

# HCP Summary Information

## Overview of the Project Area

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) has numerous holdings within San Luis Obispo County that are managed from two separate operational districts: The San Luis Obispo Coast District and the Oceano Dunes District. These Districts encompass large sections of the central California coastline, extensive watersheds, and upland terrestrial environments. The Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) focuses on several park units in the Estero Bay area of San Luis Obispo County administered by the San Luis Obispo Coast District and on Pismo Dunes Natural Preserve and Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area (ODSVRA), administered by the Oceano Dunes District. While the six park units contained within these two Districts (Estero Bluffs, Morro Strand State Beach, Morro Bay State Park, Montaña De Oro State Park, Pismo Dunes Natural Preserve, and ODSVRA) protect relatively large tracts of open undeveloped wild lands, they are set within a geographic context of urban development typical of the California coast. Figure 1 provides an overview of the general location of the parks being covered by the HCP

## Covered Parks

Park Unit	District	CDPR Division
Estero Bluffs (includes Villa Creek)	San Luis Obispo Coast	State Parks
Morro Strand State Beach	San Luis Obispo Coast	State Parks
Morro Bay State Park	San Luis Obispo Coast	State Parks
Montaña De Oro State Park (includes Morro Bay Sandspit)	San Luis Obispo Coast	State Parks
Pismo Dunes Natural Preserve	Oceano Dunes	State Parks, Off-highway Motor Vehicle Recreation
Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area	Oceano Dunes	State Parks, Off-highway Motor Vehicle Recreation

## What is an HCP?

The purpose of this HCP is to describe the measures the CDPR will undertake to avoid, minimize, and mitigate specified visitor and park operations impacts to several listed species. Consistent with CDPR's mission, this HCP is designed to accommodate recreational use within the covered parks while protecting and benefiting numerous populations of threatened and endangered species that occur within those parks.



This program will be the basis for issuance of an incidental take permit pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 of the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The HCP will establish acceptable levels of incidental take of the covered species, which may occur as the unintended result of the activities of park visitors and/or park staff.

Another goal of the HCP is to have certain elements of the program assist each of the Districts with meeting resource management goals and objectives identified in Park General Plans.



### What are the Species Covered by the Plan?

Covered species were chosen based on their listing status as a state and/or Federally listed threatened or endangered species and the potential for take within the plan area. Table 1 lists the species currently proposed for coverage by this HCP and the park units in which they occur.

Table 1. Covered Species.		
Species	Listing Status	Park Unit(s) With Known Occurrences
Western snowy plover <i>Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus</i>	FT, CSSC	Estero Bluffs Morro Strand State Beach Montaña de Oro State Park Pismo Dunes Natural Preserve ODSVRA
California least tern <i>Sterna antillarum browni</i>	FE, SE, SP	Pismo Dunes Natural Preserve ODSVRA
California red-legged frog <i>Rana aurora draytonii</i>	FT, CSSC	Estero Bluffs Morro Strand State Beach Morro Bay State Park ODSVRA
Morro shoulderband snail <i>Helminthoglypta walkeriana</i>	FE	Morro Strand State Beach Morro Bay State Park Montaña de Oro State Park
Morro manzanita <i>Arctostaphylos morroensis</i>	FT	Morro Bay SP Montaña de Oro SP
Marsh sandwort <i>Arenaria paludicola</i>	FE, SE	ODSVRA
La Graciosa thistle <i>Cirsium loncholepis</i>	FE, ST	ODSVRA
Surf thistle <i>Cirsium rhotophilum</i>	ST	ODSVRA
Salt marsh bird's-beak <i>Cordylanthus maritimus</i> spp. <i>maritimus</i>	FE, SE	Montaña de Oro SP
Beach spectacle pod <i>Dithyrea maritime</i>	ST	Montaña de Oro SP ODSVRA
Indian Knob mountainbalm <i>Eriodictyon altissimum</i>	FE, SE	Montaña de Oro SP
Nipomo Mesa lupine <i>Lupinus nipomoensis</i>	FE, SE	ODSVRA (Phillips 66 buffer zone)
Gambel's water cress <i>Roripa gambelii</i>	FE, ST	ODSVRA
California seablite <i>Suaeda californica</i>	FE	Estero Bluffs Morro Strand SB Morro Bay SP Montaña de Oro SP
Listing Status:		
FE	Federal listed as endangered	FT Federal listed as threatened
SE	State listed as endangered	ST State listed as threatened
CSSC	California Species of Special Concern	SP California protected

