State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

BUTANO STATE PARK

GENERAL PLAN
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the General Plan for Butano State Park. The Department of Parks and Recreation is the lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and pursuant to Section 15082 (CCR) of the State CEQA Guidelines and has prepared the Notice of Preparation (NOP). Your agency's comments are requested in connection with the scope and content of the environmental information germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

The project description, possible environmental impacts, and location are attached.

Your response must be sent to the address below not later than thirty (30) days after the receipt of this notice. We would appreciate the name of a contact person in your agency. If you have any questions, please call Terry Lee at (831) 657-6349.

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Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH # _____

Project Title: **Butano State Park General Plan**
Lead Agency: **Department of Parks and Recreation** Contact Person: **Terry Lee**
Street Address: **21 Lower Ragsdale Drive** Phone: **(831) 657-6349**
City: **Monterey** Zip: **93940** County: **Monterey**

Project Location:
County: **San Mateo** City/Nearest Community: **Half Moon Bay**
Cross Streets: **Highway 1** Zip Code: **94063** Total Acres; **4,198**
Assessor's Parcel No. _____ Section: **29** Twp. **08S** Range: **04W** Base: **Mt. Diablo**
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy **Highway 1** Waterways: **Berry, Butano, Fall, Gazos, Little Butano, W. Waddell**
Airports: **CDF Landing Strip** Railways: **None** Schools: **None**

Document Type:

CEQA:			**NEPA:**	**Other:**
☒ NOP	☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR		☐ NOI	☐ Joint Document
☐ Early Cons	(Prior SCH No.) _____		☐ EA	☐ Final Document
☐ Neg Dec	☐ Other _____		☐ Draft EIS	☐ Other _____
☐ Draft EIR			☐ FONSI	

Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update	☐ Specific Plan	☐ Rezone	☐ Annexation
☐ General Plan Amendment	☐ Master Plan	☐ Prezone	☐ Redevelopment
☐ General Plan Element	☐ Planned Unit Development	☐ Use Permit	☐ Coastal Permit
☐ Community Plan	☐ Site Plan	☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)	☐ Other _____

Development Type:

☐ Residential:	*Units* _____	*Acres* _____		☐ Water Facilities:	*Type* _____ *MGD* _____
☐ Office:	*Sq ft.* _____	*Acres* _____	*Employees* _____	☐ Transportation:	*Type* _____
☐ Commercial:	*Sq ft.* _____	*Acres* _____	*Employees* _____	☐ Mining:	*Mineral* _____
☐ Industrial:	*Sq ft.* _____	*Acres* _____	*Employees* _____	☐ Power:	*Type* _____ *Watts* _____
☐ Educational				☐ Waste Treatment:	*Type* _____
☐ Recreational				☐ Hazardous Waste:	*Type* _____
				☐ Other:	

Funding (approx.): Federal $ _____ State $**110,000** Total $ **110,000**

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual	☒ Flood Plain/Flooding	☐ Schools/Universities	☒ Water Quality
☒ Agricultural Land	☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard	☐ Septic Systems	☒ Water Supply/Groundwater
☒ Air Quality	☒ Geologic/Seismic	☐ Sewer Capacity	☒ Wetland/Riparian
☒ Archeological/Historical	☒ Minerals	☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading	☒ Wildlife
☒ Coastal Zone	☒ Noise	☐ Solid Waste	☒ Growth Inducing
☐ Drainage/Absorption	☐ Population/Housing Balance	☒ Toxic/Hazardous	☒ Landuse
☐ Economic/Jobs	☒ Public Services/Facilities	☒ Traffic/Circulation	☒ Cumulative Effects
☐ Fiscal	☒ Recreation/Parks	☒ Vegetation	☐ Other

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:
Butano State Park

Project Description:
The proposed project is the preparation of a General Plan for Butano State Park that will provide long-term guidelines for future proposed facilities, land use, resource management, operation, interpretation, and concession operations at the park. The General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report will be the first tier of environmental analysis. Future implementation of General Plan proposals may occur in phases as funding becomes available, and these proposals will be subject to additional project-specific environmental review.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

KEY
S = Document sent by lead agency
X = Document sent by SCH
* = Suggested distribution

