



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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MEETING AGENDA
STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

June 22, 2023
9:00 AM

Irvine Marriott
18000 Von Karman Ave
Irvine, CA 92612

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- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
 - II. AGENDA MANAGEMENT** ⁽¹⁾ ^(2a) ^(2c)
 - III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
 - IV. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
 - V. CHAIR'S REPORT**
 - VI. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**
 - VII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - VIII. BLACK MINER'S BAR UPDATE**
 - IX. ORANGE COAST DISTRICT OVERVIEW**
 - X. UPDATE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL PLANNING EFFORTS**
 - XI. ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a. Update on Golden Bear Award process and Action to approve the 2022 Golden Bear Awardees
 - b. Action to approve the 2022 State Park and Recreation Commission's Annual Report to the Governor
 - XII. CONSENT ITEMS:**
 - a. **CONCESSION AGREEMENTS**
 - i. Marina at Folsom Lake State Recreation Area
 - b. **MEMORIAL GROVE RESOLUTIONS**
 - i. Shanbrom Family Grove
 - ii. Thomas S. Hector-Rosen Memorial Grove
 - iii. The Brandenburg Family Grove
 - iv. The Brandenburg Memorial Grove
 - v. The Barthold Memorial Grove

XIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

(1) **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Unless the agenda is revised by majority vote, the commission will proceed through the agenda in order until the agenda is completed. ***The Commission may take action following presentation, public comment, and Commission discussion of those matters listed on the agenda. [Gov. Code §§ 11122, 11125 (a) and (b)].*** The commission may take a lunch break at the Chair's discretion (approximately 12:00 p.m.).

(2) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- (a) Public comment for agenda items: The Chair will entertain public comment as the Commission takes up agenda items. Those individuals wishing to comment on agenda items should use the "raise hand" feature on Zoom or complete the green *Public Comment – Agenda Items* form and submit it to the commission's recording secretary. Comments will be limited to two (2) minutes.
- (b) Public comment for non-agenda items: Those persons wishing to address the commission for non-agenda items during the public comment period should use the "raise hand" feature in Zoom or complete the blue *Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items* form and submit it to the commission's recording secretary. Comments will be limited to two (2) minutes.
- (c) Written materials: Members of the public presenting written or graphic materials as part of their public comments to the commission are requested to submit material(s) to commission staff at SPR.Commission@parks.ca.gov no later than June 15, 2023, five (5) business days prior to the scheduled meeting date.

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(3) **CONSENT ITEMS**

The Commission may approve consent items all at once without public comment or discussion. Any person attending in person that requests an opportunity to speak on consent items shall inform the Commission prior to the announcement of the Consent Items. Any person attending remotely that requests an opportunity to speak on consent items must use the "raise hand" feature on Zoom prior to the announcement of Consent Items. If any such requests are made, the item(s) in question shall be pulled from the consent list for discussion and/or public comment.



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TOUR AND MEETING NOTICE
STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
June 21 and June 22, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Park and Recreation Commission, pursuant to authority contained in Sections 539, 5002.3, 5019.50, 5080.20 et al. of the Public Resources Code and Section 11120 et seq. of the Government Code, and other applicable law, will conduct a tour on June 21 and will meet on June 22 according to the following schedule:

Commission Tour:

Wednesday, June 21, 2023
10:30 a.m. – early afternoon

Bolsa Chica State Beach
17851 East Pacific Coast Hwy
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

Tour Information: The tour is open to the public and will begin at approximately 10:30am on Wednesday, June 21 at Bolsa Chica State Beach (first stop of the tour). The tour group will explore various locations within the Orange Coast District which include Bolsa Chica State Beach, Huntington State Beach, and other park units and facilities. Fees will be waived upon entry. Participants must find their own transportation to each venue. The tour is expected to last approximately 5-6 hours. Lunch is expected to occur at approximately 12:00pm and tour participants are responsible for bringing or purchasing their own food, water, and supplies. Participants should also consider wearing appropriate clothing and footwear suitable for the walking portion of the tour. Comfortable hiking boots or running shoes, sunscreen, hats, and sunglasses are recommended.

Note: While it is not required, commission staff requests that all participants RSVP at (916) 902-8651 or SPR.Commission@parks.ca.gov so that an estimated attendance can be recorded. Participants that do not RSVP are still permitted to attend the tour.

