



Public Works Plan

# ***PWP Public Meetings Information Packet for the Pismo State Beach and Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area Public Works Plan and Environmental Impact Report***

December 2019



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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the third set of public meetings for the Pismo State Beach and Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) Public Works Plan (PWP) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR). At these open house-style meetings, you will have the opportunity to learn about the PWP Proposed Options, as well as Project Concepts for the proposed Butterfly Grove Public Access Project, Pismo State Beach Boardwalk Project and Oso Flaco Improvement Project.

## PWP BACKGROUND

The PWP is a long-range land use management plan for compliance with the California Coastal Act (Coastal Act) that is reviewed and approved by the California Coastal Commission. The PWP will document existing conditions, consider improvement projects and management programs to improve access for motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities, and contain policies and programs.

Concurrently with the PWP, California State Parks will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) implementation of the proposed park improvement projects. The EIR will consider the environmental effects of the proposed PWP and proposed improvement projects and, if necessary, include mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts.

Following these public meetings, the planning team will review and consider all comments received. The next step in the planning process will be to finalize the PWP Proposed Options and Proposed Project Concepts, followed by developing the Public Review Draft of the PWP and the EIR.

## BOOKLET CONTENTS

This section describes what is presented at the public meetings. Please feel free to visit each station in the order that you prefer. Review the information in this booklet and use the comment card provided at the sign-in table for comments. You may return the comment card during the meetings or at a later date using the instructions provided on the comment card.

Meeting materials, including this information booklet and comment card, will also be posted on the PWP website ([www.OceanoDunesPWP.com](http://www.OceanoDunesPWP.com)), so that interested stakeholders who could not attend the public meetings can review and comment on the PWP Proposed Options and Proposed Project Concepts.

Comments on the PWP Proposed Options and Proposed Project Concepts presented at this meeting will be accepted **until January 24, 2020.**



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## Station 1: Proposed Project Concepts

Station 1 presents concepts for the following proposed projects. Maps of these Proposed Project Concepts are provided later in this booklet.

### Butterfly Grove Public Access Project

This concept addresses many of the comments received regarding enhancements to Butterfly Grove. Additions or changes since the February 2019 public meetings are in blue.

Protect the eucalyptus grove and monarch butterfly habitat. This concept includes:

- Planting new sterile eucalyptus trees to replace deteriorating trees.
- Installing planters in parking area with nectar-producing plants.
- Closing northern pedestrian entrance and planting vegetative buffer.
- Enhancing native plant garden to provide additional nectar resources.
- Moving existing overhead power lines along Highway 1 to underground, depending upon further coordination with applicable agencies.

Enhance visitor services and experiences. Concept includes:

- Adding a small permanent interpretive kiosk that includes storage.
- Adding a permanent flush restroom with at least two stalls.
- Enhancing bike connection from the Butterfly Grove to adjacent bike trails and providing bike parking.
- Adding water, sewer and electrical utilities including a point of connection for irrigation.
- Providing better connection to parking at Grover Beach.
- Providing additional interpretive and wayfinding signage.

Improve visitor access and parking options. This concept includes:

- Designing the parking area to be compatible with the monarch grove.
- Providing approximately 12 parking stalls that would include ADA and maintenance parking.
- Potentially adding a lighted crosswalk across HWY 1 depending on further requirements from California Department of Transportation.
- Providing informational and wayfinding signage along HWY 1.

### Pismo State Beach Boardwalk Project

This concept addresses many of the comments received regarding improvements to the Pismo State Beach Boardwalk. Additions or changes since the February 2019 public meetings are in blue.



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Develop an elevated beach boardwalk that will provide views of the dunes, native habitats, beach and ocean. This concept includes:

- Raising proposed boardwalk above the dunes to minimize sand accumulation on the boardwalk that affects accessibility, maintenance, and lifespan.
- Providing a series of bump-out areas along the boardwalk with spotting scopes, interpretive signage, seating, tables and gathering areas.
- Providing wayfinding and informational signage at key points along the boardwalk, entry areas, and beach access points.

