

Comments from Del Rio Woods July/August 2015 mailed survey:

- 1) Sonoma County Parks charge for parking, offer recycling & trash dumpsters, Sheriff drives by Fri. – Sun., enforce parking regulations and address unruly behavior
- 2) The beach should remain with the Sonoma County Parks Dept. and should be run by the Dept. It should remain open to the public as it has for over 70 years, as park lands are diminishing each year. Giving the property away to the State is a bad idea
- 3) This “survey” seems now too brief and all “A’s” are regarding the Parks & Rec operating @ minimal staff...
- 4) I would like to see a board appointed from the Del Rio/Fitch Mtn. residence that could work with the So. Co. Parks to address issues that effect our area & the beach/park
** A. Removing the parking lot could be a bigger problem with people parking in the already limited resident parking
- 5) Sorry to see it is no longer the 60s, 70s, or 80s. It is 2015. Happy to see such vigilance and enthusiasm on Fitch Mountain & the Association & Del Rio Woods residents. Perhaps home ownership will come full circle. My hope is that Del Rio Woods Park will not be disruptive to the above.
- 6) Allow Sonoma County Parks to operate like all other public parks. Remove gates, fences and restrictions of use. This park is historic to Healdsburg and should remain accessible to all (not just those residences who can afford access). Keep the park public.
- 7) The parking lot should be maintained to provide public access. Complaints about problems from public use are exaggerated by a small group who want to turn Del Rio Beach into their private beach. This was a summer recreational area for years. It should remain a summer recreational area. The beach at the end of Redwood Drive has also always been a part of Del Rio Woods Park and Recreation District and should also be transferred to Sonoma County Parks to manage. There is no parking lot for access to this beach, but it should remain eligible to receive assistance as needed from the Recreation District tax revenue.
- 8) Give Sonoma County Parks a chance to run the facility correctly

- 9) Keep as a S. County Parks with pass and honor system allow river access to all (public) not just the few able to live (afford) homes near beach remove fences/gates keep natural
- 10) I think it should become a county park and increase ranger patrol to deter partying. Also, ban alcohol
- 11) I'm in favor of the SCRP proposed services as outlined in the enclosed FAQ's memo Thank you!
- 12) Survey too simple. If no one wants to be on new board then have county continue. Best scenario: County owed & maintained beach park with local oversight & board that has standing (i.e. not just advisory board or figureheads).
- 13) We hope that So Co Parks will operate Del Rio as a riparian access point within a residential neighborhood, not as a park (i.e., no permanent structures; although were not opposed to keeping the parking lot).

Please note that this ballot represents two permanent residents of the district who are registered voters: Ellen G. Silge and Martin R. Silge. We requested an additional ballot but did not receive it.

- 14) Maintain public access year around
- 15) Increase river access and parking. Stop the NIMBY'S from ruining our mountain. People need more access not less access to the natural landscape. "UNRULY" is a subjective term.
- 16) Think of the people on the mountain who don't have use of the property. They must be given access to the property.
- 17) If A & B are chosen who has liability for the allowed access? Who will be responsible for trash?
- 18) How would removing the parking lot encourage pedestrian access? Where would everyone park? There is nowhere to park safely on Fitch Mtn road.
- 19) Removing parking lot will only encourage more illegal parking.
- 20) If you remove the parking lot you will have more parking problems on N & S Fitch. Thank you for your time and efforts.

- 21) County has the infrastructure and resources in place – much better situated for running a park than residents.
- 22) Keep the parking lot to ? street parking. Keep Sonoma Co. parks in charge. I wish your survey included a question about whether the respondent lived here full-time or not. Vacation home owners shouldn't get the same vote as those of us who live here full-time.
- 23) Take down fences and gates. Use park pass honor system like all other SC Parks. Provide river access to all.
- 24) If the beach is there be sure that the people that live on the mountain can have access to the beach.
- 25) I think it's great that we allow the public to access and enjoy. It should not be only enjoyed by home owners. If you remove they will find other ways to access river that will include going thru our yards.
- 26) Imperative that local residents have legal access to the river.
- 27) 1. Board of Supervisors (BOS) to appoint a local "Del Rio Advisory Committee" of three (3) to receive comments from the Fitch Mountain community (and potentially others who visit the beach), to address inquiries, and to report back to the BOS once a month or as necessary. "Advisors" should be permanent residents who live proximity to Del Rio Beach. "Committee" would establish and oversee a WordPress blog for interactive communication.
2. To reduce traffic and congestion on Fitch Mountain during summer months, Boar of Supervisors would recommend to Regional Parks that Del Rio not be included in the publicized list of Sonoma County parks and beaches. Were this to be done, the parking area at Del Rio would potentially become a public convenience rather than an attractive nuisance.
- 28) Sue county/state for lowering our property values without due compensation.
- 29) Look at Redwood Drive river access for a preview of how A or B would work - - Badly. People still drive, they just park anywhere they think they can get away with. And residents have to call ABC Towing.

- 30) We believe that homeowners that are not beach front still should have walkable legal beach access via the Del Rio park path. Thanks for your work on this and requesting comment.
- 31) Close! The noise and drunks are too much
- 32) I live directly across from Del Rio. It is very disruptive to quiet living. Loud music and open fires at all hours is not uncommon. Memorial Beach is available for people to use. CLOSE DEL RIO!! Sell the property, pay off debts and move on. I appreciate the opportunity to express my opinion.
- 33) The 2015 summer has been quite nice as more families use the area, parking lot was improved and park rangers visited regularly. The real problem is the decaying dangerous property called Palomar Skating Rink. Fire. Rat. Safety.
- 34) Neighborhood beach for Fitch Mtn neighbors.
- 35) Del Rio should be operated by local board members or sell all property and dissolve without a lifeguard or staff present every day at beach it will be a haven for trouble for locals.
- 36) Thanks for conducting this survey. We live on the beach at S. Fitch Mtn. Road. We have had many issues with visitor's behavior on the beach even with a lifeguard present. Without someone to monitor this behavior will get out of control quickly. Call with any questions.
- 37) A. removing the parking lot will create problems on Fitch Mtn. Rd. Duh!
A. & C. Sell the property? That would be a sellout to the people of Sonoma County.
- 38) I live just downstream from Del Rio Woods Beach. The noise, trash, drunkenness, etc. caused by people who access the river through Del Rio Woods is intolerable.
- 39) Preference of above suggestions is C,B,A. Alcohol & drug use by river/beach users is rampant, creating an unfriendly environment for others.
- 40) The Del Rio Beach Board of Directors resigned because they were responsible for running a public nuisance that was out of their control and they were afraid of law suits. Now they want the County to be responsible. The County is doing a poor job with Steelhead Beach and will not do better with Del Rio.

41) Do not sell property. Have it remain county open space with no amenities – this is only public access to the river on the mountain – people without river frontage need access