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General Plan Update

CA State Parks' Auburn State Recreation Area Seeks Public Input

AUBURN – California State Parks is seeking public input as it begins revising and updating the General Plan for Auburn State Recreation Area (SRA).

The first in a series of public workshops will be held on Thursday June 15 from 6-9 p.m. at the Canyon View Community Center at 471 Maidu Drive in Auburn.

Most of the land in the recreation area is owned by the Bureau of Reclamation and managed by State Parks through an agreement. State Parks and Reclamation are working together on this planning effort to develop a plan which will also satisfy Reclamation's requirement to develop a Resource Management Plan for the area.

Public involvement is critical to the success of the planning process and public comment will be considered in developing the plan. This first workshop is an opportunity for the public to identify key issues and concerns to be addressed in the General Plan update. The meeting will include a brief presentation describing some of the existing resources and conditions within the park, the planning update process and associated environmental document, a description of the opportunities for public involvement, and the schedule of anticipated activities.

Additionally, interactive information stations will be set up (based on geographic management areas within the SRA) to help participants record their thoughts, concerns, and suggestions about the various recreation, management, and public safety issues being considered for the General Plan. These information stations will have maps of specific sites, photos, and a description of current activities in the specified areas. At the stations, participants will have an opportunity to have their views recorded, and will be able to graphically show what improvements or changes they would like to be considered.

Revision of the General Plan for Auburn SRA is a two-year process. The plan will guide the long-term management of the SRA including the protection of natural and cultural resources, providing for and management of public use and recreation opportunities, identifying major public health and safety needs, and outlining the development of future

facilities. There will be many additional opportunities for the public to provide input during the planning process.

“Recreation use at Auburn (SRA) has grown tremendously over the past decade”, said State Park Superintendent Jay Galloway, “areas like the Confluence are packed during summer weekends and activities such as whitewater boating and mountain biking have really taken off in popularity”. The Superintendent noted, “As the whole array of uses at Auburn SRA increases, it is important to plan for the management of this use in a way that protects the important natural and cultural resources of the area. This plan will do that.”

With approximately 1 million visitors annually, Auburn SRA is one of the most popular units within the California State Park System. The Confluence of the North and Middle Fork of the American River, portions of the popular Western States Trail, as well as the Mammoth Bar OHV Park, and Lake Clementine are all part of the unit. The current General Plan for Auburn SRA was completed in 1978. An Interim Resource Management Plan for the area was completed in 1992.

Anyone interested in being added to the mailing list for updates on the plan can do so by sending their names and complete addresses to:

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c/o California State Parks
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| Interested parties may also e-mail their contact information to: jmiche@parks.ca.gov

Information on the Auburn SRA General Plan will also be posted on the California State Parks website at www.parks.ca.gov

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