

March 16, 2005

All Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Persons

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
RIO DE LOS ANGELES STATE PARK PRELIMINARY GENERAL PLAN
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) for the Rio de Los Angeles State Park Preliminary General Plan (General Plan). The Department is the lead agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document.

Project Location:

Rio de Los Angeles State Park (Park) is located in northeast Los Angeles, approximately 2.5 miles north of downtown Los Angeles. The Park is located next to the former Southern Pacific Rail Yard called the Taylor Yard complex, between the Elysian Park Hills on the southwest and the Repetto Hills to the northeast. It is physically bounded to the north by State Route 2 (SR 2), on the east by San Fernando Road, on the south by Interstate 5 (I-5), and on the west by the Los Angeles River.

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to develop a General Plan for the new State Park. The General Plan contains a comprehensive and cohesive set of goals and guidelines for the long-term direction of the Park. The General Plan proposes a variety of traditional passive park uses such as habitat restoration, multi-purpose trails, special event areas, nature center, gardens, picnic areas, and other compatible uses. Interpretive and educational programs would be developed on both parcels focusing on the site's natural history and the nearby Los Angeles River. Transitional open space zones are provided to buffer the park from the adjacent City park uses and trail connections are provided to connect the park to other regional open space and recreational areas.

Summary of Impacts:

The EIR analyzes a program-level analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with the Preliminary General Plan. No significant environmental impacts would occur as a result of the proposed project.

Public Comment Period:

The 45-day public comment period for this Draft EIR will commence on March 16, 2005 and conclude on April 30, 2005. Copies of the Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR will be available at Assemblymember Goldberg, 106 North Avenue 56, Los Angeles, CA 90042, Councilmember Ed Reyes, 200 N. Spring Street rm.410, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Congressman Becerra, 1910 West Sunset Suite 560, Los Angeles, CA 90026, State Senator Scott, 215 North Morengo Ave #185, Pasadena CA 91101, State Senator Cedillo, 617 South Olive St Suite 710, Los Angeles CA 90014, Chinatown Library, 639 N Hill St, Los Angeles, CA, Chinatown Service Center, 727 N Broadway, Los Angeles, CA, Castelar Elementary, 840 Yale St, Los Angeles, CA Solono Elementary, 615 Solano Ave., Los Angeles, CA, Cathedral High School, 1253 Bishops Rd., Los Angeles, CA, Cypress Park Library, 1150 Cypress Ave, Los Angeles, CA, Cypress Park Community Center, 929 Cypress Ave., Los Angeles, CA, Lincoln Heights Senior Citizen Center, 2323 Workman St., Los Angeles, CA, Edendale Library, 2011 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA Please submit comments in writing to the address provided below. Comment letters must be postmarked by April 30, 2005.

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