



COLUSA - SACRAMENTO RIVER STATE RECREATION AREA

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Colusa – Sacramento River State Recreation Area General Plan News

Colusa – Sacramento River State Recreation Area is located along the northern edge of downtown Colusa on the west bank of the Sacramento River in Colusa County. The park offers overnight camping and day use facilities, including picnic sites, restrooms, and a launch ramp for small boats. River access and river oriented activities, such as fishing and boating, are a major draw. This area was home to the River Patwin Indian Tribe. The City of Colusa developed recreational facilities on an old city dump next to the river, then transferred the first 9.5 acres to California State Parks in 1955. Over time, easterly migration of the river channel and additional land acquisitions increased the size of the park to about 350 acres currently. The camping and day use facilities are now being managed by the City of Colusa through a 5-year operating agreement approved in 2011.

Decisions about how to best protect the park for future generations while providing high quality recreation are a big responsibility. The **General Plan** process first involves the public, scientists, technical experts and land managers in documenting and understanding the park's important natural and cultural resources, existing uses and visitor needs. Then, plans are developed with various resource preservation and land use strategies that will best serve the public in the long term. Once a preferred plan is selected, an analysis of the potentially significant environmental impacts of plan implementation is conducted as required by the **California Environmental Quality Act**. Finally, the preferred plan is presented to the **California Park and Recreation Commission** for review and adoption.

Public Meeting Notice

You are invited to attend the first public meeting to offer your suggestions on the important natural, cultural and recreational resources that should be studied.

State Parks staff will be available to answer questions about the draft plan and planning process.

Thursday, February 28, 2013

6 to 8 p.m.

Boy Scout Cabin
901 Parkhill Street
Colusa, CA

You will have several opportunities during the General Plan process to share your knowledge and opinions. **This newsletter is your guide to participation!**

The General Plan process will clarify and formally adopt goals and guidelines for the park, many of which were identified in the **Colusa Subreach Planning Process** completed in 2007. That multi-stakeholder process, which included the participation of the City of Colusa, the Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum, the Nature Conservancy, California State Parks and many others (maybe you?), resulted in a Master Plan for the Park.

The **Master Plan** described the park's existing conditions and recommended expansion via acquisition of Arnold Bend/Ward Farm. This parcel was turned over to California State Parks in 2007, then planted with native vegetation. Additional recommendations included relocation of the boat ramp and park entrance, expansion and relocation of the camping area, as well as expansion of vehicle parking.

Do you have recreation photos to share? See page 3 for this special opportunity!

The Public Input Process

- ❑ Meeting #1 (February 28, 2013)
Provide project overview. Review resource inventory. Collect information.
Listen to your issues and concerns as part of the General Plan/CEQA scoping process.
- ❑ Meeting #2 (Autumn 2013)
Present planning options and preferred alternative.
Listen to your concerns as part of the CEQA public review process.
- ❑ Meeting #3 (Autumn 2014)
California Park and Recreation Commission considers approving the General Plan.

The General Plan team will look closely at Master Plan recommendations and your input when proposing **General Plan goals and guidelines**. Other important issues will be addressed, such as: park management options, natural and cultural resource protection strategies, development of recreation resources, appropriate levels of visitor services including traffic and parking management, revenue-generating activities, and interpretation and education. A thorough environmental review will also be conducted under the **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)** before the plan is adopted.

Meanwhile, the City of Colusa is moving forward with plans for construction of a new **boat ramp** at Levee Scenic Park adjacent to the State Park. The General Plan team is working closely with City staff to coordinate our efforts, including the placement of new restrooms and boat trailer parking in the State Park, and possible relocation of the camping sites. If you have questions on the boat ramp project, contact Colusa City Planner Bryan Stice at (530) 458-4740 or email planning@cityofcolusa.com.



**COLUSA-SACRAMENTO RIVER
STATE RECREATION AREA GENERAL PLAN
FIRST PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA**

WANTED!

**Recreational
Heritage Photos**

Bring your recreation photos (prints, slides or digital) to the meeting. We are especially looking for historical images of boating, water skiing, fishing and hunting in Glenn, Sutter, Colusa and Butte counties. We will scan and use these in our education programs. You may take your prints and slides home with you, knowing that you've contributed to recreation history!

- 6 PM Sign in
- 6:15 PM General Plan Team introductions
General Plan process overview
Meeting goal description
- 6:30 PM View existing conditions mapping
Talk with team members one-on-one
Share written or verbal comments
Have your recreation photos scanned
- 7:30 PM Hear a summary of the community's comments
See the photo collection!
- 8 PM Adjourn meeting

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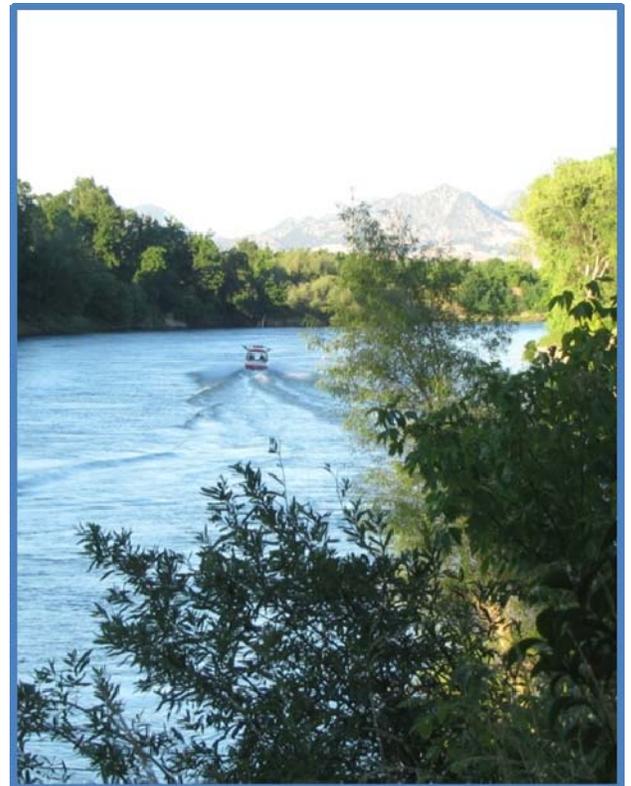
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Want to get involved in planning the future of Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area



- ⇒ Attend public meetings. Speak up!
- ⇒ Subscribe to the Colusa GP newsletter via email at planning@parks.ca.gov.
- ⇒ Read planning documents on the web at: www.parks.ca.gov/ColusaGP.
- ⇒ Ask questions by emailing Cheryl at planning@parks.ca.gov with "Colusa" in the subject line.

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The Mission of the California Department of Parks and Recreation is 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.

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Planning meeting COLUSA- SACRAMENTO RIVER STATE RECREATION AREA GENERAL PLAN

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