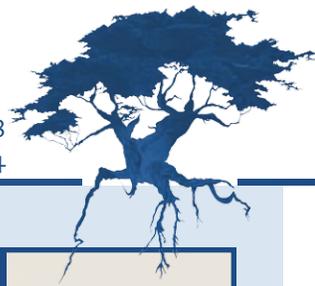




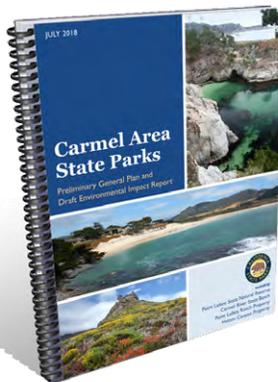
Carmel Area State Parks General Plan/EIR

JULY 2018
NEWSLETTER 4



PRELIMINARY GENERAL PLAN AND DRAFT EIR AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

California State Parks has completed a Preliminary General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which is now available for public review and comment. The plan represents a concept for preserving the prime natural and cultural features, while offering park activities, programs, and recreation opportunities. The General Plan serves as a framework for the management and use of park lands, and articulates the desired future conditions for natural and cultural resources and visitor experiences that will best fulfill the park's purpose and the California State Parks mission. Thank you to everyone who participated in the planning process. The planning team has reviewed and carefully considered all feedback while developing the General Plan.



PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

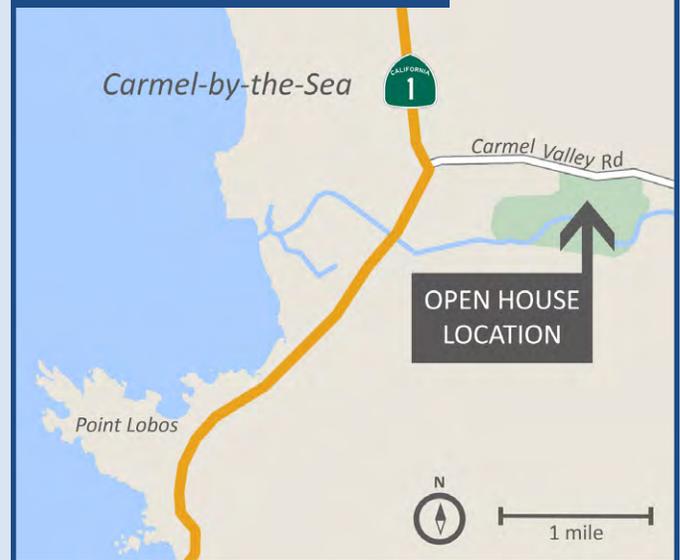
The Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR is available for public review and comment beginning **July 30** and ending **October 1, 2018**. Your views and comments are welcomed.

The document can be accessed online on the CASP General Plan website at www.parks.ca.gov/caspgp, with printed copies available for review at various locations listed on the following page.

Please come to a public information open house on **September 10** anytime between **6:00pm – 9:00pm** where the planning team will be available to answer your questions and discuss the park plan and environmental analysis.

We hope to see you at the open house.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE



Sept 10, 2018 | 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Wedgewood Wedding & Banquet Center
at the former Rancho Cañada Golf Club

4860 Carmel Valley Road
Carmel, CA 93923





RESOURCE CONSERVATION, SUSTAINABLE VISITOR MANAGEMENT, AND MULTIMODAL ACCESS

The park plan emphasizes resource conservation, including establishment of new natural preserves and cultural preserves. Enhanced visitor management at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve to minimize resource damage will help protect natural and cultural resources. Removal of parking located on unpaved areas will create opportunities for restoration.

Implementation of a day use reservation system will be a key approach for sustainably managing levels of peak demand and total visitation, especially at Point Lobos State Natural Reserve. The plan provides additional recreation opportunities at park lands that will be opened for public use.

