NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING (REG-NEG) AND RELATED NEPA PROCESS

for Dog Management at Golden Gate National Recreation Area

GGNRA Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking January – April 2002 Announce NPS decision **Reg-Neg Process Begins** GGNRA hires U. S. Institute of Environmental Conflict Resolution to manage process. Institute hires convener – an impartial person to assist GGNRA in assessing whether the establishment of a reg-neg committee is in the public interest and is feasible and appropriate. Convener conducts interviews with persons If GGNRA makes decision not to proceed, affected by proposed rule and makes Reg-Neg process stops recommendation to GGNRA if committee can be convened with balanced representatives of Begin Agency Rulemaking or make interest groups willing to negotiate in good determination to stay with existing regulation faith to reach consensus. If GGNRA proceeds with reg-neg, convener Planning/NEPA Process assists in identifying willing and qualified (Tentative timeline) committee members. Scoping meeting (NEPA public involvement GGNRA publishes Federal Register notice of requirement) could occur during time needed to establish intention to establish reg-neg committee reg-neg committee. Scoping would present: including how to apply for membership. criteria for scope of proposed rule information gathered during ANPR Public would be asked for new information and Reg-Neg committee established in compliance comments. Information gained during scoping would be with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. used to inform both the NEPA process and the work of Committee is approved for no more than 2 the reg-neg committee. years. GGNRA nominates facilitator for reg-neg committee, subject to approval of the committee Once consensus is reached, work on NEPA document is begun to assess alternatives for proposed rule Reg-neg committee meetings – open to public - continue until consensus reached or until committee terminates. Consensus used as the basis for the rule proposed by GGNRA for notice and comment. Public meeting(s) and public comment period held on draft NEPA document GGNRA publishes proposed rule in Federal Register for public comment. After GGNRA reviews comments and makes any changes, final rule published in Federal ROD or FONSI signed Register.