__*__ **Resources Agency**

__*__ Boating & Waterways
__*__ Coastal Commission
__*__ **C**oastal Conservancy
_____ Colorado River Board
__*__ Conservation
__*__ Fish & Game
__*__ Forestry & Fire Protection
__*__ Office of Historic Preservation
_____ Parks & Recreation
_____ Reclamation Board
_____ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
__*__ Water Resources (DWR)

Business, Transportation & Housing

_____ Aeronautics
__*__ California Highway Patrol
__*__ CALTRANS District # _____
__*__ Department of Transportation Planning (headquarters)
_____ Housing & Community Development

_____ **Food & Agriculture**

Health & Welfare

_____ Health Services _____

State & Consumer Services

_____ General Services
_____ OLA (Schools)

Environmental Protection Agency

__*__ Air Resources Board
_____ California Waste Management Board
_____ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
_____ SWRCB: Delta Unit
_____ SWRCB: Water Quality
__*__ Regional WQCB #_____-_____ (_____)

Youth & Adult Corrections

_____ Corrections

_____ **Independent Commissions & Offices**

_____ Energy Commission
__*__ Native American Heritage Commission
_____ Public Utilities Commission
_____ Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
__*__ State Lands Commission
_____ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
_____ Other _____

Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date _____ Ending Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting firm: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: _____
Phone: ( )

Applicant: _____

City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: (____) _____

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Date to Agencies _____
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Clearance Date _____
Notes:

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is the Lead Agency under the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is considering the preparation of a program level (first tier) environmental document for the project identified below.

PROJECT TITLE:

Butano State Park General Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Report

PROJECT LOCATION:

Butano State Park is located in San Mateo County, approximately five miles east of Highway One, and approximately 15 miles southeast of Half Moon Bay. The park covers an area of approximately 3,733 acres (including 465 acres of the Gazos Creek Corridor to be transferred to State Parks ownership in November, 2003) and is located adjacent to Año Nuevo State Park and Big Basin Redwoods State Park.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The General Plan will provide long-term guidelines for future proposed facilities, land use, resource management, park operation, interpretation, and concession operations at Butano State Park. Specific development proposals or management plans are not part of the General Plan. This General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report is the first tier of environmental analysis. Future implementation of General Plan proposals may occur in phases as funding becomes available, and these proposals will be subject to additional project-specific environmental review.

The General Plan will be based upon the park's classification, Declaration of Purpose, and Vision, which will provide a context and direction for future park management and site specific planning and development. The plan will consider project alternatives and can recommend further studies for future development projects.

The General Plan will develop park-wide goals and guidelines and may also call for the preparation of management plans covering subjects such as natural resources and sensitive species, cultural resources, park recreation, interpretation, trails, regional influences, and visitor impacts.

The following are some of the primary planning issues anticipated in this process:

This planning effort will focus on the primary question of how do we meet increasing demands for public recreation at Butano State Park while also improving the protection, preservation, and management of the park's unique natural and cultural resources, and protect its special sense of place.

Regional influences and parks relationship with surrounding areas. Opportunities may exist to improve the park's ecological, biological, recreational, and educational relationships with neighboring lands, land-uses, landowners, jurisdictions, services, and facilities.

Growing demand for recreational opportunities and visitor experiences. Opportunities may exist to provide a diverse range of new facilities for day use and overnight camping experiences that include trails, hike-in, walk-in, and drive-in camping and a guided nature walk while protecting natural and cultural resources including preservation and enhancement of the rustic architecture of the Gazos Mountain Camp.

Visitor use impacts on resources. The General Plan will evaluate the impacts of existing and potential development and visitor use on sensitive resources and will initiate visitor capacity surveys for park planning zones.

Preservation and restoration of sensitive plants, animals, and their habitats in the park. The park provides habitat for a number of sensitive plant and animal species including the threatened marbled murrelet. Opportunities may exist to enhance habitats, restore populations, and protect other less sensitive species. This plan may expand the marbled murrelet management practices from Big Basin State Park, which include improving waste patrol and cleanup, minimizing disturbances during breeding season, restricting sales of items that encourage visitors to feed wildlife, and coordinating a Tree Hazard Program.