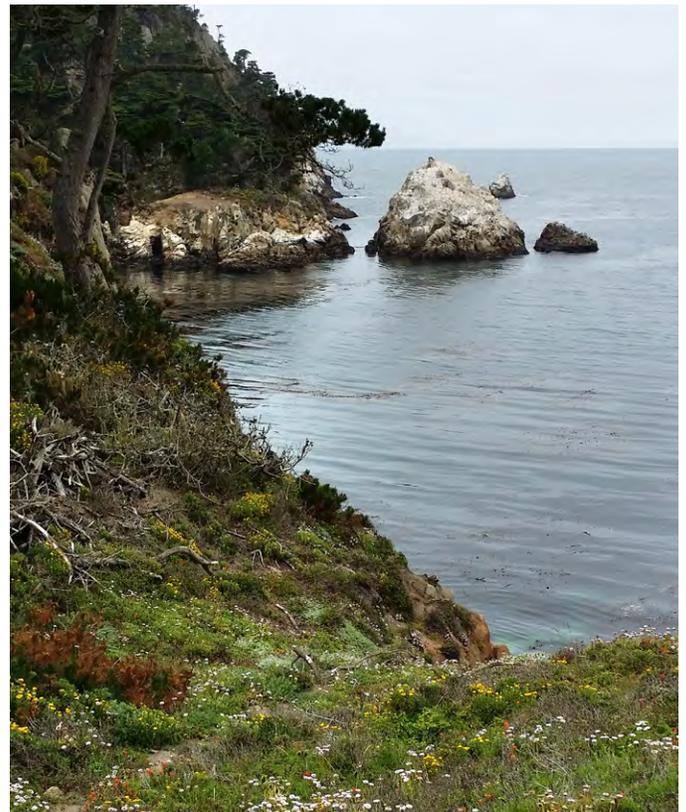
Traffic congestion in the region is a critical community concern. The day use reservation system and a multimodal approach to park access will contribute to improving traffic conditions. A key feature of the plan is the potential for a multimodal transportation center at Lower Hatton Canyon to provide a shuttle or other transit service to the region's parks in cooperation with partner transportation agencies.

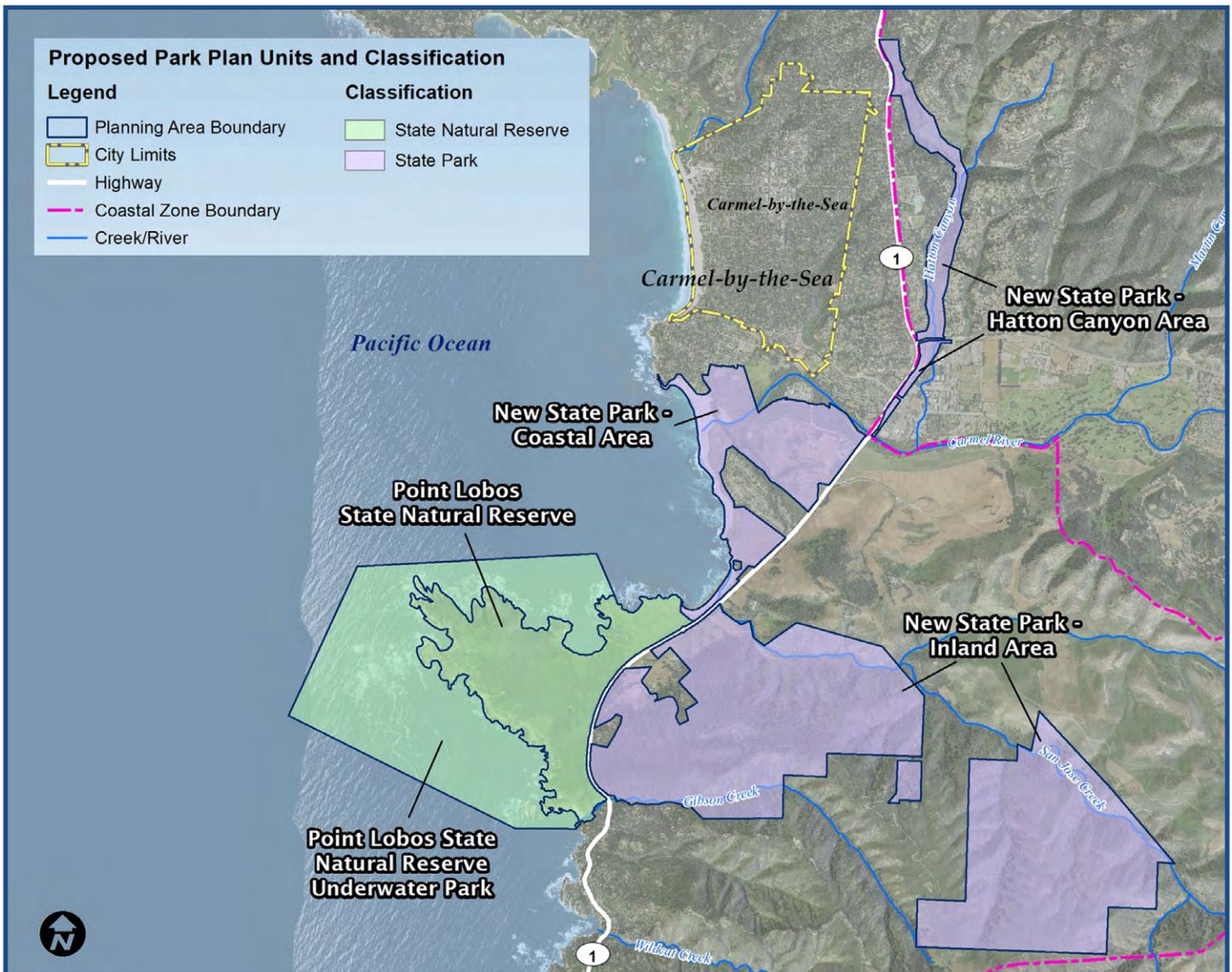
UNIFIED GENERAL PLAN WITH TWO PARK UNITS

