



Carmel Area State Parks General Plan/EIR

June 2015
Newsletter 2



You're Invited to a Public Workshop on General Plan Alternatives!

Please join us at the next public workshop for the Carmel Area State Parks (CASP) General Plan (GP) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) at the Rancho Cañada Golf Club's Wedgewood Wedding and Banquet Center from 6:00-9:00pm on Wednesday, July 22, 2015.

The meeting will focus on two park plan alternatives. Your participation is important and appreciated!

The future management of the following four CASP parks will be discussed:

- Point Lobos State Natural Reserve
- Carmel River State Beach
- Point Lobos Ranch Property
- Hatton Canyon Property

Focus of the Workshop

At the workshop, you will learn about potential resource conservation approaches and visitor uses and facilities that could be included in the parks.

The workshop will provide an opportunity to share your ideas on the alternatives being considered. Your comments will help California State Parks shape the future of these important parks.

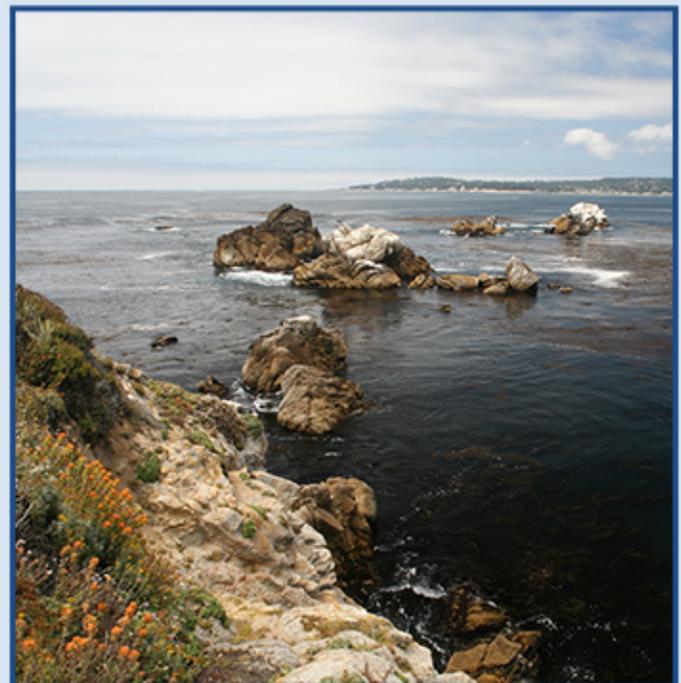
Public Comments

If you are not able to attend the workshop, you can still provide your thoughts and ideas! Workshop materials will be posted on July 20, 2015 to the CASP General Plan website: www.parks.ca.gov/caspgp. You may send in your comments via regular mail to the address listed on the [CASP General Plan website](http://www.parks.ca.gov/caspgp) or via email to: plan.general@parks.ca.gov. Please send in all comments by August 5, 2015. The website also provides background information about previous public workshops and plan information.



July 22, 2015 | 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Wedgewood Wedding & Banquet Center
Rancho Cañada Golf Club
4860 Carmel Valley Road
Carmel, CA 93923



Why is a General Plan Important for Our Parks?

A California State Park General Plan is a broad-based policy document that establishes a long-range vision, goals, and guidelines for park use, management, and development that will:

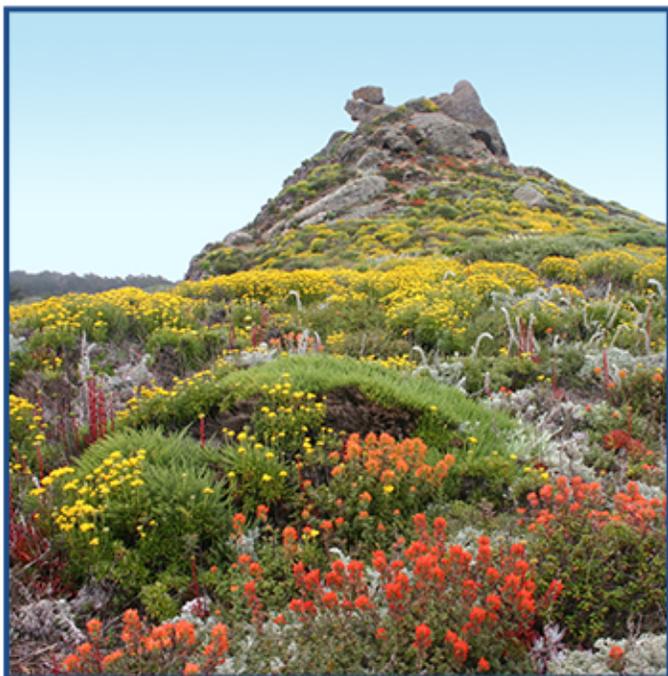
- **Define** the park purpose and long range vision
- **Provide** for natural and cultural resources management
- **Guide** land use, circulation, visitor use, and facility development
- **Enhance** opportunities for interpretive and educational programming

Defining Management Zones

Zones are defined during the alternatives development phase of the GP to provide options for management of sub-areas within the park. “Management zones” help to describe planning goals and guidelines based on a wide range of factors. **You can hear more about different options for the CASP management zones at the public workshop.**

In the GP, management zones will be described in the following ways:

- Existing character and quality of resources
- Existing and proposed visitor uses and experiences
- Appropriate facilities that can be developed
- Long-term management intent, focus, and guidelines



What’s in a Name?

The designations, “State Natural Reserve” and “State Beach,” are part of the park names that reflect how the units are classified and managed. Park unit classification helps to distinguish different park resource protection purposes, outdoor recreation opportunities for visitors, and approaches to park management.

As part of the alternatives development process, the classification of all four parks is being analyzed. Some options include:

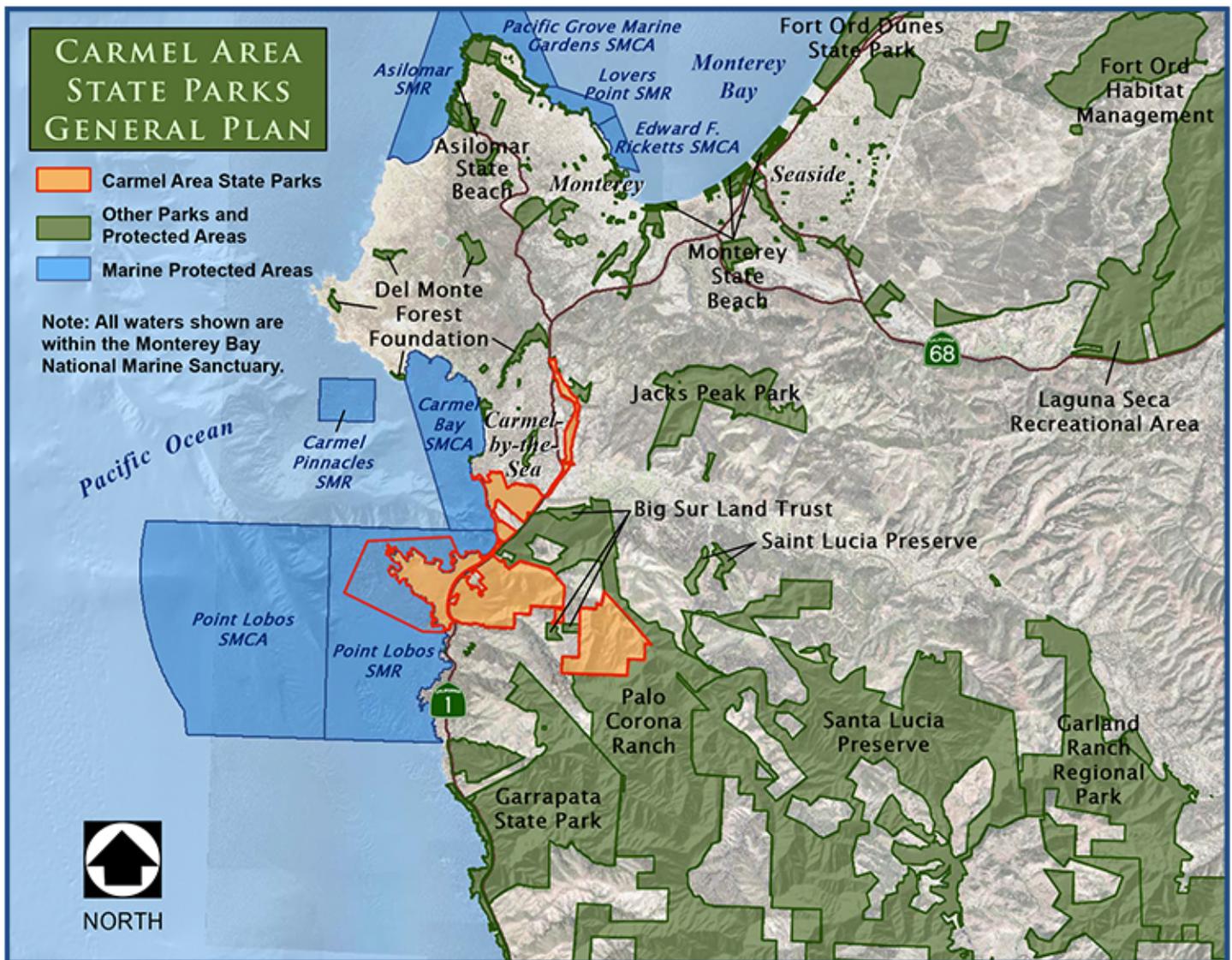
- Maintain Point Lobos as a State Natural Reserve
- Keep Carmel River State Beach as is, or change it to a State Park, combining it with the Point Lobos Ranch Property
- Designate Point Lobos Ranch Property as its own State Park
- Integrate the Hatton Canyon Property with other units or keep it separate