Enhance access for users such as equestrians; improve staff access to maintenance facilities; and discourage encroachment on private properties. This concept includes:

- Maintaining a sufficient distance between the boardwalk and existing equestrian trail to avoid potential conflicts between users.
- Providing a new maintenance road from the Corporation Yard to the beach to avoid driving equipment through the Oceano Campground.
- Designing boardwalk to bridge over equestrian trails and maintenance road.
- [Providing an additional buffer between boardwalk and existing beachfront homes along Strand Way.](#)

### **Oso Flaco Improvement Project**

This concept addresses many of the comments received regarding the proposed improvements in the Oso Flaco Lake area. [Additions or changes since the February 2019 public meetings are in blue.](#)

Improve visitor use experiences by developing a southern destination spot that enhances camping options and expands visitor amenities. This concept includes:

- Enlarging existing day-use parking and gathering areas; adding a new kiosk and picnic area.
- Installing a lifeguard tower, restrooms and multiuse campfire area.
- Providing an Oso Flaco Lake boardwalk extension for hikers.
- Providing camping accommodations that include RV sites, cabins, tent sites, and bike & hike campsites.
- Developing new hiking trails, wayfinding and interpretive signage and pedestrian trails with a pedestrian bridge.
- Adding electrical, water, sewer utilities and irrigation to the camping and day use areas.
- Widening and improving Oso Flaco Road to provide safe access to accommodate the potential Guadalupe to beach trail project.



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Develop and enhance habitat restoration efforts. This concept includes:

- Developing an environmental education center.
- Planting vegetation buffers along the waterways, agricultural fields and between campers and day-use visitors.
- Adding habitat restoration area on the east side of the park.

Improve park operations. This concept includes:

- Providing space for additional park facilities.

## **Station 2: Park-wide PWP Proposed Options**

### **SVRA Entrance and Camping Options**

In light of recent reductions in the SVRA riding area and beach camping acreage, as a condition of the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (SLOAPCD) Stipulated Order of Abatement, California State Parks would like your input on the following:

- Grand Avenue pedestrian access only, or keep the existing vehicle entrance.
- Designated camping, or, keep the existing dispersed beach camping.
- Camping, or day use only at Oso Flaco.

### **Park Management Topics**

The following topics received the most comments during the multiple outreach and stakeholder meetings. Topics addressed in this section are cross-referenced to numbers on the park-wide map of the PWP Proposed Options. [Additions or changes since the February 2019 public meetings are in blue.](#)

### **Enhanced Resource Management**

Review and enhance resource management programs. Evaluate and make improvements where necessary to comply with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and other regulatory agencies' requirements. (See "3" on the Park-wide Map of the PWP Proposed Options). Concept includes:

- Improving fencing and signage for the Shorebird Protection Program and Predator Management.
- Installing additional fencing and signage to comply with the Air Resources Board stipulated abatement order.
- Enhancing fencing and signage for the protection of existing dune vegetation.



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## Enhance Access and Management on Beach Day Use and Riding Area

(See “2” on the Park-wide Map of the PWP Proposed Options). Concept includes:

- Implementing entrance station improvements by installing additional regulatory signage and education kiosks.
- Enhancing enforcement, staff and volunteer patrol programs that assist with management of vehicular speed limits and use by installing additional signage.
- Implementing Foredunes Project including closure of approximately 48 acres of the SVRA and reduction of campsites in accordance with the SLOAPCD Stipulated Order of Abatement.
- Reevaluating camping regulations in the existing beach riding area to improve access.

## Community Engagement and Public Outreach

Review and enhance existing public outreach and education programs regarding coastal access, safety, and available resources. See “1” and “1” on the Park-wide Map of the PWP Proposed Options. Concept includes:

- Installing interpretive facilities and features that include: educational panels kiosks, audio tour locations, and multi-language materials.
- Enhancing outreach efforts to underserved communities, including youth, tribal parties, and lower-income residents.

## Waste Management

Review and enhance waste management programs. See “5” on the Park-wide Map of the PWP Proposed Options. Concept includes:

- Managing trash receptacles in staging area to improve efficiency and visitor experience.
- Increasing waste receptacles at all staging and access areas.
- Exploring contracting for waste removal services.

