



STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

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STAFF REPORT: Planning Update

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SUBJECT: Update of Department's Planning Efforts

Summary

This Staff Report provides an update on current planning efforts and includes the Path Forward Strategic Plan, pending general plans, potential classification of park properties, and efforts to intertwine climate change considerations into planning processes.

Discussion

The Path Forward Strategic Plan

The Path Forward Strategic Plan is on track for release this summer. The document is in the final stages of editing with input from the Commissioners and employees through a successful engagement process. The Communications plan and launch plan are being developed to support the release of the final version.

The Implementation Committee has been hard at work developing a process to achieve the goals and objectives laid out in the Path Forward plan. Ongoing, resourced projects will continue along with first year priority projects that have been identified as meeting one or more of the following criteria:

1. Foundational to the success of Path Forward systemically as a whole.
2. Sets the trajectory of the Path Forward fundamental principles that incorporate Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, access for all, and partner collaboration.
3. Contributes to the success of other individual projects.

The Implementation Committee continues to meet regularly to develop the five year implementation and monitoring efforts.

SPR Commission General Plan Developments

The following are general planning efforts that are under the purview of the State Park and Recreation Commission

Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan:

The Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan team is preparing the Preliminary Draft General Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report for public review this summer. To better prepare the Commission's consideration of this plan, the Commission's meeting in October will include a tour of Red Rock Canyon State Park. As there is a nexus to OHV activities at this park, it is suggested to coordinate the next commission meeting tour to include the OHMVR Commission. The Final General Plan and EIR are anticipated to be brought in front of the State Park and Recreation Commission for review and approval in the fall/winter of 2022.

Potential Classification of State Park Properties

The SPRSD will be working with the Planning and Acquisition Committee on prioritizing a few major park properties for classification by the SPRC. The Alameda and Tesla Expansion area will be evaluated to identify an appropriate State Park classification. The future classification and planning effort for this property will be under the purview of the State Park and Recreation Commission.

Five additional classifications available to State Park System units were created by the Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act of 2000 as identified in PRC sections 5019.80. In 2010, our first State Marine Park (Cambria SMP) was classified. There were also two properties, Albany SMR and Emeryville Crescent SMR, which are marine protected areas, were classified by the State Park and Recreation Commission. These two properties have not yet received the necessary concurrent approval of the State Fish and Game Commission. The planning team would like to work with the Commission to request the attention of the State Fish and Game Commission for the finalization of these classifications.

Commission Action

For review and comment