

News Advisory



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Public Meeting About Future of Carrington Parkland

WHAT: **Public Meeting** - The Sonoma Coast State Beach Citizens Advisory Committee and California State Parks will host a meeting to share planning information and solicit public input regarding future public use of the Carrington Coastal Ranch property, at the junction of Highway 1 and Coleman Valley Road, north of Bodega Bay. This 335-acre former ranchland, with spectacular views of the coastline, was purchased by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District and will be transferred to State Parks for inclusion into Sonoma Coast State Beach. The property is currently open to the public only during guided tours offered by the non-profit group, Landpaths.

WHEN: Monday, March 13, 2006, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: California State Parks District Office, 25381 Steelhead Boulevard,
Duncans Mills, CA

WHO: Members of the public
Sonoma Coast State Beach Citizens Advisory Committee members
California State Parks staff
For further information contact Valerie Watt, Park and Recreation Specialist, at (707) 869-2356. To learn about guided tours of the property, contact Landpaths at (707) 544-7284.

Background: At this time State Parks is beginning work on a plan to guide public use and development for the next several years, until long-range plans for the property are completed. At the meeting State Parks and the Committee will welcome suggestions for public uses and facilities that can be developed in the short-term, consistent with the protection of resources on this unique property.

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