Invasive exotic plant and animal species management. Invasive exotic plant and animal species are negatively affecting the park's native plants, animals, and habitats. Guidelines are needed for long-term management of invasive species.

Transportation, circulation, and parking. Opportunities may exist to lessen traffic impacts on intrinsic park values and improve park entrances, circulation, and parking. Road and trail systems may need improvement to meet future park management and recreation needs.

Park interpretive and educational resources, programs, and facilities. Opportunities may exist to improve the park's interpretive and educational programs and facilities including interpretation of old growth redwood and Douglas fir forest areas and marbled murrelet conservation efforts.

Employee housing. Opportunities may exist to improve and/or increase employee housing.

POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

The EIR will analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed General Plan. Specific areas of analysis will include potential impacts to soils, water quality, wildlife and habitat, vegetation, aesthetics, cultural resources, and recreational opportunities at Butano State Park. Generally, long-term effects should be beneficial as resource management is implemented and development and intensive public use is located or redirected to less sensitive areas.

HOW TO COMMENT:

The comment period for the Notice of Preparation (NOP) will close 30 days after receipt of this notice. Please note that while the comment period for the NOP has a closing date, interested parties are encouraged to contact State Parks staff at any time during the process to receive an update of the process, ask questions, or share information.

Please send written responses to:

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GENERAL PLAN

ENVIRONMENTAL (INITIAL STUDY) CHECKLIST

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
I. AESTHETICS. Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	☐	☒	☐	☐
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	☐	☐	☐	☒
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?	☐	☒	☐	☐
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	☐	☒	☐	☐

COMMENTS:

The General Plan may include proposals for visitor facilities such as new structures, parking lots, camping and picnic areas, lighting, trails, etc. that may have the potential for adverse impacts to aesthetic resources depending on the siting and design of proposed facilities at the time such proposals are implemented. The potential for significant impacts to scenic vistas, the visual character, and nighttime views of the area as a result of implementing the proposed General Plan will be evaluated in the General Plan EIR. The General Plan will propose appropriate goals, guidelines, and necessary mitigation measures to address any significant impacts to aesthetic resources. Future implementation of General Plan proposals will occur in phases as funding becomes available, and these proposals will be subject to additional project-specific environmental review.

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II. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES.				
In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997), prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model for use in assessing impacts on agricultural and farmland.				
Would the project:				
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or	☐	☐	☐	☒

a Williamson Act contract?				
c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use?	☐	☐	☐	☒

COMMENTS:

According to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program and consultation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Butano State Park does not contain Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance and therefore, the project would not result in a conversion of or impact to agricultural resources. In addition, the area is not subject to a Williamson contract. Future implementation of General Plan proposals will occur in phases as funding becomes available, and these proposals will be subject to additional project-specific environmental review.

III. AIR QUALITY.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied on to make the following determinations.				
Would the project:				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan or regulation?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is in non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations (e.g., children, the elderly, individuals with compromised respiratory or immune systems)?	☐	☐	☐	☒
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	☐	☐	☐	☒

COMMENTS:

The General Plan may include proposals for visitor facilities such as new structures, parking lots, camping and picnic areas, lighting, trails, etc. that may have the potential for short-term impacts to air quality (e.g. fugitive dust, construction equipment emissions). Additionally, implementation of General Plan proposals may provide additional recreational opportunities that may increase visitation to the park, thus potentially increasing the local concentration of vehicle emissions. The potential for significant impacts to air quality as a result of implementation of the proposed General Plan will be evaluated in the General Plan EIR. The project will comply with all applicable air quality plans and/or regulations and the General Plan will propose appropriate goals, guidelines, and necessary mitigation measures to address any significant impacts to air quality. Future implementation of General Plan proposals will occur in phases as funding becomes available, and these proposals will be subject to additional project-specific environmental review.

