



**DATE:** March 15, 2005

**To:** WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

**SUBJECT:** **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED LOS ANGELES STATE HISTORIC PARK GENERAL PLAN (CORNFIELD SITE)**

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has directed the preparation of and intends to adopt an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. DPR is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

**Project Location:** Proposed Los Angeles State Historic Park  
North Spring Street and Sotello, Los Angeles  
Los Angeles County, California

**Description of the Proposed Project:**

The Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks) proposes to adopt a General Plan and programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the proposed park. The following is a summary of the proposed project:

To meet requirements set forth in Section 5002.2 of the PRC and Section 4332 of Title 14 of the California Administration Code, California State Parks has prepared this General Plan for the proposed Los Angeles State Historic Park. The plan delineates a number of conceptual plan elements and establishes a set of goals and guidelines which will guide park management. These goals and guidelines address recreational, operational, interpretive, and resource management opportunities and constraints consistent with the classification of State Historic Park, as set forth in Section 5019.59 of the Public Resources Code and consistent with Department policies. The General Plan does not actually design or locate facilities, but instead establishes regions or activity areas that describe levels of acceptable facility development, and also provides goals and guidelines for the appropriate types, locations, and designs of facilities that may be proposed in the future. The State Parks *Mission* and Park Vision give insight into the Park purpose and future planning efforts. The General Plan also establishes the primary interpretive themes for programs and activities.

The Plan section of the General Plan includes proposed plan elements, park development and operations, and designates appropriate land uses. This section constitutes the project description.

- **Preferred Park Concept.** This concept (“Los Angeles Flow of History”) is intended to provide land-use strategies, arrangements, and treatments to create a park with a strong purpose and identity. See Section 4.4, Preferred Park Concept.
- **Goals and Guidelines.** Goals and guidelines to be applied to facility development, park maintenance and operations, resource protection, and interpretive services throughout the Park. This includes providing a range of experiences and educating the public about the

dynamic and inter-related purposes of the Park - cultural/historical, recreational, interpretive, and natural. See Section 4.5, Goals and Guidelines.

- **Potential Facilities.** The following are identified as facilities that could be developed with implementation of the General Plan: administrative offices; maintenance shop and vehicle, equipment, and materials storage; visitor center; facilities for interpretive program support, artifact conservation, visitor services, and volunteer support; indoor and outdoor gathering and educational spaces which may include plazas and interpretive exhibits; possible concessions; multiple-use trails; limited parking; informational signage; and recreational and open space elements such as outdoor lighting, picnic tables, shade structures, gardens, and natural habitat areas.

**Public Review Period:** The Preliminary General Plan/Draft EIR is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 45 days, beginning March 15, 2005. All comments regarding this environmental document may be submitted by regular mail, fax, or by e-mail. Submissions must be in writing and postmarked, or received by fax or email, no later than April 29, 2005. The originals of any faxed document must be received by regular mail within ten working days following the deadline for comments, along with proof of successful fax transmission.

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Southern Service Center  
California Department of Parks &  
Recreation  
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San Diego CA 92108

Central Library  
630 W. Fifth St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Chinatown Branch Library  
639 N. Hill St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Echo Park Branch Library  
1410 W. Temple St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90026

Lincoln Heights Branch Library  
2530 Workman St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90031

California State Parks Internet Website  
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Your views and comments on potential impacts of the project on the environment are welcomed.