



LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!



Part of the improvement project will involve constructing three new structures on the site: a permanent residence for a park ranger to be on site at all times, a storage shed for park maintenance, and an accessible public restroom. The project team would like these three structures to have a consistent architectural style and fit in with the surrounding environment.

PLACE A DOT ON ANY OF THE BELOW STRUCTURE DESIGN IMAGES THAT FIT WELL WITH THE CHARACTER OF TUNITAS CREEK BEACH.



Example of a rustic wood architectural style



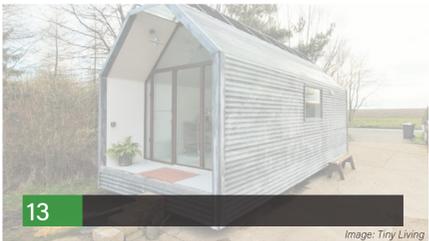
Example of a wooden national park public restroom



Example of a national forest kiosk architectural style



Example of wood cladding architectural style building



Example of a corrugated steel residence



Example of a modern public restroom



Example of a gray wooden residence



Example of a simple cabin-style design

At a few of the rest stops and overlook points throughout the project site, the ground surface will be raised above the existing topography. These areas will require a 42" high guardrail. The goal for the guardrail is to provide a safe overlook experiences while preserving the views.

PLACE A DOT ON ANY OF THE BELOW GUARDRAIL DESIGN IMAGES THAT SHOW THE MOST APPROPRIATE STYLE FOR TUNITAS CREEK BEACH.



Guardrail with metal posts, wire cables, and a wood cap



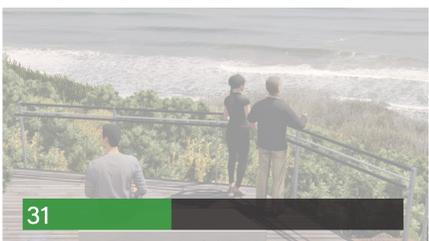
Example of a metal guardrails with cable wire fencing



Example of a metal guardrail with metal grid fencing



Example of a metal guardrail white vertical posts



Metal guardrail with railings and a wire mesh fence



Example of metal guardrail with wire mesh fencing



Example of a guardrail with black metal posts, wire fencing, and a wood cap



Example of a wooden guardrail with cable wire fencing

The project will include a picnic area in the mid-bluff with about 5 picnic tables.

PLACE A DOT ON ANY OF THE BELOW PICNIC TABLE IMAGES THAT FIT WELL WITH THE SURROUNDING TUNITAS CREEK BEACH ENVIRONMENT.



Example of a typical San Mateo County picnic table



Example of a picnic table at a nearby beach



Example of a national park picnic table



Example of a more urban picnic table



Example of a plaza picnic table



Example of an industrial style metal picnic table



Example of a square picnic table



Example of a modern custom picnic table



EVENT PROGRAMMING

San Mateo County Parks would like to provide outdoor recreation programs that meet the interests of the communities they serve. These activities can include school field trips, bird watching groups, and volunteer beach cleanup events.

WHAT EVENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN AT TUNITAS CREEK BEACH? PLACE A DOT OR ADD A NOTE NEXT TO ANY OF THE OPTIONS BELOW.

- 1. Educational Programs for School and Community Groups: Ranger-led Tours of Tunitas Creek Beach, Field Trips, Community Science and Stewardship Programs



- 2. Wildlife Viewing: Bird-Watching Groups, Volunteer Wildlife Monitoring, Supervised Habitat Restoration Activities



- 3. Cultural Programming Related to the Indigenous Peoples and Original Caretakers of Tunitas Creek Beach



- 4. Junior Ranger Programs



- 5. Programs for Caregivers, Veterans, and/or Other Adult Service Groups



- 6. Volunteer Day Opportunities



"Volunteer beach cleanup events regularly"

- 7. Celebrations for Multicultural Holidays



- 8. Physical Fitness Events/Programs (i.e. Fun Runs, Yoga)



- 9. Food Truck Events at the Parking Lot



*"This will generate a lot of trash"
"This sounds fun! But issue is trash. People don't tend to take care of litter. But is that an issue of trash receptacles?"
"No" (6 tally marks)*



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The project will include several trails and walkways and various rest stops and seating areas throughout the site. The project team would like these seating areas to be comfortable for visitors and have a consistent architectural style that fits in well with the surrounding environment.

PLACE A DOT ON ANY OF THE BELOW SEATING EXAMPLES THAT YOU THINK ARE MOST APPROPRIATE FOR TUNITAS CREEK BEACH.



57 Example of a timber park bench



10 Example of a textured concrete bench



35 Example of a wood bench on wood decking



44 Example of a large timber block bench
"Use reclaimed eucalyptus?"



17 Example of a simple gray concrete seat wall



20 Example of a colored concrete bench



67 Example of a natural timber bench



59 Example of a typical San Mateo coast bench

The site will have numerous opportunities for interpretive signage, whether it's on panels in the interpretive grove, on the tops of the guardrails at overlooks, or on wayfinding posts next to the walking trails. The signage of all different sizes should maintain a consistent style throughout the site. [View the next board to share some of the topics you would like to learn about while exploring Tunitas Creek Beach.](#)

PLACE A DOT ON ANY OF THE BELOW INTERPRETIVE AND WAYFINDING SIGNAGE EXAMPLES THAT WOULD FIT WELL INTO THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENT AT TUNITAS CREEK BEACH.