## Arroyo Grande Creek Crossing

Review and enhance management of creek crossing. See “4” on the Park-wide Map of the PWP Proposed Options. Concept includes:

- Developing additional monitoring and evaluation programs to enhance management of the crossing. This program includes ongoing monitoring of water quality and fisheries for adaptive management.

## Access and Entrance Modifications

Reevaluate the major access points to accommodate and optimize both motorized and non-motorized uses in the park. Continue to consider additional entrance into the OHV



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riding area as property becomes available and opportunities arise. See “6” on the *Park-wide Map of the PWP Proposed Options*. Concept includes:

- Exploring feasible improvement opportunities to establish a southern access point to the SVRA riding area. PWP considers a southern entrance to the SVRA riding area as a long-term solution and explores future use of Grand Avenue as a non-vehicular entrance as an option.
- Analyzing and improving existing northern entrances as the permanent access points to the park.

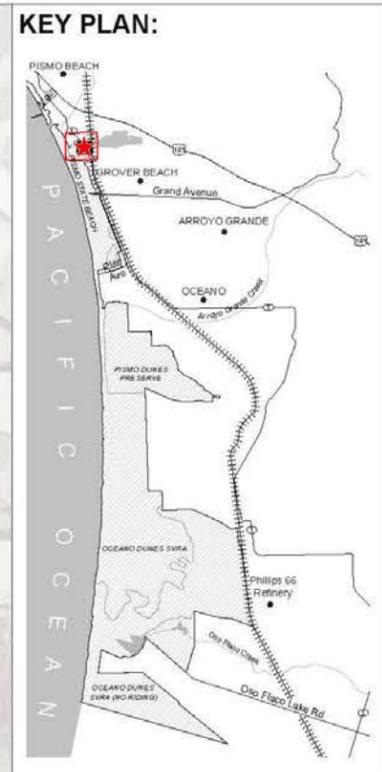
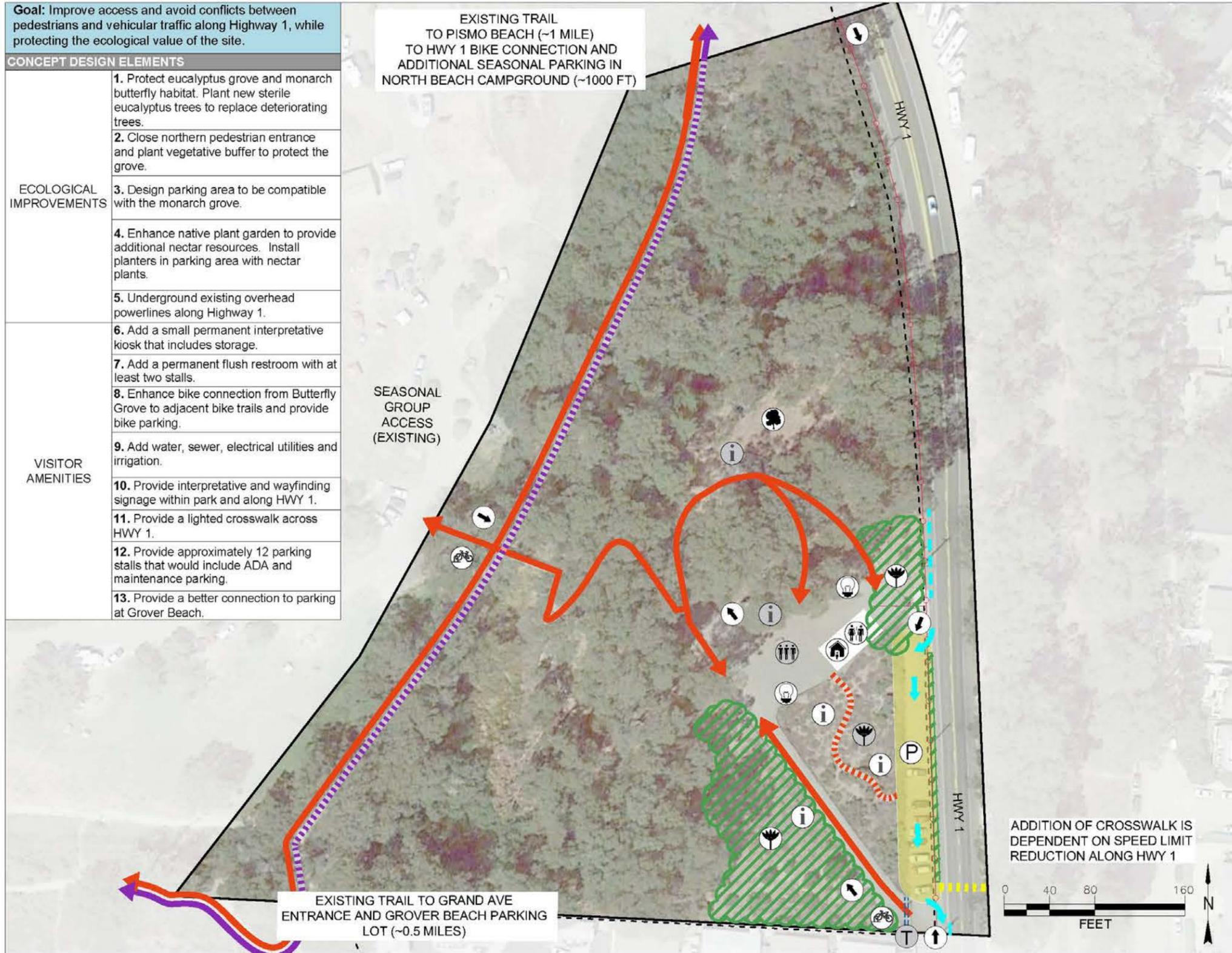


