

Kings Beach State Recreation Area General Plan Revision

Declaration of Purpose and Unit Vision

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Agency Mission Statements

The missions of the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and California Tahoe Conservancy within the California Natural Resources Agency establish the context for the purpose and vision for the Kings Beach State Recreation Area:

California Department of Parks and Recreation

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.

California Tahoe Conservancy

The mission of the California Tahoe Conservancy is to lead California's efforts to restore and enhance the extraordinary natural and recreational resources of the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Declaration of Purpose

The purpose of the Kings Beach State Recreation Area (KBSRA) is to provide public access to the unique experience of Lake Tahoe and the recreational opportunities offered by its waters, shoreline, beach, and adjacent community setting. KBSRA is significant as the only Lake Tahoe public beach and pier in the State Park System located in a town-center setting. Its most important values are its magnificent alpine lake scenery and outstanding beach and water recreation resources.

Vision for Kings Beach State Recreation Area

The vision for Kings Beach State Recreation Area is to provide exceptional recreational opportunities centered around Lake Tahoe, focusing on its natural, cultural, and educational values. Visitors from across California and beyond, including the local community, will enjoy the scenic beach, swimming, boating and other watersports, and family-friendly recreation opportunities in the heart of a mountain town. Public gathering spaces, connections to the surrounding community, an emphasis on access to Lake Tahoe, and scenic vistas of the lake and surrounding peaks will contribute to the character of a park that blends with both the natural environment and the town-center setting of KBSRA. The park will contribute to the scenic and environmental quality of the broader Lake Tahoe region. Natural resource values, including offshore fish habitat, stream zones, and opportunities for stormwater quality improvement, will be protected and enhanced. The park will promote a sense of community and foster environmental stewardship, and in doing so, will continue to be a popular destination on Lake Tahoe for visitors from near and far.