



# Carmel Area State Parks General Plan

Public Workshop/EIR Scoping Meeting  
April 18, 2012



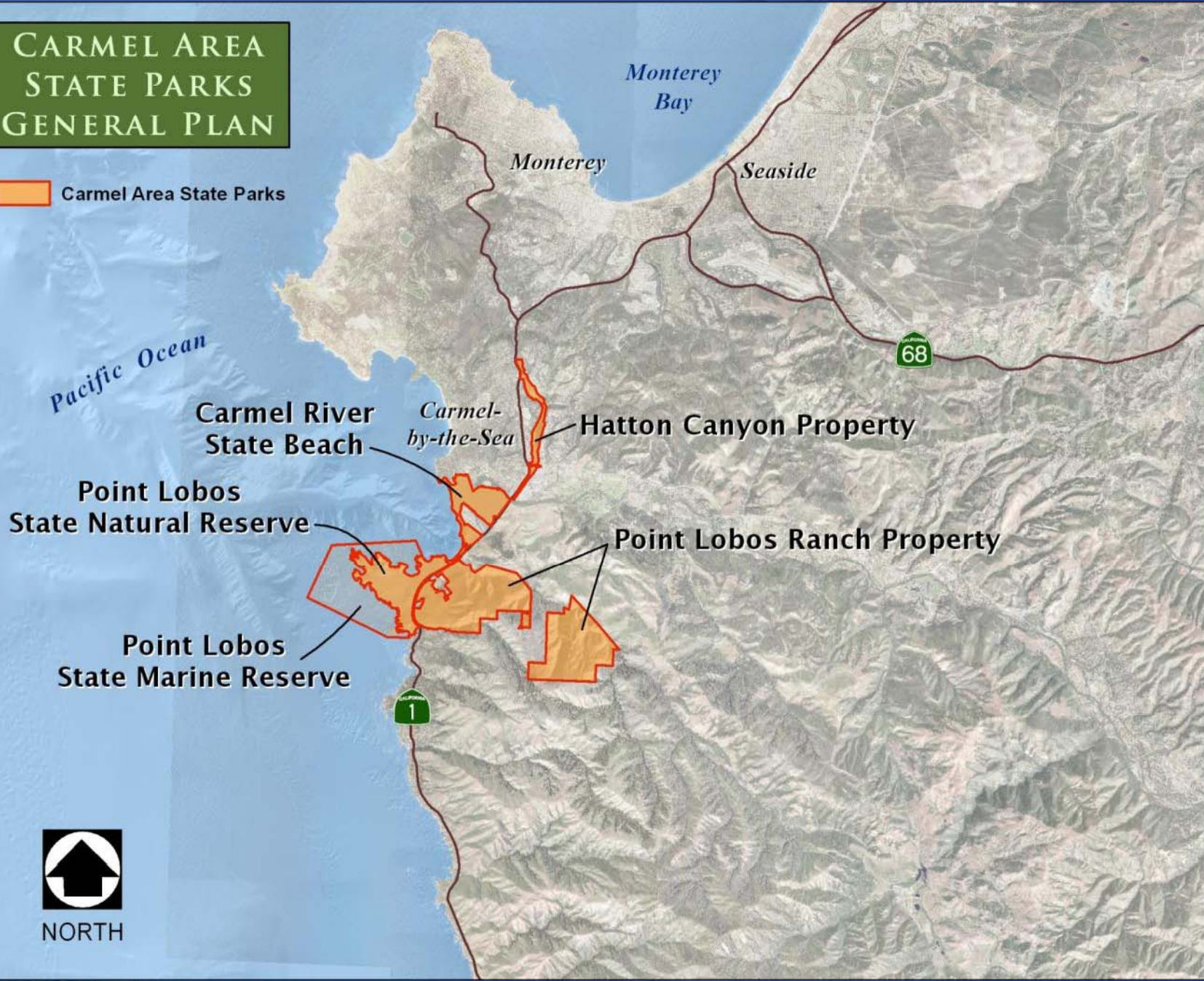
## Mission Statement

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- *To provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.*

# CARMEL AREA STATE PARKS GENERAL PLAN

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## What is a General Plan?

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- Required by State law before development of substantial facilities.
- Serves as the primary management document for the park units.
- Describes the parks' purpose and vision.
- Provides long and short-term goals and guidelines to guide day-to-day decision making and long range management.



## What is an Environmental Impact Report?

- The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that public agencies analyze all “reasonably foreseeable significant environmental effects” of approving a project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15152).
- Describes environment factors, including plants, animals, soils, air, water, noise, traffic and other projects occurring nearby.



## What is an Environmental Impact Report?

- Analyzes how these factors might be impacted by the proposed development or policies, and provides alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize significant impacts.
- General plan process will include a program EIR.

# General Plan and EIR Process

Spring 2012

Identify Issues and Concerns

Public Workshop Number 1 (scoping meeting)

Spring/  
Summer 2012

Planning Goals, Issues, and Vision

Summer/  
Fall 2012

Develop and Evaluate General Plan Alternatives

Public Workshop Number 2 (input on alternatives)

Fall 2012/  
Summer 2013

Prepare Draft General Plan and Draft EIR

Public Workshop Number 3 (preferred alternative)

Fall 2013

Public Review Period for Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR

Spring 2014

Final General Plan and EIR, Agency Approval

Commission Hearing



## Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

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- Provide information on the General Plan and Environmental Impact Report process.
- Receive your thoughts and ideas for the planning effort.
- Receive your comments on the scope and potential environmental effects.





# Meeting Format

- Open House:
  - 4 Stations – Process, Facilities, Resources, Recreation.
  - Come and go freely.
  - Staff are available at each station.
- Please provide comments in writing.
- Sticky notepads available at each station for area-specific comments.

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Comment Card

**General Plan and EIR Process:**

- What are the main environmental concerns that you feel should be addressed in the EIR?
- How best could State Parks reach those who weren't able to come to tonight's meeting?

Resources

- What are the key resources in these parks that you value most?
- What resources and areas would you suggest State Parks preserve, enhance, or utilize?

Recreation Opportunities

- What recreation experiences do you value most at the existing parks?
- What, if anything, is missing in the outdoor recreation opportunities available in the region?



## Project Website

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- Thank you for your interest in the planning process. Please visit the project website for more information and planning updates.

<http://parks.ca.gov/caspgp>