# Station 1 – Proposed Concept: Butterfly Grove Public Access Project

**Goal:** Improve access and avoid conflicts between pedestrians and vehicular traffic along Highway 1, while protecting the ecological value of the site.

**CONCEPT DESIGN ELEMENTS**

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| ECOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS | 1. Protect eucalyptus grove and monarch butterfly habitat. Plant new sterile eucalyptus trees to replace deteriorating trees. |
|                         | 2. Close northern pedestrian entrance and plant vegetative buffer to protect the grove.                                       |
|                         | 3. Design parking area to be compatible with the monarch grove.   |
|                         | 4. Enhance native plant garden to provide additional nectar resources. Install planters in parking area with nectar plants.   |
|                         | 5. Underground existing overhead powerlines along Highway 1.  |
| VISITOR AMENITIES       | 6. Add a small permanent interpretative kiosk that includes storage.  |
|                         | 7. Add a permanent flush restroom with at least two stalls.   |
|                         | 8. Enhance bike connection from Butterfly Grove to adjacent bike trails and provide bike parking.                             |
|                         | 9. Add water, sewer, electrical utilities and irrigation.   |
|                         | 10. Provide interpretative and wayfinding signage within park and along HWY 1.  |
|                         | 11. Provide a lighted crosswalk across HWY 1.   |
|                         | 12. Provide approximately 12 parking stalls that would include ADA and maintenance parking.                                   |
|                         | 13. Provide a better connection to parking at Grover Beach.   |



**LEGEND:**

EXISTING PEDESTRIAN TRAIL	NEW PARKING
NEW PEDESTRIAN TRAIL	NEW WAYFINDING SIGNAGE
EXISTING BIKE TRAIL	NEW PERMANENT FLUSH RESTROOMS
IMPROVED / MARKED BIKE TRAIL	NEW BIKE PARKING RACKS
PROJECT SITE BOUNDARY	EXISTING GROUP GATHERING AREA
PARK BOUNDARY	NEW PERMANENT INTERPRETIVE KIOSK / STORAGE
NEW CROSS WALK WITH WARNING LIGHTS	NEW ELECTRICAL UTILITIES
UNDERGROUND UTILITIES	EXISTING NECTAR GARDEN
NEW TURNING AND MERGING LANE	ENHANCED NECTAR GARDEN
NEW VEGETATIVE BUFFER	EXISTING INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE
PARK MAINT. VEHICLE ACCESS GATE	NEW INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE
NEW TREE PLANTING	EXISTING TRANSIT STOP

