MID RANGE ACTIONS

Mid-Range actions are primarily address maintenance actions and some simpler improvements that should be undertaken to restore the PARK. These actions should be taken within five years of adoption of the Scripps Park Plan.

GUIDELINE Action	TIMING	COST	FUNDING	NOTES
<b>I. PRESERVE, PROTECT AND ENHANCE NATURAL LANDSCAPES AND ECOLOGY</b>				
<i>1. Divert water runoff from landscaping away from the bluffs by reconfiguring grading and drainage patterns and irrigation system</i>	Fiscal Year 2012	\$100,000	CA. Coastal Conservancy Grant Water Quality Grant Private Grant	This project will implement the Grading and Landscaping Plan and to the extent possible, be coordinated with irrigation, paving, and barrier proposals ,including fencing and low walls
<i>2. Protect bluffs from accelerated erosion by realigning bluff top pathways and controlling access</i>	Fiscal Year 2013	\$50,000	CA. Coastal Conservancy Grant Open Space Grant	
<i>3. Reconfigure storm water drainage system into compliance with CA Ocean Plan</i>	Fiscal Year 2014	\$350,000	Water Quality Grant City General Fund CA Coastal Conservancy Grant	
<i>4. Replace dead and diseased trees with species that thrive in coastal conditions</i>	Fiscal Year 2012 Ongoing as needed	\$50,000	City General Fund Open Space Fund Private Grant	
<i>5. Prune or replace trees or shrubs that block views</i>	Fiscal Year 2012	\$10,000	City General Fund PARK Generated Fund	
<i>6. Replace Irrigation System</i>	Fiscal Year 2012	\$125,000	CA State Grant City General Fund	This project should be coordinated with the re-grading and landscaping

			Donations	,per the Grading and Landscaping Plan
<b>II. ENSURE COMPATIBLE FUTURE DESIGN WITH NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, HISTORICAL LANDSCAPE AND INSTITUTE SUSTAINABLE DESIGN PRACTICES</b>				
<i>1. Repair and renovate the Cove Cave structural system</i>	Fiscal Year 2013	\$100,000	City Engineering Funds CA Coastal Conservancy Grant	
<i>2. Reconstruct new Lifeguard Tower facilities</i>	Fiscal Year 2013	\$200,000	CA Parks Grant City General Fund City Arts Commission	This project should be coordinated with ADA access to viewing platform, Coast Blvd turn around, and new Comfort station
<i>3. Repair stairs to the Cove</i>	Fiscal Year 2012	\$30,000	CA Conservancy Access Grant Donations	
<i>4. Maintain or reconstruct and relocate Belvederes</i>	Fiscal Year 2012	\$60,000	City General Fund PARK Generated Fund	
<b>III. DEVELOPMENT COMPLEMENTS AND COMPLETES PARK'S BEAUTY AND ARTISTIC QUALITY, RESTORES VIEWS AND ENHANCES PUBLIC ACCESS</b>				
<i>1. Replace steep ramp to belvedere above Shell Beach</i>	Fiscal Year 2012	\$100,000	City General Fund CA Coastal Conservancy	

<i>with stairs</i>			Grant	
<i>2. Add universal access companion seating places next to existing benches</i>	Fiscal Year 2012	\$30,000	ADA Grant Private Grant	Should be coordinated with grading project and walkway project
<i>3. Remove and replace perimeter barriers with a uniform system</i>	Fiscal Year 2013	\$40,000	CA Coastal Conservancy Grant City Arts Commission Grant Private Grant	This project should be addressed in the Grading and Landscape Plan
<i>4. Relocate signage to three low monuments at the ends and center of PARK along sidewalks</i>	Fiscal Year 2014	\$30,000	Private Grant City Arts Commission Grant CA Coastal Conservancy Grant	Placement of signs should be addressed in the Grading and Landscaping Plan. Specific sign area designs should include an artistic perspective
<i>5. Reopen, re-designate and improve existing historic pedestrian access ways between Prospect and Coast Blvd</i>	Fiscal Year 2012	\$200,000	City General Fund Transportation Grant CA Coastal Conservancy Grant City Arts Commission Grant	
<i>6. Replace existing pole light standards and add low walkway lighting along perimeter walks</i>	Fiscal Year 2015	\$200,000	Energy Grant Private Grant City Arts Commission Grant	This project could be addressed in the Grading and Landscape Plan for greater efficiency

**SCRIPPS PARK IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX**

## LONG RANGE ACTIONS

Long-Range actions are primarily address new improvements, major restorations, or reconstructions that should be undertaken to finalize the total restoration of the PARK. These actions should be taken within ten years of adoption of the Scripps Park Plan.

