



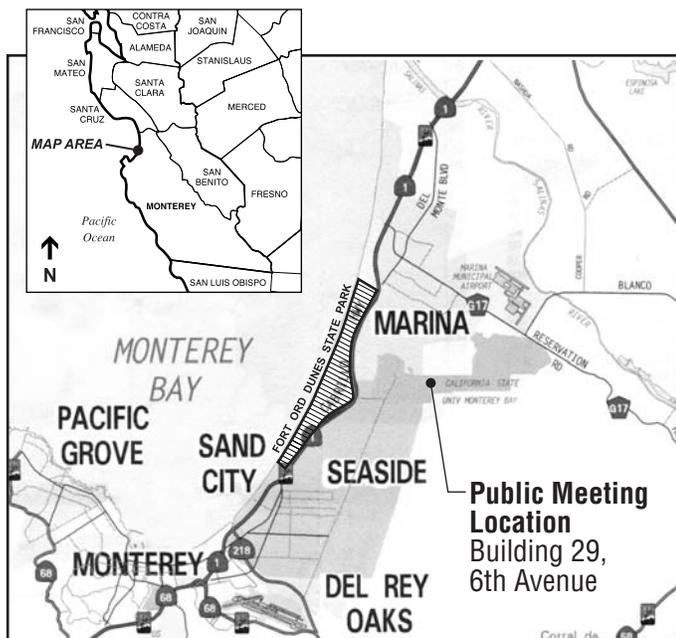
fort ord dunes state park general plan

PARTNERS IN PLANNING

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is developing a new General Plan for the future Fort Ord Dunes State Park. Working together with the community, this planning process will create a vision for the future, provide recommendations for facilities and improvements, and set guidelines for managing the park so it can be enjoyed for years to come.

Your participation will help ensure that the plan reflects the community's ideas and suggestions for development of the park. Our first planning workshop is on Tuesday, June 10, 2003. We will discuss the existing conditions of the park and ask you about your own experiences, ideas and desires for the parks future.

Whether or not you attend the workshop, please fill out and send back the enclosed survey to share your ideas. We hope you will take some time to get involved in planning the future of this new state park.



HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

Stay Informed: Updates of this newsletter will be published to keep you informed about progress on the General Plan. You may also visit the State Parks Website and www.parks.ca.gov/ and click on the "Planning" link to get updated plan information.

Fill out the Survey: The enclosed survey will help us understand your key issues, ideas, and concerns. Tell us what you like about Fort Ord Dunes, and the recreation uses and facilities you would like at Fort Ord Dunes.

Attend the Public Planning Workshops: We will host two public workshops for the Fort Ord Dunes State Park General Plan. The first workshop will be held on June 10, 2003 at the California State University Monterey Bay Conference Center. The workshop will provide a forum to discuss suggestions for park uses and enhancements and to identify topics for the planning process to explore, such as potential recreational opportunities and facilities, sensitive habitat and species, and regional planning issues.



The beach at Fort Ord Dunes.

You are invited to attend the first workshop and EIR scoping meeting on:

Tuesday, June 10, 2003
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
University Center Conference Rooms
Building 29, 6th Avenue
California State University Monterey Bay
Seaside, California

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FORT ORD DUNES

Fort Ord Dunes consists of approximately 886 acres of parkland located in Monterey County, including 4 miles of ocean beach. The property is being conveyed to the California Department of Parks and Recreation from the U.S. Department of Defense, following closure of the Fort Ord military reservation. The property conveyance will occur upon completion of superfund investigations and clean-up activities, which are nearly complete, and the resolution of issues associated with Stilwell Hall. The California Department of Parks and Recreation has initiated the general plan process prior to land transfer in order to facilitate coordination with other former Fort Ord military reservation reuse planning efforts.

The property is bordered by the Pacific Ocean, the City of Sand City, State Route 1, the City of Marina, and Marina State Beach. The Fort Ord Dunes property is dominated by a continuous coastal sand dune formation that rises steeply to block ocean views from most of State Route 1. Fort Ord Dunes currently includes sensitive wildlife and plant species. Opportunities exist to enhance habitat, restore populations, and protect these and other less sensitive species; while providing recreational opportunities for the public.

The property includes the remnants of small arms firing ranges, former ammunition storage consisting of bunkers, a railroad loading dock, and other military era structures, including Stilwell Hall and a sewage treatment plant (not in use). Stilwell Hall is a 51,822 square foot building completed in 1943 that has served as a Soldier's Club and a Non-Commissioned Officer's Club, in addition to other uses.



Native vegetation at Fort Ord Dunes.

If you are not currently on our mailing list and would like to receive planning updates and notice about future workshops, or wish to send written comments, please contact us at:

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GENERAL PLAN PROCESS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring 2003

Information Gathering
Fieldwork
Summarize Existing
Conditions

Summer 2003

Public Workshop #1
Discuss Opportunities &
Constraints
Develop Plan Alternatives

Fall 2003

Public Workshop #2
Prepare Draft Plans

Winter 2003

Prepare Draft Plans
Public Workshop #3

Spring 2004

Public Review of Draft
Plan/EIR
Distribute Final Plan/EIR
Agency Approvals



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