ADDITION OF CROSSWALK IS DEPENDENT ON SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ALONG HWY 1

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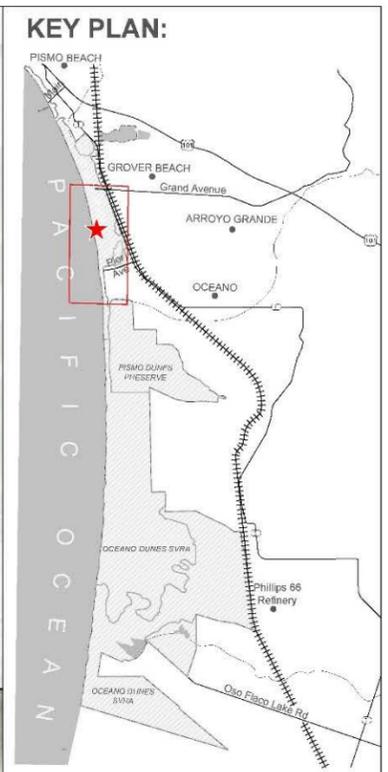
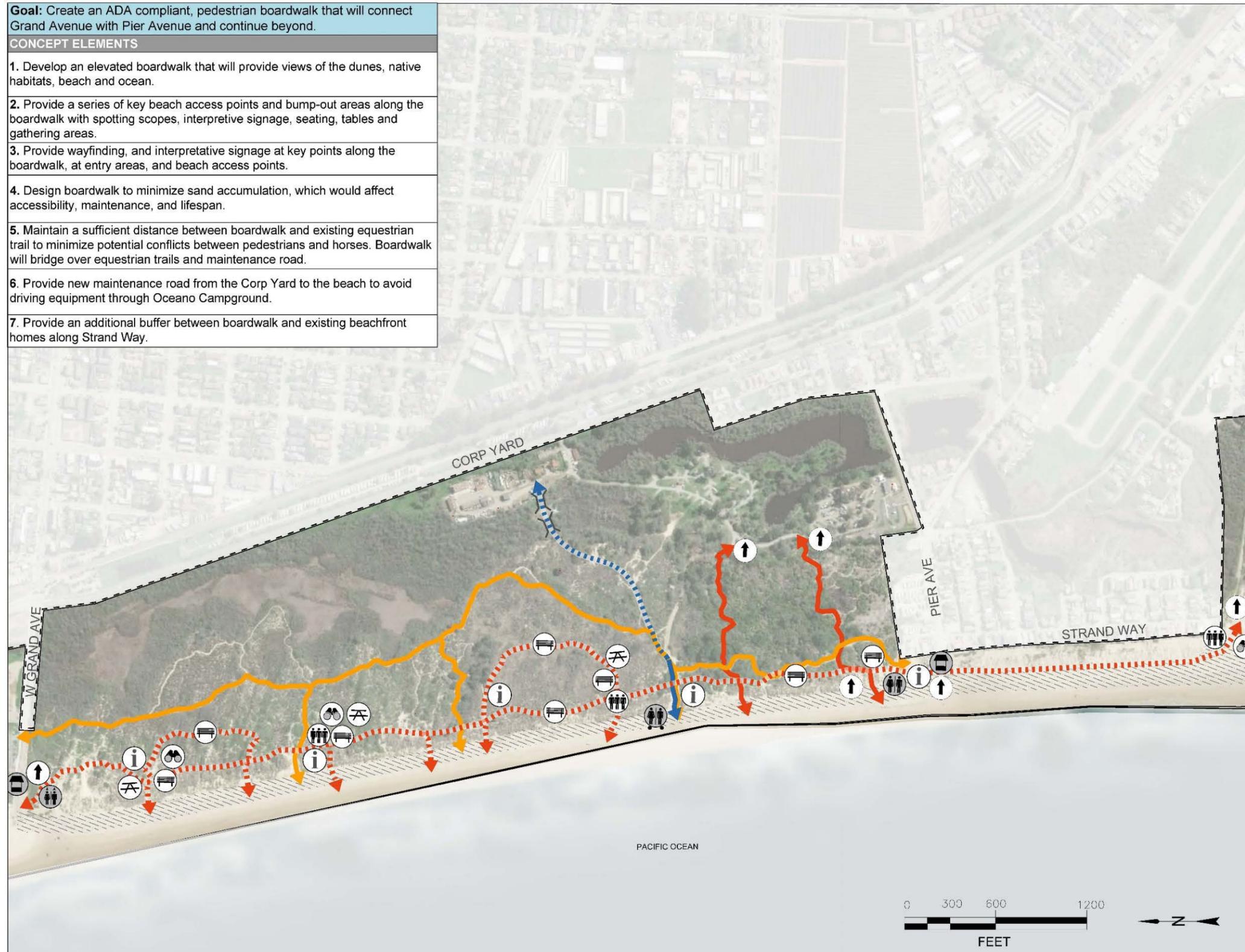