Commission Meeting:

Thursday, June 22, 2023
9:00 a.m. – until adjournment

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NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the agenda for the Commission is posted on the [State Park and Recreation Commission](#) webpage. If individuals are unable to obtain information through this source, please contact the State Park and Recreation Division via email at SPR.Commission@parks.ca.gov. Referenced materials may undergo modification and will be available to the public as changes are made.

Meeting facilities are accessible to people with disabilities. If you require additional accommodation, please contact the State Park and Recreation Division using the contact information at the bottom of this page.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that any person may file a written statement on the proposed actions by writing to the State Park and Recreation Commission or may present written statements at the meeting on June 22, 2023. ***Any person handing out written materials to the State Park and Recreation Commission shall provide the Recording Secretary with fourteen (14) copies. Members of the public presenting visual aids (projected media) as part of their public comments to the Commission are requested to submit the material(s) to the State Park and Recreation Commission five (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting. The State Park and Recreation Commission and the State Park and Recreation Division reserve the right to decline showing photographs that violate personal privacy (photos without a release from the person/people shown in the photograph) or other valid reason in the opinion of the Division and its legal counsel.*** Inquiries may be directed to the State Park and Recreation Division using the contact information provided below.

Contact Information

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NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Commission meeting will be live webcast with archived video provided after the meeting at www.cal-span.org.



STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Irvine, CA
June 22, 2023

STAFF REPORT: Black Miners Bar Day Use Area Renaming Update

STAFF: Leslie Hartzell, Chief, Cultural Resources Division

SUBJECT: Reexamining Our Past Initiative:
African American History & Engagement Project

OBJECTIVE

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) provides an update for the State Park and Recreation Commission (SPRC) on the additional research underway for Black Miners Bar Day Use Area at Folsom Lake State Recreation Area.

DESCRIPTION

Since last June's 2022, unanimous decision by the commission to rename the day use area at Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, DPR collaborated with the California African American Museum (CAAM) in developing the African American History & Engagement (AAH&E) project proposal which the legislature approved \$15M in one-time general funds for in the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget for this five-year project. The project supports not only the requested additional research and community engagement at Black Miners Bar but also over two dozen other important Black and African American historic sites across the state park system. In March 2023, DPR and CAAM signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and are now finalizing an Interagency Agreement for the AAH&E project. CAAM's history curator and program manager Susan D Anderson is serving as the principal investigator for the project team and project management support is being provided by DPR consultant, PlaceWorks.

The first parks include Black Miners Bar at Folsom Lake State Recreation Area, Candlestick State Park, Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park, Columbia State Historic Park, Fort Ord Dunes State Park, Angel Island, and Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. Beginning in July 2023, Milman F Harrison, PhD, UC Davis Professor of African American and African Studies will lead the team developing the research report on African Americans in the gold rush centered on Black Miners Bar and the surrounding region. Other researchers are identified to lead research at each of the other parks. The curatorial process being used to create

the interpretation, exhibition, educational and training for each historic site also will be illustrated with example from projects that have used this methodology successfully.

ATTACHMENTS

N/A



STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Irvine, CA
June 22, 2023

STAFF REPORT: Orange Coast District Overview

STAFF: Kevin Pearsall, Orange Coast District Superintendent

SUBJECT: Overview of the Orange Coast District Programs and Operations

OBJECTIVE

Kevin Pearsall, Orange Coast District Superintendent, plans to provide a brief overview for commissioners and the public regarding the recent updates, events, and information pertaining to the district. Highlights from the commission tour will also be discussed.

INTRODUCTION

The Orange Coast District is divided into 3 Sectors with a total of 7 State Beaches with one unit managed by a partner. With over 6,000 acres, services provided include beach access, camping, trails, and group and family picnic sites. The district also hosts a variety of programs, including Junior Lifeguard Program, surf camps, beach clean ups, and volleyball youth camps and tournaments.

DESCRIPTION

Winter Storm Damage

This past winter created some unique and drastic storms that affected the entire coastline of California. The Orange Coast District coastal units were not left out of the experience. Ocean high tide levels inundated areas of coastal units that had not seen sea water in years or ever.

Bolsa Chica State Beach and El Moro Beach in Crystal Cove State Park saw tides collapse roadways and remove access roads. Responding quickly and collaboratively to mitigate the storm damage, staff from the district, the department, Cal-Trans, and the Coastal Commission, all helped to make the damaged areas safe and open to visitors. Visitation is back in full swing.

