

# SUMMARY OF SUPPORT AND OPPOSITION TO SPECIFIC USES

Attachment 3

Overall, camping was the most frequently supported use, with 770 responses (45.3% of total responses) indicated support for camping. Wetlands/habitat/nature (18.9% of total responses), volleyball (11.8% of total responses), golf (9.5% of total responses), multi-use / sports fields (8.5% of total responses), and bicycle and pedestrian improvements (6.4% of total responses) were also among the most frequently supported uses.

Golf was the most frequently opposed use, with a total of 196 responses (11.8% of total responses), slightly more than the number that supported it. Other uses that were frequently opposed include: camping (5.1% of total responses), islands (4.3% of total responses), and restaurant (3.7% of total responses).

Although, camping and wetlands/habitat/nature were the uses that were most frequently commented on, 48.6% of the participants neither supported or opposed Camping and 79% neither supported or opposed wetlands/habitat/nature. In addition, many of the responses that were provided expressed support for only one specific use, rather than addressing multiple uses. Figure 5 shows the overall support of specific uses and the portion of that support that was only for that one use. This indicates that stakeholders were interested in how a specific issue would be affected. Although all of the responses were analyzed for supporting only one single use included in the Draft Concept Alternatives, camping, wetlands/habitat/nature, and volleyball showed the most frequent support for only a single use.

- » **Camping:** 582 responses indicated support for camping but did not support any other uses (75% of all responses that supported Camping).
- » Wetlands/Habitat/Nature: 182 responses indicated support for wetlands/nature/habitat but did not support any other uses (51% of all responses that supported wetlands/habitat/nature).
- » Volleyball: 156 responses indicated support for volleyball but did not support any other uses (76% of all response that supported volleyball).









#### Table 11. Overall Support of Specific Uses

TYPE OF USE SUPPORTED	SUPPORT		OPPOSE	
	#	% OF ALL	#	% OF ALL
Camping	770	45.3%	87	5.1%
Wetland	321	18.9%	36	2.1%
Volleyball	200	11.8%	8	0.5%
Golf	162	9.5%	196	11.5%
Multi-Use / Sports Fields	144	8.5%	31	1.8%
Bike / Ped	109	6.4%	7	0.4%
Islands	74	4.4%	73	4.3%
Tennis / Pickleball	71	4.2%	13	0.8%
Restaurant	71	4.2%	63	3.7%
Skatepark	48	2.8%	29	1.7%
Clubhouse / Activity / Interpretive Center	46	2.7%	0	0.0%
Open Lawn / Picnic / Gathering	40	2.4%	16	0.9%
Community Garden	39	2.3%	18	1.1%
Aquatic Center / Pool	34	2.0%	0	0.0%
Non-Motorized Water Recreation	33	1.9%	0	0.0%
Boating (Docks/Mooring/Ramp)	30	1.8%	3	0.2%
Topgolf	23	1.4%	24	1.4%

\* Based on total input received from online, email/letters, and comment cards.



#### SUMMARY OF KEY THEMES FOR SPECIFIC USES

#### Strong support for Campland and a desire to see it remain where it is.

- » Many comments supporting Campland dismissed all the Concept Alternatives and the planning process, but many also identified Concept 3 (and fewer Concept 1) as the best Concept Alternative of the options provided.
- » Many people suggested that the Concept Alternatives could be improved by:
  - Making the camping area larger.
  - Proving direct beach access.
  - Controlling traffic from outside to allow people to safely ride bikes and walk.
- » Commenters from the City of San Diego, the Southern California region, and beyond all shared stories about the family friendly nature of Campland and their long tradition of visiting Campland.
- » Belief that Campland generates significant economic benefit to surrounding businesses from tourism.

# Support for more habitat restoration and the creation of wetlands, as well as the need for improved coordination with the San Diego Audubon Society's ReWild Mission Bay planning process.

- » Comments stated that the plans failed to provide an adequate amount of native habitat and wetlands restoration.
- » Concerns that the Concept Alternatives only provided a buffer of wetlands that would not provide sufficient habitat for wildlife and that would likely be encroached upon by surrounding human uses and from sea-level rise.
- » The Draft Concept Alternatives fail to meet the recommendations in the Mission Bay Park Master Plan, in particular they lack a balance between human and natural uses within the De Anza SSA and throughout Mission Bay.
- » Some Comments also suggested that the Concept Alternatives would not improve water quality in Mission Bay.



#### Support for sand volleyball.

- » Many cited the popularity and lack of available sand volleyball courts in the area.
- » Strong interest in youth participation in sand volleyball.
- » Desire to cultivate a community that supports the growth of sand volleyball by creating a stateof-the-art 20 court facility.

### Strong support for retaining the existing golf course and making enhancements, while others suggested that it was not the best use of the land.