**What Constitutes “Incidental Take” of the Covered Species?**

Section 9 (a)(1) of Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) protects federally listed endangered and threatened wildlife species from unlawful take (16 U.S.C. § 1538 (a)(1)). The ESA defines “take” to mean “harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct” (16 U.S.C. § 1532 (19)). “Harm” is defined as an act that “actually kills or injures wildlife. Such acts may include significant habitat modification or degradation where it actually kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding or sheltering (50 CFR 17.3). Section 10 (a) of the ESA allows for the incidental take of endangered and threatened species of wildlife by non-federal entities. Incidental taking means any taking otherwise prohibited, if such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity.

To receive a Section 10 (a) permit, the applicant must submit a conservation plan to the USFWS that specifies: 1) the impact that will likely result from such taking, 2) steps the applicant will take to minimize and mitigate such impacts, and the funding that will be available to implement such steps, 3) alternative actions to such taking that the applicant considered and the reasons why such alternatives are not being utilized, and 4) such other measures as the USFWS may require as being necessary or appropriate for purposes of the plan. This HCP fulfills these requirements and supports CDPR’s application for an Incidental Take Permit (ITP).

**What are the overall HCP Goals and Objectives?**

The overall goals and objectives of the Plan are as follows:

- To provide habitat level protection and management
- To reduce or eliminate human related impacts to key threatened or endangered species
- To help the State Park Districts meet resource management goals and objectives identified in Park General Plans
- To enhance the long-term probability of survival for the covered species by:
  - reducing human alteration or disturbance of native habitats,
  - reducing conflicts between covered species and park users,
  - enhancing existing native habitats,
  - comprehensive monitoring of the success of these efforts, and
  - implementing adaptive management to adjust the program as necessary.

**Covered Activities, Anticipated Take and Preliminary Conservation Activities:**

The table on the following pages provides a summary of the activities, anticipated take and suggested conservation activities being considered on a park-by-park and district-wide basis for a inclusion in the Draft HCP.

<b>Park Unit</b>	<b>Covered Activities<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Covered Species<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Anticipated Take From:</b>	<b>Conservation Activities</b>
<b>Esterio Bluffs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach and bluff oriented day use</li> <li>• Leashed dogs down coast (east) of San Geronimo Creek</li> <li>• Park maintenance (garbage removal, signage, fencing, trail repairs, etc.)</li> <li>• Park operations (patrols, emergency response, etc.)</li> <li>• Installation of WSP exclosures/symbolic fencing</li> <li>• Monitoring of WSP</li> <li>• Predator control</li> <li>• Exotic pest plant and animal control</li> <li>• Routine natural and cultural resource management activities</li> <li>• Special events by permit only</li> </ul>	WSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harassment of nesting birds from monitoring and fencing installation and maintenance</li> <li>• Harassment from general maintenance and operations</li> <li>• Public use (harassment of wintering adults; harm/harassment of nesting adults and eggs, chicks, juveniles)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Symbolic fencing with possible seasonal closure during nesting season</li> <li>• Parking and access restrictions from SR 1</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> <li>• Predator control as needed</li> <li>• Stepped up signage and enforcement of park regulations</li> <li>• Stepped up outreach and education of park users</li> <li>• Dog closure up coast (west) of San Geronimo Creek</li> <li>• Staff training</li> </ul>
		CRLF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public use</li> <li>• Creek restoration (San Geronimo, Swallow Ck.)</li> <li>• Sediment removal</li> <li>• Channel and bank vegetation management</li> <li>• Bank protection</li> <li>• Other maintenance activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water quality and population monitoring</li> <li>• Management plan preparation and implementation</li> <li>• Project-specific protection measures (e.g., BMPs)</li> <li>• Exotics prevention</li> <li>• Habitat restoration, incl. exotics control if needed as mitigation for temporary/permanent habitat loss</li> </ul>
		Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public use</li> <li>• Maintenance</li> <li>• Resource management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signs and fencing</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Project-specific protection measures (e.g., BMPs)</li> <li>• Develop and implement management plan</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> </ul>