GUIDELINE Action	TIMING	COST	FUNDING	NOTES
<b>I. PRESERVE, PROTECT AND ENHANCE NATURAL LANDSCAPES AND ECOLOGY</b>				
<i>1. Oversee, maintain and restore as necessary</i>	Ongoing	NA	City General Fund PARK generated Fund	This reflects ongoing implementation of the Plan after improvements are completed
<b>II. ENSURE COMPATIBLE FUTURE DESIGN WITH NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, HISTORICAL LANDSCAPE AND INSTITUTE SUSTAINABLE DESIGN PRACTICES</b>				
<i>1. Replace the present comfort station to improve ADA access, enhance views, improve sustainability and fit within PARK context</i>	Fiscal Year 2012	\$300,000	CA Recreation Grant City Assessment Benefit Fund City Arts Commission Grant Private Grant	This project should be coordinated with the Lifeguard Tower, viewing area, ADA access and the Coast Blvd turn around
<i>2. Oversee, maintain and restore</i>	Ongoing			This reflects ongoing implementation of the Plan after improvements are completed

<b>III. DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARK SHOULD COMPLEMENT AND COMPLETE PARK'S BEAUTY AND ARTISTIC QUALITY, RESTORE SPECTACULAR VIEWS AND ENHANCE PUBLIC ACCESS</b>				
<i>1. Create ADA accessible ramp to new observation platform at lifeguard station, and off sidewalk ADA viewable stations</i>	Fiscal Year 2010	\$100,000	ADA Grant Transportation Grant Private Grant City Arts Commission Grant	This project should be coordinated not just with the Lifeguard Tower and viewing area, but also with the new Comfort station, Coast Blvd turn around and ADA parking on Coast Blvd
<i>2. Improve views and pedestrian connections along Lower Girard</i>	Fiscal Year 2016	NA	Transportation Grant City Arts Commission Grant Private Grant	
<i>3. Reconfigure intersection of Lower Girard and Coast Blvd</i>	Fiscal Year 2018	\$200,000	Transportation Grant City Arts Commission Grant Private Grant	
<i>4. Add shuttle to remote parking when available</i>	Fiscal Year 2019 when available	Costs not available	Transportation Grant La Jolla BID Funds Private Grant	
<i>5. Oversee ,maintain and restore</i>	Ongoing			This reflects ongoing implementation of the Plan after improvements are completed

