Public Works Plan (PWP) Public Meetings

Pismo State Beach and Oceano Dunes SVRA
Public Works Plan and Environmental Impact Report

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 @ 5:30 -7:30 pm
South County Regional Center
800 West Branch Street
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 @ 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Bakersfield Marriott at the Convention Center
801 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Oceano Dunes District manages ~5,500 acres
- Pismo State Beach
- Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA)
- Pismo Dunes Natural Preserve
- Pismo Lake
- Oso Flaco Lake

Approximately 2 million visitors per year

Diverse recreational opportunities
- Camping, motorized recreation, beach play, fishing, hiking, nature walks, horseback riding, kiteboarding, surfing, personal watercraft, paddling, bird watching

Resource Management Programs
- Professionally recognized habitat management program for western snowy plover and California least tern
- Active dune restoration program
- Cultural resource protection programs
Interpretive Programs
- Over 500 interpretive programs annually, serving over 115,000 visitors
- Nearly 100 volunteers and interpretive docents

Visitor Services
- Visitor Services staff within the District provide recreational and safety programs and services to park visitors every day
- Approximately 100 special events and 30-40 film shoots are permitted annually
- Nine concessions operate in the park
What is being presented at these meetings?

- PWP Proposed Options (including PWP Entrances and SVRA Camping Options)
- Proposed Project Concepts for the:
  - Butterfly Grove Public Access Project
  - Pismo State Beach Boardwalk Project
  - Oso Flaco Improvement Project

At each topic station, you can view display boards that show and describe the Proposed Project Concepts. Use the Information Packet provided at the sign-in table as your guide.

Feel free to speak with the planning team and ask questions!
Park-wide PWP Proposed Options
Proposed Concept: Butterfly Grove Public Access Project
Proposed Concept: Pismo State Beach Boardwalk Project

Goal: Create an ADA compliant, pedestrian boardwalk that will connect Grand Avenue with Pier Avenue and continue beyond.

Concept Elements:
1. Develop an elevated boardwalk that will provide views of the dunes, native habitats, beach and ocean.
2. Provide a series of key beach access points and bump-out areas along the boardwalk with spurring dunes, interpretive signage, seating, tables and gathering areas.
3. Provide wayfinding and interpretative signage at key points along the boardwalk, at entry areas, and beach access points.
4. Design boardwalk to minimize sand accumulation, which would affect accessibility, maintenance, and lifespan.
5. Maintain a sufficient distance between boardwalk and existing equestrian trail to minimize potential conflicts between pedestrians and horses. Boardwalk will bridge over equestrian trail and maintenance road.
6. Provide new maintenance road from the Corp Yard to the beach to avoid driving equipment through Oceano Campground.
7. Provide an additional buffer between boardwalk and existing beachfront homes along Strand Way.
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Proposed Concept: Oso Flaco Improvement Project

Goal: Create southern destination spot; balance camping and expand visitor amenities.

CONCEPT ELEMENTS:
1. Provide camping accommodations that include RV sites, tent camp sites, cabins, and bike & hike trails.
2. Provide a multi-use campsite area with an environmental education center.
3. Enlarge day use parking and gathering areas. Add new entrance kiosk and picnic area.
4. Develop new hiking trails. Include group gathering areas.
5. Provide a lifeguard tower, restrooms, and a gathering area at the beach.
6. Plant vegetation buffers along the waterways and agricultural fields, and smaller vegetative buffers between campsites and day use areas.
7. Provide areas for park facilities.
8. Provide an Oso Flaco Lake boardwalk extension for hikers to be able to complete a loop.
9. Widen and improve Oso Flaco Road to allow for large RV access and increased traffic. Enhance intersection of Oso Flaco Rd, Hwy. 1 and railroad.
10. Add electrical, water, sewer utilities and irrigation to the camping and day use areas.
How can I provide input?

Please fill out a comment card provided at the sign-in table.

After completing the comment card, you can:

- return it to staff at today’s meeting; or
- fold, tape closed, and mail using the back of the card; or
- scan and email to info@OceanoDunesPWP.com.

If you prefer to provide comments online, visit https://www.oceanodunespwp.com/en/meetings to complete the online comment form.

Comments are due by January 24, 2020
Public Meetings Round 1 - EIR Scoping and PWP Planning Meetings (May 2018)
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PWP Team Workshops July and December 2018
Visits (May and July 2018)

Oso Flaco site visit
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Meeting with key stakeholders (July 2019)
Public Outreach

- Distributed 11 email blasts to stakeholders with project updates
- Conducted Visitor’s Survey
- Launched project website, including:
  - Background info on the project
  - Public Input and Meeting Information
  - Document Library
  - How to Contact Us

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PWP Planning Process – Cultural Resources Activities

- Completing a Land Use History Study

- Site-specific Cultural Resources Surveys for Park Improvement Projects and Cultural Resources Inventory Updates

- Ongoing Tribal consultations for compliance with Department Policy and AB52
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PWP Planning Process – Activities

- Data gathering and building PWP planning library
- Inventory existing data (transportation, cultural resources, biological resources, etc.)
- PWP Team Workshops (Visioning, Guiding Statements)
- GIS research and Base Map Preparation
- Public Outreach, including EIR Scoping Meetings and PWP website activities
- PWP Project Design Development
- Public review and comment on PWP Draft Project Concepts (public meetings round two)
- Meetings with key stakeholders
- Public review of PWP Proposed Options and Proposed Project Concepts (public meetings round three)
PWP Planning Process – Next Steps

- Summarize public input on PWP Proposed Options and Proposed Project Concepts public meetings
- Prepare Draft PWP
- Additional Updates to State Coastal Commission (Feb, Jun, Oct 2020)
- PWP environmental review (summer 2020)
- PWP approval and EIR Certification (fall 2020)
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