**To:** Levitt, Howard[howard\_levitt@nps.gov]

Cc: Hatch, Daphne[daphne\_hatch@nps.gov]; Picavet, Alexandra[alexandra picavet@nps.gov]; Sharon

Farrell[SFarrell@parksconservancy.org]

From: Shoulders, Carolyn Sent: Wed 6/4/2014 1:49:48 AM

Importance: Normal

Subject: Re: Reporter questions about Muir Beach Water Quality Upgrade

**Received:** Wed 6/4/2014 1:49:50 AM

Funny!

On Tue, Jun 3, 2014 at 6:42 PM, Levitt, Howard < howard levitt@nps.gov > wrote:

Just goes to show that when you're mind is on the dogs, everything looks like a hydrant. Howard

On Tue, Jun 3, 2014 at 5:53 PM, Hatch, Daphne < daphne hatch@nps.gov > wrote:

## **Exemption 5**

Daphne

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On Tue, Jun 3, 2014 at 3:52 PM, Shoulders, Carolyn < carolyn shoulders@nps.gov > wrote:

Hi, Alex:

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Carolyn

On Tue, Jun 3, 2014 at 2:46 PM, Picavet, Alexandra <alexandra picavet@nps.gov> wrote:

Hello. Can you help me address this question from the Point Reyes Light? He is on deadline for tomorrow AM some time at the latest.

Thanks-

Alex

- I spoke to some dog owners who said the improved water quality was evidence that off-leash dogs do not significantly contribute to bacteria in the water, contrary to claims in the Draft Dog Management Plan (in particular, pgs. 22, 28, 34). Any comment on that argument?

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From: Christopher Peak < Exemption 6 @gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2014 at 11:32 AM

Subject: Re: From NPS.gov: Muir Beach Water Quality Upgrade

To: Alexandra Picavet <alexandra picavet@nps.gov>

Sorry for the delay. I ended up without internet yesterday. Here's the three main questions:

- What is the significance of Muir Beach's water returning to healthy levels, either for the environment or for visitors?
- How many years did the Redwood Creek restoration project take? And how much did it cost? I noted that it reconnected the floodplain over the entire site, relocated the creek away from homes and septic systems, rerouted a section of the coastal trail, moved the parking lot and added restrooms. Are there any other significant aspects of the project that I should include?
- I spoke to some dog owners who said the improved water quality was evidence that off-leash dogs do not significantly contribute to bacteria in the water, contrary to claims in the Draft Dog Management Plan (in particular, pgs. 22, 28, 34). Any comment on that argument?

Let me know if I can clarify any of those questions. I'll be at the office until early afternoon at 415-669-1200 if you'd rather talk over the phone. I'll be filing this story tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks so much,

Chris

On Mon, Jun 2, 2014 at 12:19 PM, Alexandra Picavet <a href="mailto:alexandra\_picavet@nps.gov">alexandra\_picavet@nps.gov</a> wrote:

Hi. I too am in meetings today. Please email me what you would like to know.

Thanks.

Alexandra Picavet

Public Affairs Specialist 415-786-8021

Sent from iPhone, please excuse typos and made up words my phone inserted

On Jun 2, 2014, at 12:09 PM, " Exemption 6 @gmail.com" Exemption 6 @gmail.com wrote:

Email submitted from: Exemption 6 @gmail.com at /goga/parkmgmt/staffandoffices.htm

Mailing Address: Christopher Peak P.O. Box 713 Point Reyes Station, California 949596 United States

## Hi Alexandra,

I'm a reporter for the Point Reyes Light, and I'm working on a story about Muir Beach being removed from the list of impaired water bodies due to bacteria. Do you have a few minutes to talk this afternoon or tomorrow? I'm running to a number of meetings today, so if it's easier, I can also email you two or three questions.

Thanks so much, Chris

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