

# News Release



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## Get involved in planning the future of Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area

California State Parks is planning the future of **Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area** and wants to hear from you.

The public is invited to a public meeting at the City of Colusa's Boy Scout Cabin, 901 Parkhill Street, from 6-8 PM on February 28<sup>th</sup> to kick off preparation of the **Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area General Plan**. California State Parks will share maps of the Park's habitat types, hydrology, existing facilities and more. The public is invited to bring historical photos, magazine articles or advertisements of boating, water skiing, fishing and hunting in Glenn, Sutter, Colusa and Butte counties for use at future park education programs. Additional information and suggestions about what park resources should be studied for preservation and/or enhancement are also being sought.

Decisions about how to best provide high quality recreation while preserving the park for future generations are a big responsibility. The **General Plan** process first involves the public, scientists, technical experts and land managers in documenting and understanding the park's important natural, cultural and recreational resources, existing uses and visitor needs. Then, plans are developed that include resource preservation and land use strategies that will best serve the public in the long term. Once a preferred plan is selected, an analysis of the potential environmental impacts of plan implementation is conducted as required by the **California Environmental Quality Act**. Finally, the preferred plan is presented to the **California Park and Recreation Commission** for review and adoption. This process is expected to take about 2 years.

The plan will consider the types of recreation that could be expanded and improved, such as: camping and picnicking, boating and fishing, bird watching and nature exploration, and more. When recreational opportunities are increased, Colusa residents, hotels, motels, restaurants, camping and boating supplies, and recreational equipment rental businesses will benefit.

Cheryl Essex, California State Parks' project planner said, "This plan will set the stage for investments that will bring recreational boaters and anglers back to Colusa, draw more visitors and improve the area's economic vitality. Providing more recreational facilities will also give Colusa residents more options for engaging in healthy outdoor recreation."

More information about the meeting is available at: [www.parks.ca.gov/ColusaGP](http://www.parks.ca.gov/ColusaGP)

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