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<b>Morro Strand State Beach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach oriented day use</li> <li>• Camping</li> <li>• Leashed dogs in Cayucos north to pier</li> <li>• Park maintenance (garbage removal, signage, fencing, restroom cleaning, road repair, etc.)</li> <li>• Park operations (patrols, emergency response, etc.)</li> <li>• Installation of WSP exclosures/symbolic fencing</li> <li>• Monitoring of WSP</li> <li>• Predator control</li> <li>• Exotic pest plant and animal control</li> <li>• Routine natural and cultural resource management activities</li> <li>• Special events by permit only</li> </ul>	WSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harassment of nesting birds from monitoring and fencing installation and maintenance</li> <li>• Harassment from general maintenance and operations</li> <li>• Public use (harassment of wintering adults; harm/harassment of nesting adults and eggs, chicks, juveniles)</li> <li>• Creek restoration (Alva Paul)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Symbolic fencing with possible exclosures</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> <li>• Predator management as needed</li> <li>• Stepped up signage and enforcement of park regulations</li> <li>• Stepped up outreach and education of park users such as equestrians</li> <li>• No dogs in southern unit</li> <li>• Authorized vehicles restricted to wet sand</li> <li>• Staff training</li> </ul>
		CRLF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public use</li> <li>• Vegetation management</li> <li>• Bank protection</li> <li>• Maintenance activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water quality and population monitoring</li> <li>• Management plan preparation and implementation</li> <li>• Project-specific protection measures (e.g., BMPs)</li> <li>• Exotics prevention</li> </ul>
		MSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance, incl. trail, road, and building repair and maintenance, litter pick-up, outdoor supply storage</li> <li>• Rehabilitation of closed “volunteer” trails</li> <li>• Removal of ice plant, beachgrass, and other exotic pest plants from habitat</li> <li>• Presence of recreation users on or near habitat</li> <li>• Public use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare and implement five-year management plan, incl. elimination of beachgrass in 2.9 acre burn area, continue snail re-colonization study at burn site, continue surveys, maintenance of areas where beachgrass has already been eliminated, and expand beachgrass eradication in other areas of the Park</li> <li>• Project-specific protection measures (e.g., BMPs)</li> </ul>
		Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public use</li> <li>• Maintenance</li> <li>• Resource management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signs and fencing</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Project-specific protection measures (e.g., BMPs)</li> <li>• Develop and implement management plan</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> </ul>

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<b>Morro Bay State Park</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach/bay oriented day use</li> <li>• Camping</li> <li>• Bicycles on trails</li> <li>• Kayaking</li> <li>• Park maintenance (garbage removal, signage, fencing, restroom cleaning, trail repair, etc.)</li> <li>• Park operations (patrols, emergency response, etc.)</li> <li>• Marina operations and maintenance</li> <li>• Golf course operations and maintenance</li> <li>• Exotic pest plant and animal control</li> <li>• Routine natural and cultural resource management activities</li> <li>• Special events by permit only</li> <li>• Morro Bay Estuary road removal</li> </ul>	CRLF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetation management</li> <li>• Bank protection</li> <li>• Maintenance activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water quality and population monitoring</li> <li>• Management plan preparation and implementation</li> <li>• Project-specific protection measures (e.g., BMPs)</li> <li>• Exotics prevention</li> </ul>
		MSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exotics removal and habitat restoration, incl. veldtgrass and other exotic plant control/removal, prescribed burns</li> <li>• Maintenance, incl. trail, road, and building repair and maintenance, litter pick-up, outdoor supply storage, rearrange mobile homes</li> <li>• Rehabilitation of closed “volunteer” trails</li> <li>• Presence of recreation users on or near trails including hikers, bikers, and equestrians</li> <li>• Morro Bay Estuary road removal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare and implement five-year management plan, incl. surveys, assessing needs for exotic pest plant management, and obtaining an understanding of impacts from park management and users. Also included is continued management of the Powell mitigation site as required by the Globelnet/Worldcom HCP.</li> <li>• Project-specific protection measures (e.g., BMPs)</li> </ul>
		Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance</li> <li>• Resource management, incl. prescribed burns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signs and fencing</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Project-specific protection measures (e.g., BMPs)</li> <li>• Develop and implement management plan</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> </ul>