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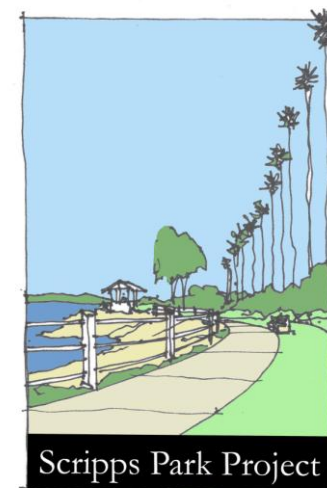
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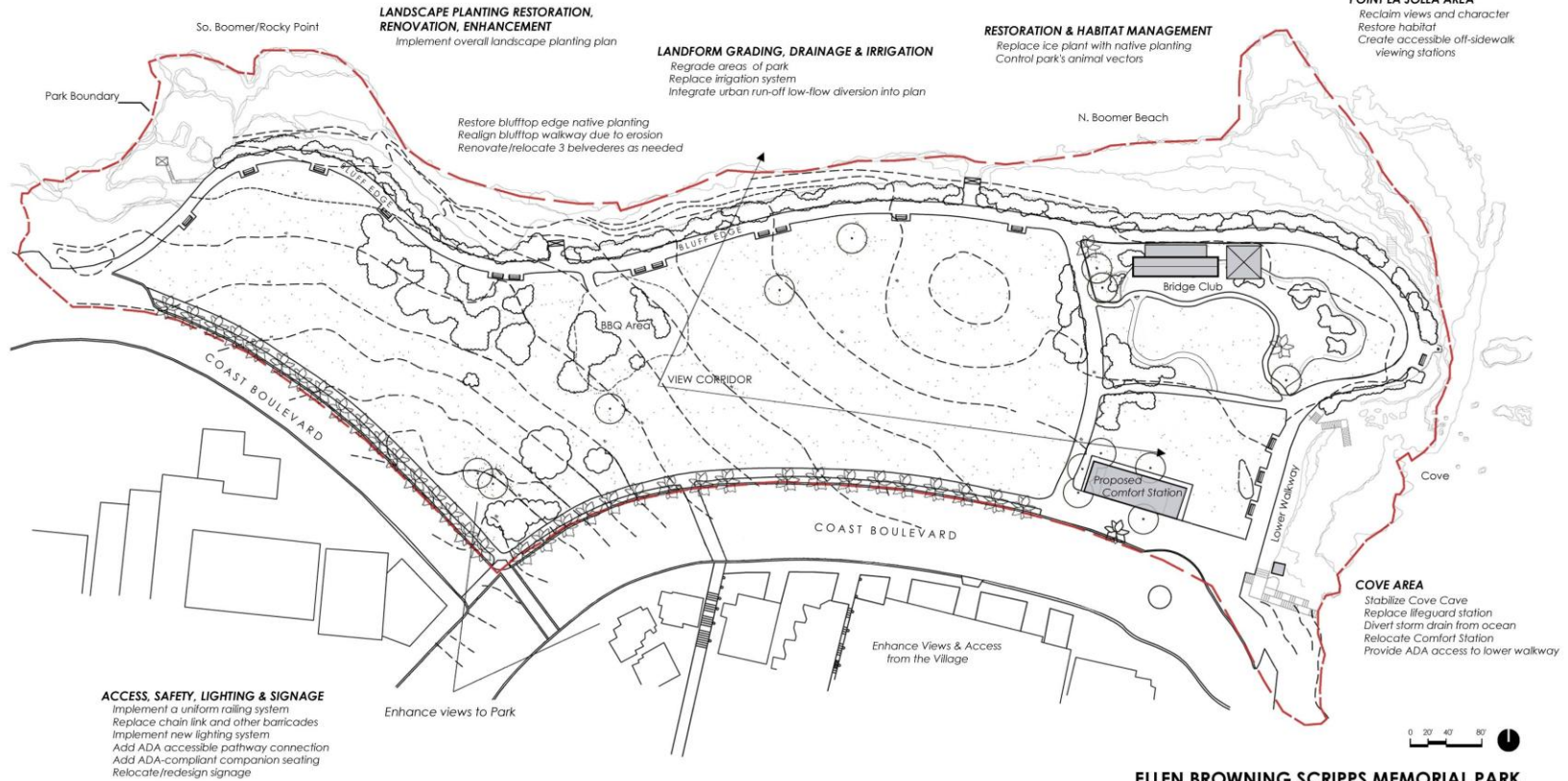


# Appendix 1 – Workshop Conceptual Plan - DRAFT

## SCRIPPS PARK PLAN

Develop Park as a Work of Art; restore and improve views and enhance public access  
 Preserve, protect and enhance natural landscapes and ecology  
 Ensure compatible future design with natural environment, historical landscape and institute sustainable design practices  
 Secure funding to implement Plan

"...an environmental and ecological resource  
 of worldwide significance."



**ACCESS, SAFETY, LIGHTING & SIGNAGE**  
 Implement a uniform railing system  
 Replace chain link and other barricades  
 Implement new lighting system  
 Add ADA accessible pathway connection  
 Add ADA-compliant companion seating  
 Relocate/redesign signage

**LANDSCAPE PLANTING RESTORATION, RENOVATION, ENHANCEMENT**  
 Implement overall landscape planting plan

**LANDFORM GRADING, DRAINAGE & IRRIGATION**  
 Regrade areas of park  
 Replace irrigation system  
 Integrate urban run-off low-flow diversion into plan

**RESTORATION & HABITAT MANAGEMENT**  
 Replace ice plant with native planting  
 Control park's animal vectors

**POINT LA JOLLA AREA**  
 Reclaim views and character  
 Restore habitat  
 Create accessible off-sidewalk viewing stations

**COVE AREA**  
 Stabilize Cove Cave  
 Replace lifeguard station  
 Divert storm drain from ocean  
 Relocate Comfort Station  
 Provide ADA access to lower walkway



