



Carmel Area State Parks General Plan/EIR

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Newsletter 1



Planning for the Future

California State Parks is preparing a General Plan for four State-owned properties in the Carmel area including Point Lobos State Natural Reserve and Carmel River State Beach, both of which are classified State Park units; and two unclassified properties commonly known as Point Lobos Ranch and Hatton Canyon. The General Plan will define the purpose and vision for the four properties and address appropriate land use, circulation and facility development, natural and cultural resource management, and interpretation. The General Plan is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be developed concurrently with the General Plan.

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the General Plan/EIR was filed with the State Clearinghouse on April 4, 2012. The NOP can be viewed on the project website at the link provided inside this newsletter.

State Parks is looking to you to share your ideas and participate in one of the many opportunities to plan the future of these unique properties. Please review this newsletter to find out how you can contribute and get involved in the planning of these properties.



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TIMELINE OF PLANNING PROCESS AT A GLANCE

Spring 2012	Spring/ Summer 2012	Summer/ Fall 2012	Fall 2012/ Summer 2013	Fall 2013	Spring 2014
Identify Issues and Concerns	Planning Goals, Issues, and Vision	Develop and Evaluate General Plan Alternatives	Prepare Draft General Plan and Draft EIR	Public Review Period for Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR	Final General Plan and EIR, Agency Approval
Public Workshop Number 1 (scoping meeting)		Public Workshop Number 2 (input on alternatives)	Public Workshop Number 3 (preferred alternative)		Commission Hearing

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Old Veteran Cypress - Point Lobos State Natural Reserve

Reflection

*I like the way the sunlight
reflects off the blue green sea
the way the rocky cliff
holds the twisted Cypress tree
the way the seals and otters
sometime stop, and look at me
and wonder how and why
this ever came to be
reflecting on the future
that holds wonders yet to see.*

— Fred R. Brown
Docent

Point Lobos State Natural Reserve

Partners in Planning – The Community and California State Parks

Planning the future of the Carmel Area State Parks is a shared responsibility. Your participation will help us ensure that the General Plan is founded on the best possible information and will take the ideas and desires of the community into consideration. We hope you will take some time to become involved in this exciting and worthwhile effort.



The General Plan Process

The development of the General Plan will include documentation of existing conditions and the development of alternatives for future management. Along with the General Plan we will prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) analyzing the potential impacts of implementation of the General Plan. The planning process will include an extensive public outreach component, during which we will seek community and agency input on an ongoing basis. If you have knowledge of the properties' unique resources or concerns about their protection, please let us know. We hope to hear from you. A series of public workshops will be held in the community during development of the General Plan. A preliminary timeline for the planning process is provided in this newsletter.

How Can You Get Involved and Stay Connected?

There are several easy ways for you to participate:

- ▶ **Get on the mailing list:** Throughout the planning process we will publish a series of newsletters informing you of ongoing work, alternatives being considered in the General Plan, and general progress of the planning process. If you did not receive this newsletter by email/mail, please contact the address provided in this newsletter and ask to be added to the mailing list.
- ▶ **Visit our website:** Information pertaining to the planning process can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.parks.ca.gov/casppg>
- ▶ **Attend the public planning workshops:** We will host a series of public workshops during the development of the General Plan. The first public workshop and scoping meeting for the EIR will be held on:

Wednesday, April 18, 2012
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
at the
Rancho Cañada Golf Club
4860 Carmel Valley Road
Carmel, CA 93923

During this workshop we will be seeking input from you or your agency or organization early in the planning process. The workshop will be an open house format with a short introductory presentation at the beginning. You are welcome to come or leave at any time. This is a forum to discuss ideas, identify concerns, and get suggestions for park management and enhancement early in the planning process. Future workshops will discuss planning alternatives and present the final plan to the public.

Please join us!