# Station 1 – Proposed Concept: Pismo State Beach Boardwalk Project

**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 spotting scopes, 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 trails 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.



**LEGEND:**

	NEW BOARDWALK		EXISTING ENTRANCE KIOSK
	EXISTING PEDESTRIAN TRAIL		EXISTING RESTROOMS
	EXISTING EQUESTRIAN TRAIL		EXISTING SEASONAL PORTABLE RESTROOMS
	NEW MAINTENANCE ROAD		EXISTING RESTROOMS & SHOWERS
	EXISTING MAINTENANCE ROAD		NEW SEATING AREA
	PROJECT SITE BOUNDARY		NEW GATHERING AREA
	PARK BOUNDARY		NEW SPOTTING SCOPE
	STREET LEGAL VEHICLES ONLY		NEW WAYFINDING SIGNAGE
			NEW INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE
			NEW PICNIC TABLES
			NEW BRIDGE

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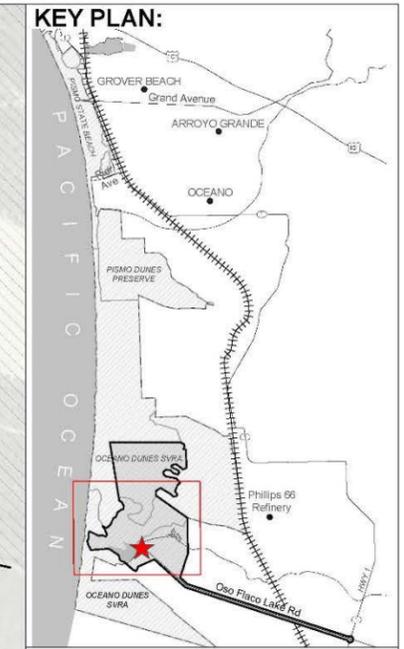
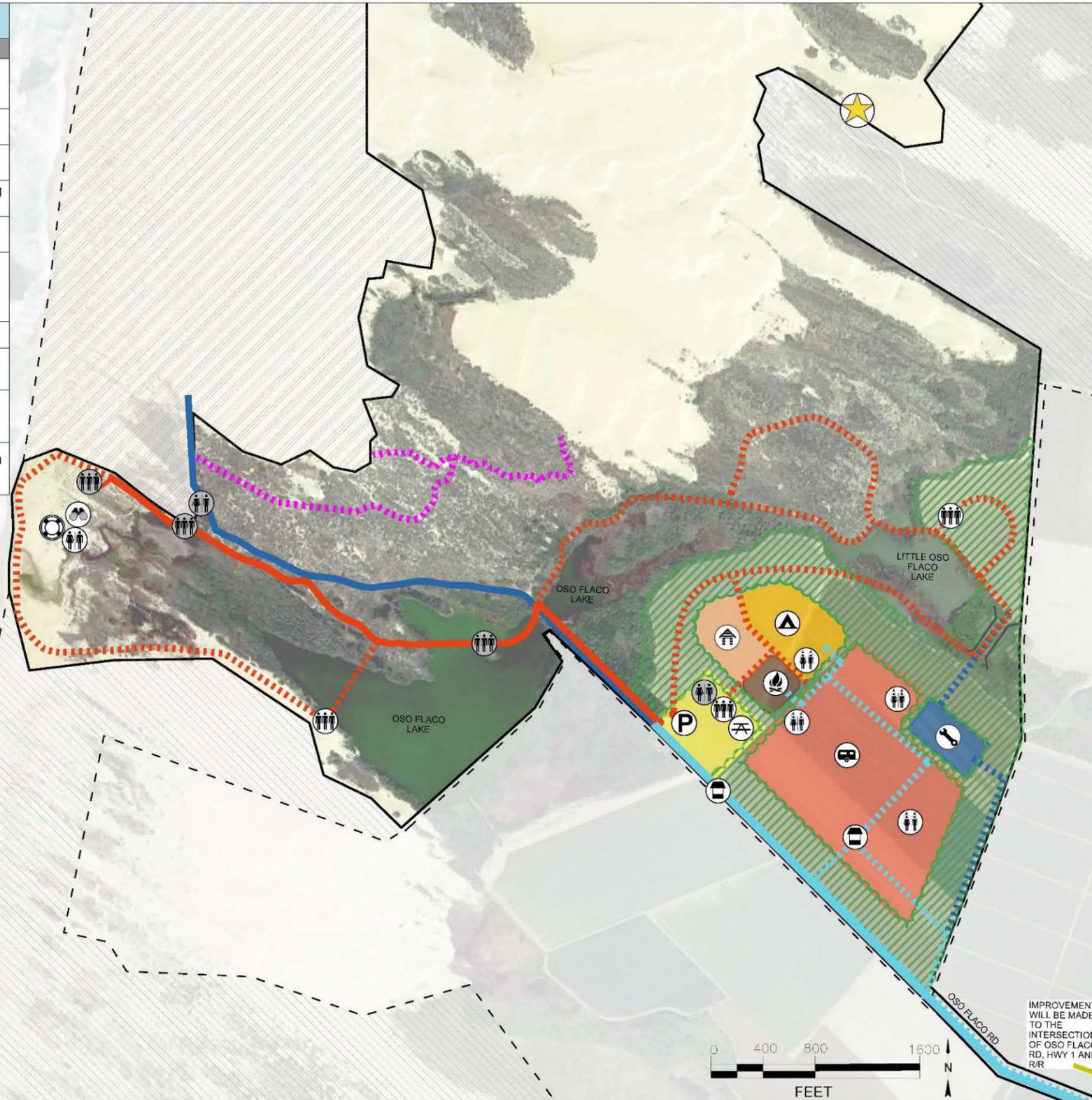
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# Station 1 – Proposed Concept: Oso Flaco Improvement Project

