



Pismo State Beach and Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) Public Works Plan (PWP)

FAQs

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Summer 2019

What is the PWP?

A PWP is a comprehensive, long-range land use management plan for compliance with the California Coastal Act that is reviewed and certified by the California Coastal Commission. The California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) is preparing a PWP for Pismo State Beach and Oceano Dunes SVRA (Park). The PWP will document existing conditions and address Park management programs (e.g., new development or improvement of existing facilities) and site-specific Park improvement projects to improve access for motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities. Information about the PWP, including the site-specific Park improvement projects, documents, and future opportunities to provide input is available on our website at www.oceanodunespwp.com.

What is the status of the PWP?

State Parks has been conducting studies to document existing Park conditions in preparation for drafting the PWP and site-specific project concept development. State Parks is starting to develop a “preferred” concept for each site-specific Park improvement project using this information and input received from the November 2017 listening session, May 2018 scoping meetings, February 2019 public meetings, key stakeholder group meetings, visitor’s survey, and via email and mail. The preferred project concepts will be presented at public meetings in Fall 2019.

Will there be an environmental review process as part of this project?

Concurrently with the PWP, State Parks will prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the PWP and implementation of the proposed site-specific Park improvement projects. The EIR will consider the environmental effects of the proposed PWP, including the site-specific Park improvement projects, and if necessary, include mitigation measures to reduce these effects.

What is the anticipated timeline for the PWP?

The timeline below shows the steps in the PWP and EIR development process and public outreach activities.

| | | Spring 2018 – Summer 2018 | | Fall-Winter 2018-2019 | Summer – Fall 2019 | Fall-Winter 2019-2020 | | Spring – Summer 2020 | |
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| PWP AND EIR | Step 1: | Step 2: | Step 3: | Step 4: | Step 5: | Step 6: | Step 7: | Step 8: | |
| | Initiate Project and EIR Scoping | Gather Data and Study Existing Conditions and Resources | Develop and Evaluate PWP Project Concepts | Prepare Preliminary Draft PWP | Prepare Draft Environmental Impact Report | Public Review of Preliminary Draft PWP and Draft EIR | Revise Draft PWP and Respond to EIR Comments | Adopt Final PWP and Certify EIR | |
| PUBLIC OUTREACH | Notice of Preparation | Website Launch Visitor Survey | Website Activity Collect comments on project concepts | Website Activity Collect comments on preferred project concepts | | Notice of Availability Notice of Completion Fact Sheet | | Notice of Determination | |
| | Public Workshop 1 Introduction/ EIR Scoping | Fact Sheet | Public Workshop 2 Project concepts discussion | Public Workshop 3 Present preferred project concepts | | Public Review Draft PWP and Draft EIR | | Coastal Commission Hearings | |





What is State Parks doing with the public input received on the PWP project concepts and draft Guiding Principles and Goals presented in February 2019?

State Parks is reviewing and considering all public input on the PWP obtained through the February 2019 set of public meetings and public comment process. This includes feedback on the project concepts, Park management, and the overall PWP and planning process. A report summarizing the public input is posted on the PWP website. In addition, this public input will inform the development of the preferred project concepts.

After the PWP is adopted and the EIR is certified, when will the site-specific Park improvement projects be implemented?

Once the PWP is approved and the EIR is certified, PWP projects could move to full design and then to implementation. The specific timeframe will depend on available funding and the need for further environmental review and permitting. Timeframes would likely range from 5 to 10 years.

How can I get involved in the PWP?

Visit our website to view information about the PWP. In addition, you can sign up for our email subscriber list via the *Contact* page on the website to receive PWP updates and future public input opportunity announcements. Input is also welcomed at any time during the planning process by sending an email to info@OceanodunesPWP.com.



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How does the PWP relate to the Oceano Dunes District SVRA Habitat Conservation Plan and the Oceano Dunes SVRA Particulate Matter Reduction Plan?

The following are two separate, distinct planning efforts currently underway in addition to the PWP:

Habitat Conservation Plan - State Parks is preparing a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The HCP is designed to accommodate recreational use within Pismo State Beach, Oceano Dunes SVRA, and Pismo Lake, while protecting and benefiting numerous populations of threatened and endangered species occurring within these parks. Habitat management actions include using protective fencing, monitoring, controlling for invasive plants and animals, restoring habitats, and monitoring and improving water quality. The PWP will be consistent with and reference HCP management programs. The anticipated release of the Draft HCP for public review and comment is August 2019.

Particulate Matter Reduction Plan - In response to the Stipulated Order of Abatement #17-01 with the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (APCD), State Parks recently submitted the Revised Oceano Dunes SVRA Preliminary Concept Draft Particulate Matter Reduction Plan (PMRP). On May 1, 2019, San Luis Obispo County APCD, State Parks, and the Scientific Advisory Group conducted a public workshop and accepted public comments on the Draft PMRP until May 15, 2019. The PWP will be consistent with and reference the PMRP. For more information, go to <https://www.slocleanair.org/air-quality/oceano-dunes-efforts.php>.