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IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modification, on any species identified as a sensitive, candidate, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	☐	☒	☐	☐
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	☐	☒	☐	☐
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands, as defined by §404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	☐	☒	☐	☐
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	☐	☐	☒	☐
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	☐	☐	☐	☒
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?	☐	☐	☐	☒

COMMENTS:

Several sensitive species and habitats are known to occur within and adjacent to Butano State Park. The General Plan may include proposals for visitor facilities such as new structures, parking lots, camping and picnic areas, lighting, trails, etc. that may have the potential for adverse impacts to biological resources when such proposals are implemented. The potential for significant impacts to sensitive species, natural communities, wetlands, and migratory corridors and nursery sites as a result of implementing the proposed General Plan will be evaluated in the General Plan EIR. The General Plan will propose appropriate goals, guidelines, and necessary mitigation measures to address any significant impacts to biological resources. Future implementation of General Plan proposals will occur in phases as funding becomes available, and these proposals will be subject to additional project-specific environmental review.

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V. CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:				
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, as defined in §15064.5?	☐	☒	☐	☐
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource, pursuant to§15064.5?	☐	☒	☐	☐
c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	☐	☒	☐	☐

COMMENTS:

Butano State Park contains a variety of sensitive cultural resources. The General Plan may propose visitor facilities such as new structures, parking lots, camping and picnic areas, lighting, trails, etc. that may have the potential to adversely impact cultural resources at the time such proposals are implemented. The potential for significant impacts to historical and archaeological resources as a result of implementing the proposed General Plan will be evaluated in the General Plan EIR. The General Plan will propose appropriate goals, guidelines, and necessary mitigation measures to address any significant impacts to cultural resources. Future implementation of General Plan proposals will occur in phases as funding becomes available, and these proposals will be subject to additional project-specific environmental review.

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VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS. Would the project:				
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map, issued by the State Geologist for the area, or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? (Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.)	☐	☒	☐	☐
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	☐	☒	☐	☐
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	☐	☒	☐	☐
iv) Landslides?	☐	☒	☐	☐
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	☐	☒	☐	☐
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable, as a result of the project and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1997), creating substantial risks to life or property?	☐	☐	☒	☐

e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste disposal systems, where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?	☐	☒	☐	☐
f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site, or unique geologic feature?	☐	☐	☒	☐

COMMENTS:

Butano State Park is located in a seismically active zone, with numerous known faults in the vicinity. The General Plan may propose visitor facilities such as new structures, parking lots, camping and picnic areas, lighting, trails, etc. that may result in changes in site topography and soil disturbance that could potentially cause or contribute to erosion, unstable soil conditions, or geologic hazards. The potential for significant impacts from geologic hazards and soil conditions as a result of implementing the proposed General Plan will be evaluated in the General Plan EIR. The General Plan will propose appropriate goals, guidelines, and necessary mitigation measures to address any significant impacts from geologic hazards. Future implementation of General Plan proposals will occur in phases as funding becomes available, and these proposals will be subject to additional environmental review.

VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and/or accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials, substances, or waste into the environment?	☐	☒	☐	☐
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	☐	☐	☐	☒
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites, compiled pursuant to Government Code §65962.5, and, as a result, create a significant hazard to the public or environment?	☐	☐	☐	☒
e) Be located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport? If so, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	☐	☐	☐	☒
f) Be located in the vicinity of a private airstrip? If so, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	☐	☐	☐	☒
g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	☐	☐	☐	☒

h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death from wildland fires, including areas where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?	☐	☐	☐	☒

COMMENTS:

The proposed General Plan would not involve proposals resulting in the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials, impair or interfere with any emergency response plans, or create hazards to any school or public or private airstrip. In addition, the area is not particularly susceptible to the risk of wildland fire. The General Plan may include proposals for visitor facilities such as new structures, parking lots, camping and picnic areas, lighting, trails, etc. that may result in the potential accidental release of hazardous materials during construction (e.g. construction equipment fuel spill/release) at the time such proposals are implemented. The potential for significant impacts from hazardous materials as a result of implementing the proposed General Plan will be evaluated in the General Plan EIR and all regulations for hazardous material transport, use, and disposal will be adhered to. The General Plan will propose appropriate goals, guidelines, and necessary mitigation measures to address any significant impacts relating to hazards and hazardous materials. Future implementation of General Plan proposals will occur in phases as funding becomes available, and these proposals will be subject to additional project-specific environmental review.

VII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY.