- 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 hike & bike sites.
  2. Provide a multiuse campfire 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 campers and day users.
  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.



**LEGEND:**

EXISTING PEDESTRIAN TRAIL	CLOSED TO MOTORIZED USE
NEW PEDESTRIAN TRAIL	SEASONALLY CLOSED TO MOTORIZED USE
EXISTING STREET VEHICLE ROAD & UTILITIES	VEGETATIVE BUFFER
NEW STREET VEHICLE ROAD & UTILITIES	NEW ENTRY KIOSK
EXISTING MAINTENANCE ROAD	NEW PARKING
NEW MAINTENANCE ROAD	NEW PICNIC AREA
40 ACRE PROPOSED OHV TRAIL	NEW PARK FACILITIES
PROJECT SITE BOUNDARY	NEW CABINS
PARK BOUNDARY	NEW TENT CAMPGROUND
EXISTING RESTROOMS	NEW RV CAMPGROUND
NEW PERMANENT RESTROOMS	NEW LIFEGUARD TOWER
NEW RESTROOMS & SHOWERS	NEW CAMPFIRE, COMMON AREA & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CTR.
EXISTING GROUP GATHERING AREA	NEW BRIDGE
NEW GROUP GATHERING AREA	POTENTIAL SOUTHERN ACCESS POINT + OHV AREA (GENERAL STAGING AREA)

