

Talking Points for Petition Gatherers
Fund our County Parks Committee
May/June 2003

Budget cuts of 32% mean the following for San Mateo County Parks:

- Dirtier bathrooms
- Messier parks
- Fewer park rangers to
 - give directions
 - provide security
 - help with First Aid or other emergencies
- Reduced hours at parks and on Bicycle Sundays
- Selected parts of parks closed during weekdays and off season
- Longer response time to fix trails and facilities -- and potential closures as a result

The above are some of today's realities. Parks staff is dealing with the effects of severe reductions in the County budget. These cutbacks are sustainable for a very brief time...

but....

They are NOT sustainable for long.

San Mateo County is the only Bay Area County with a County park system with no dedicated source of tax funds for parks.

We need a dedicated source of tax funds to supplement General Fund monies.

We are asking the Board of Supervisors to give San Mateo County voters the opportunity to vote for such funds. By signing this petition, you are asking that this opportunity be given to San Mateo County voters.

Thank you!

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