Program Updates

Orange Coast Parks are some of the most visited parks, offering the best recreational programming in the department.

The Junior Lifeguard program, consisting of five beach locations with over 5000 participants ages 7-15 years old. It's anticipated to grow to over 6000 children by 2025. It is the largest and most successful programming in the department.

The district hosts over 75 beach volleyball courts. In 2022, sixty-eight volleyball organizations were permitted through the districts special events and offices to hold youth camps and tournaments. It is the largest and most successful programming in the department.

The Coast of Orange County is known as the surfing capital of California. Just over 10,000 visitors participate in surf camps and clinics through the district's beaches. It is the largest and most successful programming in the department.

Interpretive and volunteer beach clean ups have become a great environmental and volunteer educational awareness experience for school children and corporations. Many non-profit organizations and partnerships as well as State Park staff have made a human error a positive contributing experience for all. We host over 500 beach cleans annually with the Orange Coast District... one more time, the largest and most successful programming within the department.

ATTACHMENTS

Orange Coast District Fact Sheet

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[Orange Coast District](#) webpage

Orange Coast District Fact Sheet

North Sector

- 2 Park Units
 - Bolsa Chica SB (~165 acres)
 - **Popular site and/or concession – known as “Tin Can Beach” – popular for surfing, beach bonfires, surf fishing, and wildlife viewing.**
 - Year acquired in 1960
 - RV Hookup Campsite only (59 sites)
 - Day-use Group Picnics (5 sites/1,000 capacity)
 - Bike/Pedestrian Trail (1 - 5.2-mile trail)
 - Huntington SB (~121 acres)
 - **Popular site and/or concession – surfing, swimming, birdwatching, fishing, and bonfires. Day-use only.**
 - Established in 1942
 - Day-use Family Picnics (6 sites/60 capacity)
 - Bike/Pedestrian Trail (1 – 2.1-mile trail)

Central Sector

- 2 Park Units
 - Corona de Mar SB (~30 acres)
 - Managed by the City of Newport Beach
 - **Popular site and/or concession – surfing, swimming, birdwatching, and fishing. Day-use only.**
 - Year acquired in 1947
 - Day-use Family Picnics (5 sites/40 capacity)
 - Bike/Pedestrian Trail (1 – 0.1-mile trail)
 - Pedestrian Trails (2 – 0.1-mile trail total)
 - Crystal Cove SB (~3,310 acres)
 - **Popular site and/or concession – tidepools, scuba diving, mountain biking, shopping in Historic District**
 - Year acquired in 1979
 - 30 developed camp sites
 - 28 RV Hookup camp sites
 - 32 Environmental/Trail camp sites
 - 24 Cottages (overnight use)
 - Day-use Family Picnics (1 site/160 capacity)
 - Day-use Group Picnics (3 sites/225 capacity)
 - Multiple use trails (10 – 20-mile total)
 - Bike/Pedestrian Trail (3 – 3-mile trail total)
 - Pedestrian Trails (1 – 2.5-mile trail total)
 - Primitive Trails (10 – 13-mile trail total)

South Sector

- 3 Park Units
 - Doheny SB (~254 acres)
 - **Popular site and/or concession – day use surfing, picnic facilities, volleyball courts, tide pools and aquariums.**
 - Year acquired in 1931, and California's first state beach
 - 8 developed camp sites
 - 1 Hike in/Bike in camp site
 - 1 Group Camp site
 - Day-use Family Picnics (134 sites/1,072 capacity)
 - Day-use Group Picnics (17 sites/2,350 capacity)
 - Bike/Pedestrian Trail (3 – 2-mile trail total)
 - San Clemente SB (~117 acres)
 - **Popular site and/or concession – San Clemente city slogan is “Spanish Village the Sea”. Popular among water sports enthusiasts.**
 - Year acquired in 1931
 - 88 developed camp sites
 - 72 RV Hookup camp sites
 - 2 Group Camp sites
 - 1 Hike in/Bike in camp site
 - 1 Group Camp site
 - Day-use Family Picnics (15 sites/120 capacity)
 - Day-use Group Picnics (2 sites/300 capacity)
 - Bike/Pedestrian Trail (1 – 0.1-mile trail total)
 - Pedestrian Trails (3 – 1.5-mile trail total)
 - Primitive Trails (2– 0.5-mile trail total)
 - San Onofre SB (~2,168 acres)
 - **Popular sites and/or concession – surfing, swimming, camping, kayaking, and birdwatching. Site of the ancient sacred Indian village called “Panhe”. One of the top five most visited state parks.**
 - Year acquired in 1971
 - 176 primitive/undeveloped camp sites
 - 90 developed camp sites
 - 67 developed (oversized) camp sites
 - 72 RV Hookup camp sites
 - 1 Hike in/Bike in camp site
 - 2 Group Camp site
 - Day-use Family Picnics (4 sites/32 capacity)
 - Multiple use trails (4 – 4.5-mile total)
 - Pedestrian Trails (2 – 3-mile trail total)
 - Primitive Trails (3– 1.5-mile trail total)



STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Irvine, CA
June 22, 2023

STAFF REPORT: State Park Planning Update

STAFF: Katie Metraux, General Plan Manager, Strategic Planning and Recreation Services Division

SUBJECT: Report on Classified and Unclassified Units and General Plans

OBJECTIVE

This Planning Report provides information on classified units and the major unclassified properties that are part of or associated with the California State Park System. It also provides an update on State Park General Plans and Cornerstone Documents.

CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED UNITS

Two types of properties are inventoried as part of the State Park System -- classified and unclassified properties. Classified properties have a specific, legislatively defined classification approved by the State Park and Recreation and Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commissions, or, in rare instances, assigned by the California Legislature. There are two kinds of classified units -- standard units that form most of the State Park System and internal classified units that may be located within and as part of the standard units. Internal classified units consist of Natural Preserves, Cultural Preserves, and State Wildernesses. These designations have specific management requirements as defined in the Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 5019.68 through 5019.54. There are 265 classified park units and 98 internal classified units.

Unclassified properties are associated with the State Park System but have not been classified by the Commission. Many of these properties are major holdings that will eventually be classified as individual park units and others are smaller properties that the Department holds for various reasons. There are currently 15 unclassified properties in the State Park System.

Five additional classifications are available to State Park System units were created by the Marine Managed Areas Improvement Act of 2000 as identified in PRC section 5019.80. The assignment of marine classifications to specific properties requires the concurrence of agencies other than the Department. In 2010, our first State Marine Park (Cambria SMP) was classified. Two State Marine Reserves (SMR) (Emeryville Crescent SMR and Albany SMR) have yet to achieve the concurrence of the corresponding agency (Fish and Game Commission). There are 22 unclassified underwater areas.

See PRC Section [5019.50 through 5019.80](#) for definitions and classifications of State Park units.

GENERAL PLANS

General Plans serve as a park unit's primary land use management plan and directly support the California State Park mission by establishing the framework for managing a park's natural and cultural resources, promoting resource stewardship and learning, and delivering high-quality outdoor recreation opportunities. General plans define a park unit's ultimate purpose, vision, and intent for unit management. The landscape-level program document uses goals, guidelines, and broad objectives to guide resource management and visitor services.

General Plans help guide future planning efforts and support funding requests in acquisitions, development, and operations. These plans have a typical lifespan of 20-30 years and are required for a unit of the State Park System before substantial development or a major commitment of resources can occur per [PRC Section 5002.2](#). General Plans are considered a project by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and require an environmental impact report.

Currently, 192 State Parks have General Plans, with 135 State Parks having general plans older than 25 years. Many of these general plans completed in the 1960s only have a resource development map. Eighty-six 86 state park units do not have general plans.

Five state parks are undergoing classification recommendation reports, general plan revisions, or new general plans. Three of which, Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA), Hungry Valley SVRA, and Ocotillo Wells SVRA are under the authority of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission for approval of SVRA(s) general plans. The Delta Meadows and Alameda-Tesla properties are conducting classification recommendation reports; general plan projects will follow. Future general plan projects will occur for Clear Lake SP, Great Valley Grasslands SP, and Onyx Ranch SVRA. Gaviota SP, Refugio, and El Capitan State Beaches will start a combined general plan.