PROJECT TITLE: OSO FLACO IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
 OCEANO DUNES SVRA PISMO STATE BEACH

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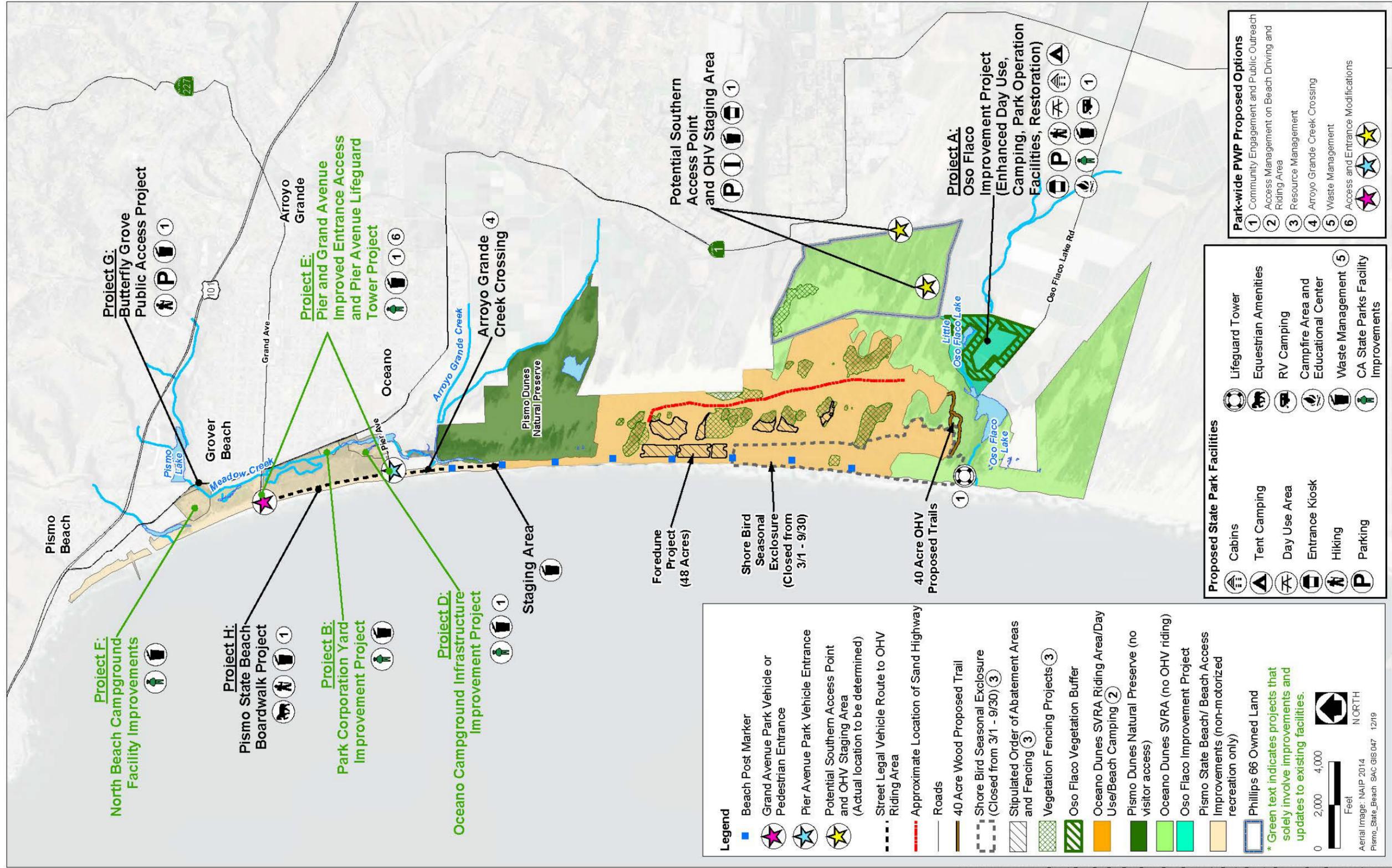


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Station 2 - Park-wide PWP Proposed Options



Source: San Luis Obispo GIS; CA State Parks; State of California

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