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<b>Montana de Oro State Park</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach and upland oriented day use</li> <li>• Camping</li> <li>• Equestrian recreation in areas outside of Natural Preserve</li> <li>• Bicycles on trails</li> <li>• Kayaking</li> <li>• Park maintenance (garbage removal, signage, fencing, restroom cleaning, trail repair, etc.)</li> <li>• Park operations (patrols, emergency response, etc.)</li> <li>• Exotic pest plant and animal control</li> <li>• Routine natural and cultural resource management activities</li> <li>• Installation of WSP enclosures/symbolic fencing</li> <li>• Monitoring WSP</li> <li>• Predator control</li> <li>• Special events by permit</li> </ul>	WSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harassment of nesting birds from monitoring and fencing installation and maintenance</li> <li>• Harassment from general maintenance and operations</li> <li>• Public use (harassment of wintering adults; harm/harassment of nesting adults and eggs, chicks, juveniles)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Symbolic fencing</li> <li>• Possible seasonal closure of portions of Sandspit</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> <li>• Predator control as needed</li> <li>• Stepped up signage and enforcement of park regulations, especially equestrian and dog use</li> <li>• Stepped up outreach and education, especially equestrians and kayakers</li> <li>• Control access to Sandspit by kayakers</li> <li>• Eliminate unauthorized access points</li> <li>• Authorized vehicles restricted to wet sand</li> <li>• Staff training</li> </ul>
		MSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exotics removal and habitat restoration, incl. veldtgrass and other exotic plant control/removal, prescribed burns</li> <li>• Maintenance, incl. trail, road, and building repair and maintenance, litter pick-up, outdoor supply storage</li> <li>• Rehabilitation of closed “volunteer” trails</li> <li>• Garbage pick up</li> <li>• Presence of recreation users on or near trails, including hikers, bikers, and equestrians</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare and implement five-year management plan incl. expanded veldtgrass control, surveys, and obtaining an understanding of impacts from park management activities and users</li> <li>• Project-specific protection measures (e.g., BMPs)</li> </ul>
		Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public use</li> <li>• Maintenance</li> <li>• Resource management, incl. prescribed burns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signs and fencing</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Project-specific protection measures (e.g., BMPs)</li> <li>• Develop and implement management plan</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> </ul>