Learn more about park classification and provide your ideas for how the parks should be designated.

As part of the park unit classification process, park names can be officially designated or changed, so please share your ideas for names at the workshop.

More information about State Parks classification designations is available online in

[California Public Resources Code Sections 5019.50-5019.80.](#)



Your Input on the Two Alternatives

The process for selecting a “preferred” alternative for detailed presentation in the GP and EIR begins by examining “action alternatives.” **At the workshop, you will have the opportunity to review and comment on the two action alternatives being considered.**

We will seek your comments, suggestions, and additional ideas related to features of the alternatives, including:

- Natural resource management and interpretation
- Archeological and historic resource management and interpretation
- Visitor uses and facilities
- Regional and local trail connections
- Concessions and special events
- Access, circulation, and parking
- Safety features
- Park operations and maintenance

The upcoming workshop is a key step in the planning process and your input is critical! Following the workshop, the planning team will evaluate input from the public and stakeholders to craft the preferred alternative, which will be presented in the Preliminary GP and Draft EIR later this year for further public review (see the timeline on the back for more details).

The preferred alternative will consider your ideas and consist of the best set of management zones, uses, facilities, and other features from the two alternatives.

Please come to the public workshop and share your suggestions on July 22nd

Planning Timeline

	FALL 2011	2012 - 2013	FALL – WINTER 2014 - 2015	SPRING - FALL 2015	FALL – WINTER 2015	WINTER 2015 - 2016	SPRING 2016	SUMMER 2016
General Plan and EIR Preparation Steps	Start-up and Scoping	Existing Conditions, Develop Draft Vision and Issues Analysis	Define and Assess Park Vision/Agency Input	Develop Plan Alternatives	Develop Preferred Alternative	Prepare Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR	Respond to Public Comments and Prepare Final EIR	Certify EIR and Approve General Plan
Public and Stakeholder Outreach Activities	Newsletter 1 Public Meeting 1 EIR Scoping Agency/ Stakeholder Meeting 1		Agency/ Stakeholder Meeting 2	Newsletter 2 Public Meeting 2 (Conceptual Alternatives)	Newsletter 3 Public Meeting 3 (Preferred Alternative) Agency/ Stakeholder Meeting 3	Notice of Availability/ Completion Public Review and Comment of Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR		Park and Recreation Commission Public Hearing



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