



Laguna Grande JPA Timeline Summary Last Updated April 2023

The City of Monterey continues to serve as the lead agency for the Laguna Grande Regional Park Trail and Vegetation Maintenance Strategy, working closely with other Joint Powers Agency (JPA) partners: the City of Seaside and the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District.

A summary of efforts to date include:

- **Background: In 1976**, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District and Cities of Seaside and Monterey established the Laguna Grande Regional Park Joint Powers Agency (JPA). The JPA is tasked with the long-range planning, operation and maintenance of Laguna Grande Regional Park. The current park Master Plan was adopted **in 1978**. Many of the site improvements have been implemented, while community interests and priorities may have changed.
- **April to May 2021, Strategy:** Laguna Grande Regional Park JPA voted to authorize the development of a Trail and Vegetation Maintenance Strategy. Funding for this effort included: City of Monterey \$24,982.50, City of Seaside \$24,982.50, and MPRPD \$60,000. The City of Monterey chosen as lead agency to manage and work with the consultant and complete the environmental review process. The City of Monterey is serving as lead staff for this effort in-kind.
- **May 2021, Architect Selection:** Monterey-based BFS Landscape Architects selected to complete the Trail and Vegetation Maintenance Strategy.
- **July 2021 & ongoing, Community Engagement:**
 - Published web page on engagement portal, <https://haveyoursaymonterey.org>
 - Hosted virtual Town Hall, Jul 28, 2021
 - Park walk with the community, Aug 14, 2021
 - JPA meeting, Dec 6, 2021
 - JPA meeting, Mar 7, 2022
 - Park Cleanup with Blue Zones Project, Mar 12, 2022
- **December 6, 2021, Draft:** The Draft Trail and Vegetation Strategy released.
- **March 7, 2022, Draft Presented:** The Draft Trail and Vegetation Strategy presented to the Laguna Grande Regional Park JPA.
- **April to December 2022, Details Addressed:** The City of Monterey, in partnership JPA partner agencies, work to address several outstanding items:

- o research and confirmation of private property ownership and easements for public access and maintenance
 - o confirmation of the park boundary that involves three jurisdictions and a mixture of private and public property
 - o creation of multiple maps and park depictions to accompany the environmental study
 - o refinement of trail locations based on feedback from the JPA agencies and public input
 - o initial evaluation of biological and archeological resources within the park
 - o meeting negotiations to update and solidify future general park maintenance by multiple agencies, and
 - o preliminary work for numerous environmental permits based on the impending plan finalization and CEQA document.
- **January to February 20, 2023, Initial Study/CEQA:** Notice of Intent published. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) comment period closed with no comments received.
 - **March 2023, Meeting:** On Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., the Laguna Grande JPA Board:
 - o Established a new Chair and Vice Chair
 - o Received a presentation, adopted the Laguna Grande Regional Park Trail and Maintenance Strategy Project Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigated Monitoring and Reporting Program, and adopted the Laguna Grande Regional Park Trail and Maintenance Strategy
 - o Amended the budget for the Laguna Grande Regional Park Trail and Maintenance Strategy and Environmental Review
 - **April 2023 to TBD, Certification and Permit Process:** After the JPA certification of the environmental document, the Cities of Seaside and Monterey and the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District will also need to work with their respective legislative bodies to certify the environmental document.

Then, a multitude of environmental permits must be obtained before any significant maintenance or Capital Improvement Projects implemented.

The permit process is expected to take approximately one year. The various permits include:

- Coastal Development Permit (CA Coastal Commission),
 - Lake/Streambed Alteration Permit 1600 (CA Department of Fish and Wildlife),
 - Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit (US Army Corps of Engineers),
 - Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification (Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board)
- **2024, Estimated Launch:** Adoption and implementation.