65 Example of interpretive signage on large vertical timbers



40 Example metal signage from Council Circle at Mindego Meadow



80 Example of wayfinding signage on vertical wood posts



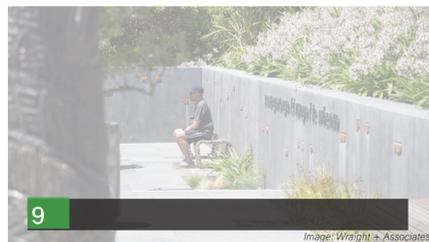
41 Example of educational signage plaque engraved into an existing rock feature



31 Example metal signage with engraved letters and interpretive symbols



42 Example of textural signage from Pleasure Point



9 Example of a concrete wall with opportunities for interpretive symbols or panels



52 Example of a simple interpretive signage on single post

The site will include paved surfaces, wood decking, natural walking surfaces. The project team has an opportunity to pick surface colors and textures that match well with the existing colors at Tunitas Creek Beach and along the California coast.

PLACE A DOT ON ANY OF THE BELOW SURFACE COLOR IMAGES THAT SEEM APPROPRIATE WITH THE EXISTING COLORS AND TEXTURES AT TUNITAS CREEK BEACH.



53 Golden-colored concrete surface to reflect colors along the California coast



89 Natural surface walking path



45 Wood decking at overlook points and as seating surface



33 Textured concrete for walls and seating surfaces



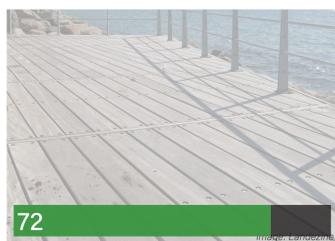
5 Industrial-style corrugated metal to reflect character of old railroad tracks



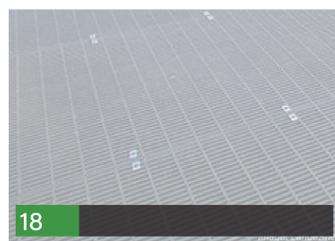
18 Darker gray rough concrete



37 Gray rocky gravel surface



72 Gray wood decking surface at overlook points and rest stops



18 Metal grates as surface option at overlook points for see-through visibility



41 Weathering steel as a decorative element for edges, walls, and panels



INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

The story of Tunitas Creek Beach spans many centuries: once an Ohlone seasonal village, a Portolá expedition stopping point, and the southern terminus of the Ocean Shore Railroad, now a place for relaxation and recreation. The beach and the bluffs surrounding it contain unique habitat assemblages for rare and sensitive species as well as stunning natural beauty and iconic views. This history presents numerous opportunities for important interpretive and educational signage throughout the project site.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT AT TUNITAS CREEK BEACH? PLACE A DOT ON OR ADD A NOTE NEXT TO ANY OF ITEMS YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT.

1. The History of Tunitas Creek Beach: The Ohlone Tribes, Gaspar de Portolá, Mexican Land Distribution, Where "Tunitas" Comes From, The Gold Rush, Gordon's Chute, Ocean Shore Railroad and the Trestle Across Tunitas Creek, The Residence, Tunitas Today

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Pre-1800s: Ohlone tribe history



1769: Gaspar de Portolá expedition



1834-1838: Land distributed by the Mexican government



1873-1885: Gordon's Chute



1905-1920: The Ocean Shore Railroad



1905-1980s: Railroad worker's cottages on site



1958: Residence history



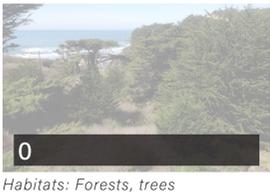
Today: The importance of Tunitas Creek Beach today

2. Habitat Types and Vegetation: Trees and Shrubs, Native vs. Invasive vs. Naturalized Species

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Habitats: Coastal scrub and dunes



Habitats: Forests, trees



Habitats: Perennial stream



Monterey Cypress tree



California Sagebrush



Coyote Brush

3. Wildlife: Birds, Snakes, Fish, Frogs, Whales, Butterflies, Insects

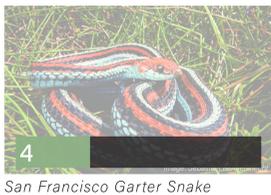
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Western Snowy Plover



Common Yellowthroat



San Francisco Garter Snake



California Red-Legged Frog



Tidewater Goby



Monarch Butterfly

4. Site Geology: How The Cliffs Formed, How The Bluffs Formed, Where Tunitas Creek Begins

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Overall geology of Tunitas and surroundings



The Tunitas cliffs



The bluffs



Tunitas Creek

"Steelhead + Salmon Restoration Candidate" (+4)

5. How Environmental Issues Will Impact Tunitas Creek Beach: Erosion, Sea Level Rise, Climate Change, What We Can Do About It

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6. The Tunitas Creek Beach Improvement Project: How The Project Started, Current Issues at Tunitas, Who Is Funding the Project, Who Is Working on the Project

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