A multi-discipline committee of program managers identified these park units as high priorities for future general plan projects. These include:

Park Unit	District
Andrew Molera SP	Monterey
Armstrong Redwoods SNR	Sonoma- Mendocino

Park Unit	District
Austin Creek SRA	Sonoma-Mendocino
Carnegie SVRA	Diablo Range
Castle Crags SP	Northern Buttes
Colonel Allensworth SHP	Great Basin
Emma Wood SB	Channel Coast
Lake Oroville SRA	Northern Buttes
Mendocino Woodlands SP	Sonoma-Mendocino
Montgomery Woods SNR	Sonoma-Mendocino
Oceano Dunes SVRA	Oceano Dunes
Refugio SB	Channel Coast
San Buenaventura SB	Channel Coast

Park Unit	District
Tesla-Alameda	Diablo Range
Tolowa Dunes SP	No. Coast Redwoods
Wildwood Canyon	Inland Empire

Cornerstone Documents

Cornerstone Documents (CDs) are foundational planning documents. It summarizes what is known about a park, expanding on the Declaration of Purpose by highlighting its primary purpose(s) and values in detail. CDs are based on research and technical advice from diverse disciplines and input from community stakeholders, including California Native American Tribes. They form the basis for future detailed strategies and projects for park operation and improvements. They are considered dynamic documents subject to revision as new information is discovered about a park or as public recreation values change. Each unit of the State Park System should have a CD because it sets the foundation that serves as the basis of all future decisions for a park.

Four State Parks are developing CDs – Big Basin SP, Trione-Annandel SP, Emerald Bay SP, and Andrew Molera SP. Several other park units will begin their CDs in 2023/2024.

COMMISSION ACTION(S)

- For information only

ATTACHMENTS

- State Park General Plans History Chart

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- 2022 Planning Milestones Report -- https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23239



STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Irvine, CA
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STAFF REPORT: Commission Action Items

STAFF: Alexandra Stehl, Deputy Director, Strategic Planning and Recreation Services Division

SUBJECT: Discussion and Approval of the 2022 Golden Bear Awards Recipients

Summary

The Commission's Golden Bear Awards are presented annually and celebrate the outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations toward the department's mission: to provide for the health, inspiration, and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.

Discussion

The Commission Golden Bear Award Subcommittee received eleven nominations. Using scoring criteria, the Golden Bear Award Subcommittee and two Division staff members reviewed and ranked nominees. Of the eleven nominations the Subcommittee selected five nominees, one in each award category: Statewide, Central Division, Coastal Division, Northern Division, and Desert Division. The nominations have been provided to the Commission body with the selection scoring sheet. The Commission will consider the nominees the Subcommittee has selected and provide guidance to the Division on finalizing the nomination process.

COMMISSION ACTION

Review the Golden Bear Award Subcommittee nominations and provide guidance to the Division on final selection of awardees. The Commission may consider approving the Subcommittee selection of awardees or moving the agenda item to a future Commission meeting.



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STAFF REPORT: Commission Action Items

STAFF: Alexandra Stehl, Deputy Director, Strategic Planning and Recreation Services Division

SUBJECT: Discussion and Approval of the 2022 SPRC Annual Report to the Governor

Summary

Public Resources Code, Section 535, requires the State Park and Recreation Commission (Commission) to report annually to the Governor, through the director, on the activities of the Commission, and on existing recreational facilities, programs, and activities of the state park system. Additionally, the Commission's Annual Report to the Governor may include discussion on California's statewide and regional needs for recreational facilities, programs, and activities and, shall make recommendations for programs and activities to meet future needs of the state for parks and recreation.

Discussion

The Commission Annual Report Subcommittee prepared this report with assistance from Strategic Planning and Recreation Services Division (Division) staff. The Annual Report Subcommittee met multiple times and collaborated with other Commission Subcommittees to develop the report content, which was reviewed by the Commission body. Revisions requested by the Commission from their previous meeting (March 3, 2023) have been completed. This draft report summarizes the content required in PRC Section 535 (described above). The Commission will consider the draft report content and provide guidance to the Division on finalizing the report. Once the content is approved, the report will be formatted and submitted to the Director of California State Parks for final approval and submission to the Governor's Office.

COMMISSION ACTION

Discuss the Draft Annual Report, take public comment, and provide guidance to the Division on finalizing the report. The Commission may consider approving the Draft Report as is, inclusion of additional edits, or moving the agenda item to a future Commission meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

Draft Annual Report to the Governor