The Preliminary General Plan presents two classified units, Point Lobos State Natural Reserve and a new State Park, which consists of Carmel River State Beach, Point Lobos Ranch Property, Hatton Canyon Property, and the inland parcel of the Reserve (see map). This unification of park management and resource conservation into two coordinated park units will facilitate efficient operations, effective protection of resources, integration of interpretation, support of high quality visitor experiences, and enhancement of traffic-reducing park access.

KEY COMPONENTS OF THE PARK PLAN

- Emphasize protection of cultural resources and conservation/restoration of natural resources
- Balance visitor use with resource conservation and preservation
- Employ a reservation system to control peak demand and total visitor use
- Stabilize and adaptively reuse historic buildings
- Provide transit and/or shuttles from Lower Hatton Canyon in partnership with transit agencies
- Use interpretation to educate and inspire visitors
- Continue to foster strong local and regional partnerships





WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Review the Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR

Copies of the Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR may be reviewed online at www.parks.ca.gov/caspgp and at the following locations during regular business hours:

**California State Parks
Monterey District Office**
2211 Garden Rd.
Monterey, CA 93940

**Monterey County Free Library
Carmel Valley Branch**
65 W. Carmel Valley Rd.
Carmel Valley, CA 93924

Monterey Public Library
625 Pacific St.
Monterey, CA 93940

**Harrison Memorial
Library Main Branch**
Ocean Ave and Lincoln St.
Carmel, CA 93921

**Harrison Memorial Library
Park Branch**
Mission St. and Sixth Ave.
Carmel, CA 93921

John Steinbeck Library
350 Lincoln Ave.
Salinas, CA 93901

Provide Comments on the General Plan and EIR

Your comments on the Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR are welcomed and must be in writing. Comments can be submitted at the open house, by email or postal mail and should include a contact name and mailing address for the public record. Please submit your comments no later than **October 1, 2018**, to:

California State Parks
Strategic Planning and Recreation Services Division
Recreation Planning
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001
ATTN: Ellie Wagner
Email: plan.general@parks.ca.gov
(subject line: CASP GP/DEIR Comments)

NEXT STEPS

This project will be considered before the State Park and Recreation Commission in a public hearing to be held at a local venue after public comments have been received and Department responses and a Final EIR have been prepared. Notice of the hearing will be mailed to all agencies, organizations, and individuals that have expressed interest.

WE ARE HERE ▼

Prepare Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR

SUMMER 2018

- Informational Open House
- Newsletter 4
- Public Review and Comment on Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR

Respond to Public Comments and Prepare Final EIR

FALL 2018

Certify EIR and Approve General Plan

SPRING 2019

- State Park and Recreation Commission Public Hearing



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