



Kings Beach State Recreation Area General Plan and Pier Rebuild Project | January 2017



The Kings Beach SRA Preferred Alternative Site Design is Ready for Review!

Come to the next public meeting to learn about the preferred alternative proposed for the Kings Beach State Recreation Area (KBSRA) General Plan (GP) and Pier Rebuild Project. The California State Parks and the Tahoe Conservancy joint planning team will give a presentation on the preferred alternative site design and provide opportunities for you to ask questions and provide feedback.

The preferred alternative reflects California State Parks and the Tahoe Conservancy's proposed approach to renovate KBSRA over the next 20 years or more. Thank you to everyone who participated in the September 2016 public workshop, submitted comments, or completed the online survey on the conceptual alternatives. The planning team reviewed all feedback in depth and analyzed many factors to develop the preferred alternative site design. A summary of input received to date can be found at www.parks.ca.gov/PlanKBSRA.



February 2, 2017 | 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
North Tahoe Event Center
8318 North Lake Boulevard
Kings Beach, CA 96143

If you need special accommodations, please call Marilyn at 530.525.9523.

If you cannot attend the meeting, you are encouraged to provide written comments by February 15, 2017:

- By regular mail to the address listed on the back of this newsletter
- By email at plan.general@parks.ca.gov.
- Using our online planning forum at www.parks.ca.gov/PlanKBSRA where you can learn more about the preferred alternative site design through interactive exhibits.

Please forward this newsletter to others who may be interested.



Proposed Promenade



September 2016 public workshop



Key Features of the Preferred Alternative Site Design

Elements of the Preferred Alternative Site Design include:

1. Expanded gathering areas and pedestrian improvements near the North Tahoe Event Center
2. A non-motorized promenade, or shared-use pathway, above the beach, including lake view overlooks with interpretive features
3. A multi-purpose lawn and event space for concerts, events, games, and picnics
4. A relocated basketball court away from the lake to allow more picnic space along the lake edge, and an interpretive nature play area with Tahoe-themed elements and structures
5. More efficient parking lots and reducing the number of parking spaces by about 12%, will provide more space for recreation activities
6. Human-powered watercraft improvements, including new access points and on-site storage for kayaks and paddleboards
7. A multi-use pier to increase access for beach users and provide a universally-accessible landing for motorized and human-powered watercraft

Other elements include expanded restrooms, space for a potential ice skating rink, interpretive features, natural landscaping, and a group picnic pavilion.

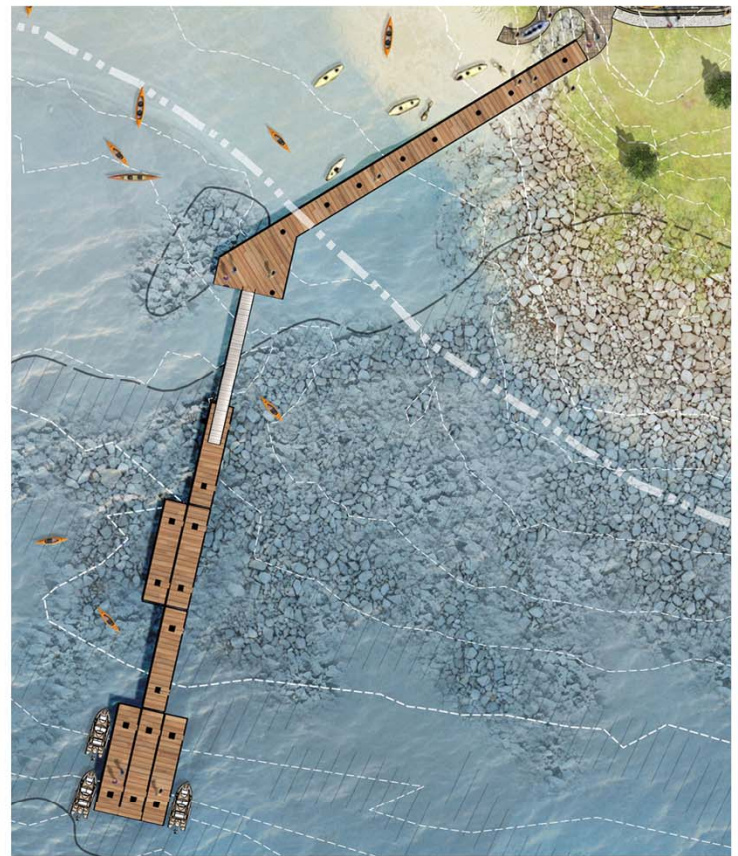
What Happens to the Boat Ramp?

Boating access to Lake Tahoe will continue through enhancing facilities for human-powered boating. The existing boat ramp at Coon Street would be replaced with a small ramp for hand-carried watercraft access. Due to the area's shallow lake bed, low water conditions have forced closure of the boat ramp often in the past 20 years. Trailer boat launching has not been available since 2012, and since 2008 the boat ramp has been closed 75% of the time. Climate models suggest future periods of extended low lake levels, making the boat ramp even less functional in the future. Also, since the last time the ramp was functional, community redevelopment has changed the character of the area and severely limited overflow trailer parking opportunities, limiting the ramp's effective capacity. Other public boat launching facilities are as close as 1 mile from KBSRA, including the Tahoe Vista Recreation Area, Lake Forest Beach, and Sand Harbor. The Coon Street lake access point will:

- focus on human-powered boating, a rapidly growing activity which is better suited to shallow water site conditions
- provide an easy access point for kayaks, paddleboards and other hand-carried watercraft directly adjacent to parking and drop-off areas
- avoid boat trailer overflow parking in neighborhoods
- eliminate the need for continuous boat inspection staffing to meet invasive species prevention requirements



2015 boat ramp conditions



Proposed rebuilt pier

The Pier Rebuilt Project

The site design relocates the existing 200-foot long central pier to the eastern side of KBSRA near the end of Coon Street. The rebuilt multi-use pier would be 488 feet long with a fixed and a floating section. The pier design would provide recreational access for beach users and a universally-accessible landing for motorized and human-powered watercraft that can be used when lake levels are low. It would also avoid conflicts with swimmers by providing a watercraft landing in deeper waters. The pier location was selected because it:

- provides direct pedestrian access to the heart of Kings Beach at Coon Street
- would minimize navigation barriers for paddlers traveling along the shore by allowing the shortest pier option (West and Central piers must be about 600 feet long to reach navigable depth)
- opens up the main beach area
- minimizes impacts to lake and mountain views from the beach

Boat ramp removal helps offset impacts to the pier being installed in fish habitat.

Ways to Stay Involved

Join the contact list: Throughout the planning and environmental review process, we will email updates on project status. If you did not receive this newsletter by email, please email plan.general@parks.ca.gov and ask to be added to the mailing list.

Visit our website: Information about the planning process is regularly updated and available online at: www.parks.ca.gov/PlanKBSRA.

Next Steps

The planning team will prepare the Preliminary General Plan (GP) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). An EIR and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared for the Pier Rebuild Project. These documents are expected to be released for the formal comment period in summer 2017, and presented at public meetings. Updates regarding the document release date and public input opportunities will be provided on the project website and via email to those on the project contact list, so stay tuned!

Project Timeline



Kings Beach State Recreation Area

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