- » Many golfers supported the expansion of the course and were excited by possible improvements to the course, clubhouse, and other facilities.
- » Nearly all golfers were opposed to the removal of a golf course and replacement with a substitute facility.
- » Recognition that golf serves many different age groups; that Mission Bay Golf Course is a unique, affordable, and approachable golf course; and that golf is compatible and mutually beneficial to surrounding natural uses.
- » Many people noted that the golf course had a low density of users, may not be financially viable, and that it used a lot of precious water.

#### Strong support for multi-use sports fields (soccer, baseball, softball).

» Youth sports fields received frequent support because of the lack of availability of fields in the area and because the fields could serve multiple purposes. Youth sports fields provide a strong connection to the surrounding community.

#### Strong support for bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

- » Being able to enjoy Mission Bay without a car received a lot of support and many people expressed a desire to bike and walk along the shoreline.
- » Some responses emphasized the importance of enhancing connections to the surrounding areas including the surrounding neighborhoods across Grand Avenue and being able to get to the future Mid-Coast Trolley Stop.
- » Trails and boardwalks were also supported by many who wanted to be able to access and enjoy any new natural or habitat areas. However, others expressed concerns about potential impacts from human recreation.



#### Mixed support for the creation of new islands.

- » Appreciation and support for the potential benefit of islands, including improved water quality and creating an iconic destination.
- » Overall concern that the islands would be costly and could delay completion of the De Anza Revitalization Plan.
- » Support for the habitat island as a place for wildlife observation that was predominately reserved as a natural place.
- » Responses were interested in and supported the idea of a restaurant, but many were opposed to it being located on the island. In particular, many responses were concerned about the parking lot and the bridge that would be required to provide access.

#### Strong support for tennis facilities.

- » Tennis received some comments in support, with people suggesting that improvements to the location and design of the facility would go along way.
- » Locating the tennis courts near the freeway was undesirable.

#### Some support for open lawn, picnic and gathering areas.

- » Many people expressed their support for unprogrammed grass areas that could be used for different purposes.
- » Multiple responses valued the open areas as an essential part of Mission Bay and an opportunity for people who don't have a yard to be outside.

#### Some support for an aquatic center / pool.

» People were interested in being able to have a place to swim and supported an aquatic center that would serve the surrounding community as well as Mission Bay High School.



#### Strong support for non-motorized water recreation and boating (docks/mooring/ramp).

- » People were interested in accessing the water and having a safe place to recreate.
- » Many people felt that kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, and other non-motorized water recreation opportunities should have a protected place to recreate.
- » Other people were interested in being able to launch and dock a boat to have access to and from land in the areas near De Anza Cove.
- » Boat storage of different types received multiple responses.

#### Mixed support for skate parks and community gardens.

- » Many people supported inclusion of a skate park but others thought that it wouldn't be used, and that other nearby skate parks were sufficient.
- » The community gardens were supported by some, but others thought they were an unnecessary addition since their "isn't really a community there."

#### Concern for circulation, access, and parking.

- » Concern that there was not enough parking for key uses, and suggestions to keep parking free.
- » Others were concerned about dedicated land for parking, and that it would generate too much traffic.
- » Suggestions to use shuttles or create parking structures.
- » Concerns about access from Grand Avenue because of the speed and volume of existing traffic, and that other intersections and crossings would make congestion worse.
- » Strong support for multi-use paths that provide an area for biking and walking separate from vehicles.



## **CONCLUSIONS**

**Draft Concept Alternatives:** Of the three Draft Concept Alternatives, Draft Concept Alternative #3 received the greatest amount of support from the responses received. The support for Draft Concept Alternative #3 is largely a reflection of the strong support for Camping, since Draft Concept Alternative #3 included the largest area for camping. (302 responses that supported camping also supported Draft Concept Alternative #3, more than combined total support for all uses in Draft Concept Alternative #1 and Draft Concept Alternative #2.

**Create Your Own Alternative:** Many of the Create Your Own Alternatives included responses that changed the allocation of space between different uses and/or changed the location of different uses from what was included in the Draft Concept Alternatives. Overall, native habitat, camping, adventure play, and public access were the uses that received the most support through the Create Your Own Alternative online activity. For more detail see Page 24.

**Support of Uses:** Overall, camping was the most frequently supported use. Wetlands/habitat/nature, volleyball, golf, multi-use / sports fields, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements were also among the most frequently supported uses. For more detail see Page 26.

The robust and broad public engagement process allowed for a very large amount of people to provide input to help inform the De Anza Revitalization Plan. In addition to the large volume of responses, the quality of responses was important in understanding the perspective of the community and stakeholders into the De Anza Revitalization Plan. Clear themes emerged from the input, along with understanding issues and opportunities, and this input will be considered as the De Anza Revitalization Plan continues.