Would the project:

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge, such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level that would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?	☐	☐	☐	☒
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial on- or off-site erosion or siltation?	☐	☒	☐	☐
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in on- or off-site flooding?	☐	☐	☒	☐
e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	☐	☒	☐	☐
f) Substantially degrade water quality?	☐	☒	☐	☐

g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area, as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map, or other flood hazard delineation map?	☐	☒	☐	☐
h) Place structures that would impede or redirect flood flows within a 100-year flood hazard area?	☐	☒	☐	☐
i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death from flooding, including flooding resulting from the failure of a levee or dam?	☐	☒	☐	☐
j) Result in inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?	☐	☐	☒	☐

COMMENTS:

The General Plan may propose visitor facilities such as new structures, parking lots, camping and picnic areas, lighting, trails, etc. that may have the potential to adversely impact water quality from both point and non-point sources. Butano State Park is located in an area mapped as having an undetermined but possible flood hazard (Zone D). The potential for significant impacts from flood hazards and impacts to water quality as a result of implementing the proposed General Plan will be evaluated in the General Plan EIR. The General Plan will propose appropriate goals, guidelines, and necessary mitigation measures to address any significant impacts to water quality, drainage patterns, stormwater runoff, and significant impacts from potential flood and other inundation hazards. Future implementation of General Plan proposals will occur in phases as funding becomes available, and these proposals will be subject to additional project-specific environmental review.

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IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project:				
a) Physically divide an established community?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Conflict with the applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of any agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to, a general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?	☐	☐	☐	☒

COMMENTS:

The proposed project will produce a General Plan for Butano State Park that will provide a long-term outline and guidelines for future proposed facilities, land use, resource management, interpretation, and concession operations at the park. The proposals in the General Plan will be compatible with state, regional, and local land use regulations, policies, and consistency with existing planning documents will be addressed in the General Plan EIR. The implementation of General Plan proposals will occur in phases as funding becomes available, and these proposals will be subject to additional project-specific environmental review.

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X. MINERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:				
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that is or would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?	☐	☐	☐	☒

COMMENTS:

Butano State Park is not known to contain any significant mineral resources and therefore, the project would not result in significant impacts to mineral resources of state or local importance. The implementation of General Plan proposals will occur in phases as funding becomes available, and these proposals will be subject to additional project-specific environmental review.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
XI. NOISE. Would the project:				
a) Generate or expose people to noise levels in excess of standards established in a local general plan or noise ordinance, or in other applicable local, state, or federal standards?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Generate or expose people to excessive groundborne vibrations or groundborne noise levels?	☐	☐	☐	☒
c) Create a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project (above levels without the project)?	☐	☐	☒	☐
d) Create a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project, in excess of noise levels existing without the project?	☐	☒	☐	☐
e) Be located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport? If so, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	☐	☐	☐	☒
f) Be in the vicinity of a private airstrip? If so, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	☐	☐	☐	☒

COMMENTS:

The General Plan may propose visitor facilities such as new structures, parking lots, camping and picnic areas, lighting, trails, etc. that may have the potential to result in increased noise levels associated with visitor use. In addition, the operation of construction equipment during any proposed future construction projects may temporarily increase noise levels at the park. The potential for significant impacts from increased noise levels as a result of implementing the proposed General Plan will be evaluated in the General Plan EIR. The General Plan will propose appropriate goals, guidelines, and necessary mitigation measures to address any significant impacts from increased noise levels. The implementation of General Plan proposals will occur in phases as funding becomes available, and these proposals will be subject to additional project-specific environmental review.

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XII. PUBLIC SERVICES. Would the project:				
a) Result in significant environmental impacts from construction associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, or the need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the public services:	☐	☐	☐	☒
Fire protection?	☐	☐	☐	☒
Police protection?	☐	☐	☐	☒
Schools?	☐	☐	☐	☒
Parks?	☐	☐	☐	☒
Other public facilities?	☐	☐	☐	☒

COMMENTS:

The proposed project will produce a General Plan for Butano State Park that will provide a long-term outline and guidelines for future proposed facilities, land use, resource management, interpretation, and concession operations at the park. The proposals in the General Plan will not result in a significant increased demand on public services. The implementation of General Plan proposals will occur in phases as funding becomes available, and these proposals will be subject to additional project-specific environmental review.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
XIV. RECREATION. Would the project:				
a) Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities, such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	☐	☐	☒	☐
b) Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	☐	☒	☐	☐