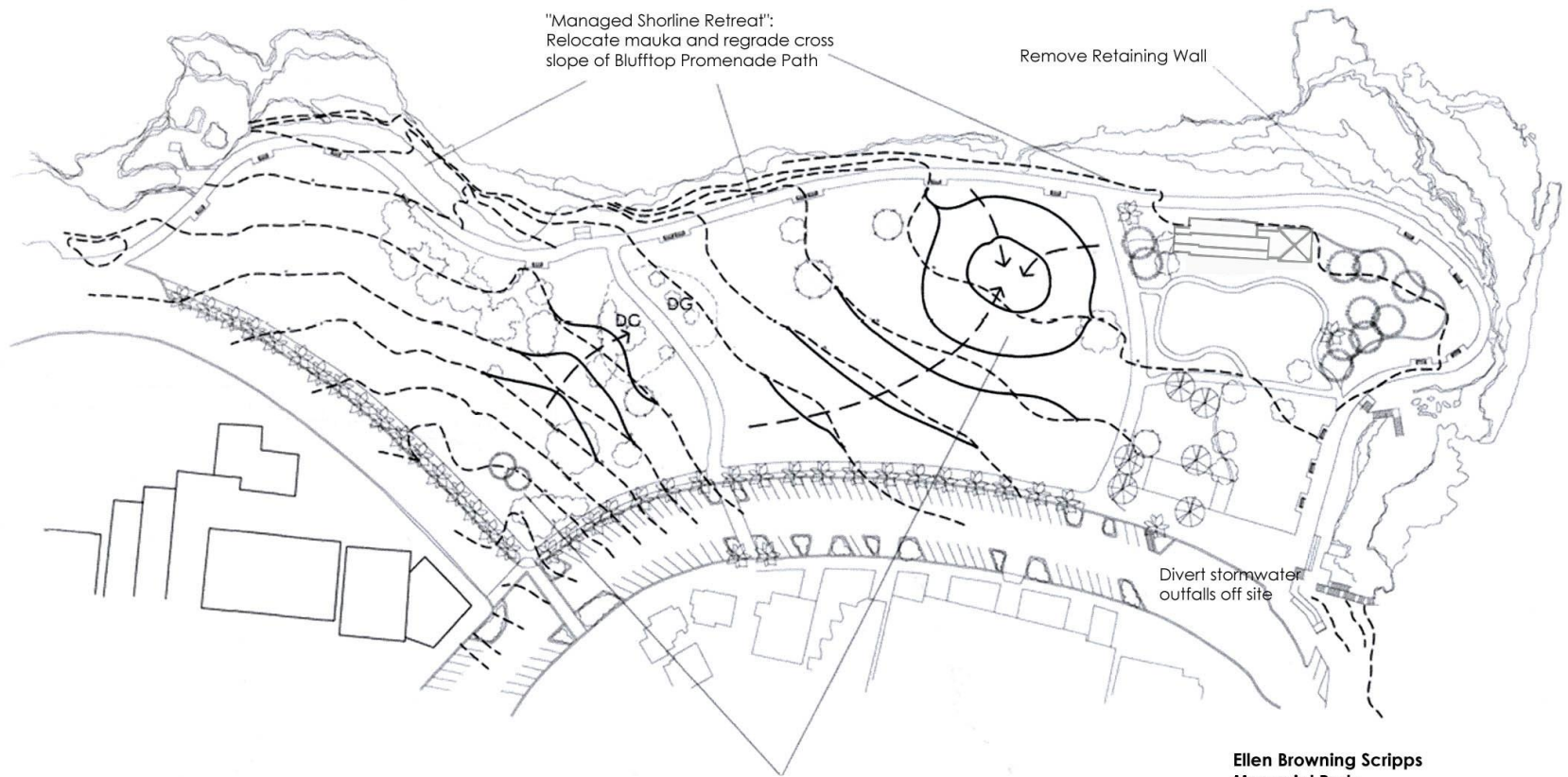
**ELLEN BROWNING SCRIPPS MEMORIAL PARK  
 General Development Plan**

Refer to Scripps Park Plan for Design Guidelines

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Appendix 2 – Workshop Conceptual Grading Plan



Flow Line  
Proposed Contour  
Existing Contour

Grading & Drainage Pattern Reconfigured to Minimize Runoff

Ellen Browning Scripps  
Memorial Park  
Consensus Plan  
LANDSCAPE DESIGN &  
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