



Resolution 23-2004
adopted by the
CALIFORNIA STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
at its regular meeting in Pacific Grove
September 17, 2004

Point Sur State Historic Park Natural Preserve Subclassification

WHEREAS, the units of the State Park System are classified by the State Park and Recreation Commission into a category specified in Public Resources Code Section 5019.50; and

WHEREAS, one of these classifications is "Natural Preserve," which consists of distinct non marine areas of outstanding natural or scientific significance established within the boundaries of a state park unit to preserve special features; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Preserve must be of sufficient size to allow the continuation of natural dynamics without interference, where possible, and function as a practicable management unit;

WHEREAS, the Director of the California State Parks has proposed that a Natural Preserve be established within Point Sur State Historic Park, to provide for habitat for various beach and dune dwelling species of plants and animals; that contains coastal sand dunes, a geologic feature which is among the most dynamic and fragile natural formations; and is dominated by an assemblage of rocks known as the Franciscan Formation overlain by sand dune deposits; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Natural Preserve comprises approximately 15 acres which is a practicable management unit situated west of State Highway 1, and incorporating the beach and dune area at the base of Moro Rock, located approximately 19 miles south of Carmel, California on the coast of Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of this area would protect sensitive species habitat, including that of the southern sea otter, the California brown pelican, the western snowy plover, the black legless lizard, the globose dune beetle, and the Monterey Indian paintbrush in the park; and

WHEREAS, the Point Sur beach and dune area is part of a spectacular scenic landscape that is visible from State Highway 1, which has been designated an All-American Road in Monterey County, the highest level of recognition afforded by the National Scenic Byway Program; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to Section 5019.50 of the Public Resources Code, and after proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, that the California State Park and Recreation Commission hereby classifies the above identified portion of Point Sur State Historic Park as a Natural Preserve with the name Point Sur Dunes Natural Preserve.

Attest: This Resolution was duly adopted by the California State Park and Recreation Commission on September 17, 2004, at its duly noticed public meeting at Pacific Grove, California.

By: ORIGINAL SIGNED BY _____ Date: 9/17/04 _____
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For Ruth Coleman, Director
California State Parks
Secretary to the Commission