COMMENTS:

The proposed project will produce a General Plan for Butano State Park that will provide guidelines for future land use and development of the park and may include proposals for visitor facilities such as new structures, parking lots, camping and picnic areas, lighting, trails, etc. that may have the potential for adverse environmental impacts. The potential for significant adverse physical effects on the environment as a result of implementing the proposed General Plan will be evaluated in the General Plan EIR. The General Plan will propose appropriate goals, guidelines, and necessary mitigation measures to address any significant environmental impacts. Future implementation of General Plan proposals will occur in phases as funding becomes available, and these proposals will be subject to additional project-specific environmental review.

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XV. TRANSPORATION/TRAFFIC. Would the project:				
a) Cause a substantial increase in traffic, in relation to existing traffic and the capacity of the street system (i.e., a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?	☐	☒	☐	☐
b) Exceed, individually or cumulatively, the level of service standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	☐	☐	☒	☐
c) Cause a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location, that results in substantial safety risks?	☐	☐	☐	☒
d) Contain a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or a dangerous intersection) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment) that would substantially increase hazards?	☐	☐	☐	☒
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?	☐	☐	☐	☒
f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?	☐	☐	☒	☐
g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?	☐	☐	☐	☒

COMMENTS:

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	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS.				
Would the project:				
a) Exceed wastewater treatment restrictions or standards of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?	☐	☐	☐	☒
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities?	☐	☒	☐	☐
Would the construction of these facilities cause significant environmental effects?	☐	☒	☐	☐
c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities?	☐	☐	☒	☐
Would the construction of these facilities cause significant environmental effects?	☐	☒	☐	☐
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	☐	☒	☐	☐
e) Result in a determination, by the wastewater treatment provider that serves or may serve the project, that it has adequate capacity to service the project's anticipated demand, in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	☐	☐	☒	☐
f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?	☐	☐	☒	☐
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations as they relate to solid waste?	☐	☐	☐	☒

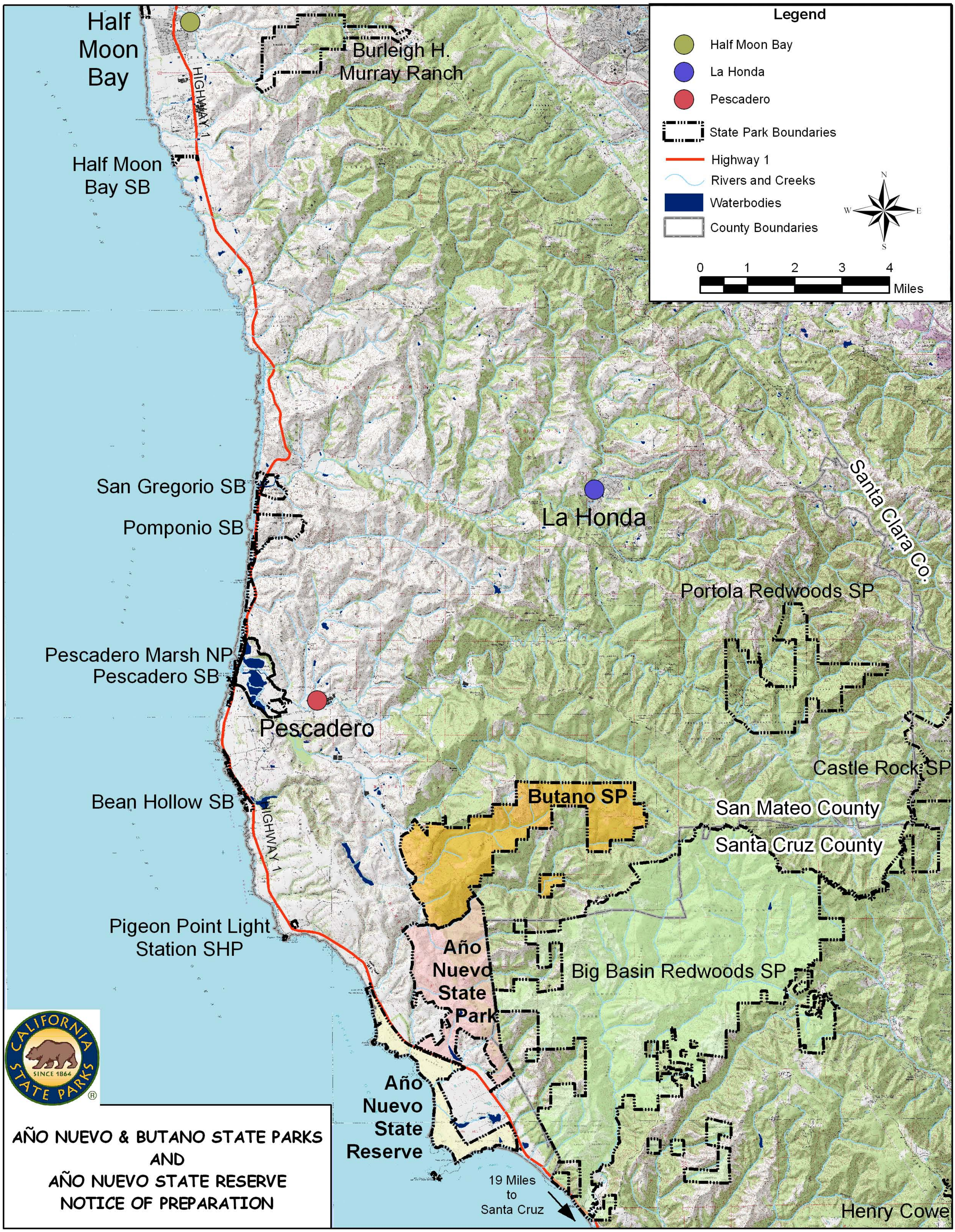
COMMENTS:

The proposed project will produce a General Plan for Butano State Park that will provide guidelines for future land use and development of the park and may include proposals for visitor facilities such as new structures, parking lots, camping and picnic areas, lighting, trails, etc. that may require the need for new or expanded utilities and services. The construction or expansion of new water or wastewater treatment facilities, storm water drainage facilities, and solid waste disposal facilities will comply with all applicable regulations and policies with regard to water quality and solid waste. The potential for significant impacts the construction or expansion of utilities and services as a result of implementing the proposed General Plan will be evaluated in the General Plan EIR. In addition, the General Plan will propose appropriate goals, guidelines, and necessary mitigation measures to address any significant environmental impacts. Future implementation of General Plan proposals will occur in phases as funding becomes available, and these proposals will be subject to additional project-specific environmental review.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE.				
Would the project:				
a) Have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment?	☐	☒	☐	☐
b) Have the potential to substantially reduce the habitat of any fish or wildlife species?	☐	☒	☐	☐
c) Have the potential to cause any fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels?	☐	☒	☐	☐
d) Have the potential to threaten or eliminate any plant or animal community?	☐	☒	☐	☐
e) Have the potential to reduce the number or restrict the range of any rare, protected, special, or endangered plant or animal?	☐	☒	☐	☐
f) Have the potential to eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	☐	☒	☐	☐
g) Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, other current projects, and probably future projects?)	☐	☒	☐	☐
h) Have environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on humans, either directly or indirectly?	☐	☒	☐	☐

COMMENTS:

The proposed project will produce a General Plan for Butano State Park that will provide guidelines for future land use and development of the park and may include proposals for visitor facilities such as new structures, parking lots, camping and picnic areas, lighting, trails, etc. The implementation of the General Plan may have the potential to result in significant adverse impacts to biological and cultural resources. In addition, potential increases in traffic, noise, alteration of existing viewsheds, and potential seismic and flooding hazards may result in potential adverse effects on humans either directly or indirectly. The potential impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, and potential impacts to humans as a result of implementing the proposed General Plan and necessary mitigation measures will be addressed in the General Plan EIR. Furthermore, it is possible that the impacts of implementing the proposed General Plan will combine with impacts associated with development occurring in surrounding areas to create significant cumulative impacts. An assessment of the cumulative impacts of the proposed General Plan and adjacent jurisdictions will be conducted and mitigation measures will be identified in the General Plan EIR to reduce and/or eliminate potentially significant cumulative impacts.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