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<b>Pismo Dunes Natural Preserve</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature viewing</li> <li>• Hiking</li> <li>• Park maintenance (garbage removal, signage, fencing, etc.)</li> <li>• Park operations (patrols, emergency response, etc.)</li> <li>• Installation of WSP and CLT enclosures and monitoring of WSP and CLT</li> <li>• Predator control</li> <li>• Exotic pest plant and animal control</li> <li>• Habitat restoration</li> <li>• Routine natural and cultural resource management activities</li> </ul>	WSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harassment of nesting birds from monitoring and fencing installation and maintenance</li> <li>• Harassment from general maintenance and operations</li> <li>• Public use (harassment of wintering adults; harm/harassment of nesting adults and eggs, chicks, juveniles)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nest enclosures as needed</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> <li>• Predator control as needed</li> <li>• Stepped up enforcement of park regulations, especially equestrian use</li> <li>• Stepped up outreach and education of park users</li> <li>• Staff training</li> </ul>
		CLT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harassment of nesting birds from monitoring and fencing installation and maintenance</li> <li>• Harassment from general maintenance and operations</li> <li>• Public use (harm/harassment of nesting individuals, eggs, chicks)</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Predator control as necessary</li> <li>• Stepped up enforcement of park regulations, especially equestrian use</li> </ul>
		Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public use</li> <li>• Maintenance</li> <li>• Resource management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signs and fencing</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Project-specific protection measures (e.g., BMPs)</li> <li>• Develop and implement management plan</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> </ul>
<b>ODSVRA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach and upland oriented day uses</li> <li>• Camping</li> <li>• Off-highway vehicle use in designated areas</li> <li>• Oso Flaco Lake recreation (boating, fishing)</li> <li>• Equestrians</li> <li>• Dogs on leash</li> <li>• Park maintenance (garbage</li> </ul>	WSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harassment of nesting birds from monitoring and fencing installation and maintenance</li> <li>• Harassment from general maintenance and operations</li> <li>• Public use (harassment of wintering adults; harm/harassment of nesting adults and eggs, chicks, juveniles)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install nest enclosures, no-climb and symbolic</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> <li>• Predator control as needed</li> <li>• Maintain extensive signage and enforcement of park regulations, especially speed limits on the beach, equestrian use, and dogs</li> <li>• Maintain extensive outreach and education of park users</li> <li>• Staff training</li> </ul>

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	removal, signage, fencing, restroom cleaning, ramp repair, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park operations (patrols, emergency response, etc.)</li> <li>• Installation of WSP and CLT enclosures and monitoring of WSP and CLT</li> <li>• Predator control</li> <li>• Exotic pest plant and animal control</li> <li>• Revegetation</li> <li>• Management of Oso Flaco Lake</li> <li>• Exotic plant and animal control</li> <li>• Routine natural and cultural resource management activities</li> <li>• Special events by permit</li> </ul>	CLT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harassment of nesting birds from monitoring and fencing installation and maintenance</li> <li>• Public use (harm/harassment of nesting adults and eggs, chicks, juveniles)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install nest enclosures, no-climb and symbolic</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> <li>• Predator control as necessary</li> <li>• Maintain extensive signage and enforcement of park regulations, especially speed limits on the beach, equestrian use, and dogs</li> <li>• Maintain extensive outreach and education of park users</li> <li>• Staff training</li> </ul>
		CRLF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repair of banks, culverts, drainages, roads at Oso Flaco Lake, incl. vegetation removal along the access road and adding road base at the northern end</li> <li>• Maintenance of bridge and boardwalk</li> <li>• Use of lake by boaters and fisherman</li> <li>• Control of non-native species (carp)</li> <li>• Sand movement into Oso Flaco</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water quality and population monitoring</li> <li>• Management plan preparation and implementation</li> <li>• Project-specific protection measures (e.g., BMPs)</li> <li>• Exotics prevention</li> <li>• Habitat restoration, incl. exotics control if needed as mitigation for temporary/permanent habitat loss</li> <li>• Possible seasonal closures to fishing or boating</li> </ul>
		Plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetation management/restoration activities to improve habitat quality</li> <li>• Trail maintenance</li> <li>• Litter pick up</li> <li>• Installation of protection fencing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signs and fencing</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Project-specific protection measures (e.g., BMPs)</li> <li>• Develop and implement management plan</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> </ul>

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<b>All Parks</b>	<sup>1</sup> Activities Not Covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unlawful actions of visitors (not following park regulations, e.g., dogs off leash or in prohibited areas)</li> <li>• Impacts to covered species on covered units from off-site activities outside of the control of CDPR (e.g., agricultural runoff)</li> <li>• Actions of non-CDPR personnel (e.g., utility companies, local agencies, other state agencies, federal agencies) on covered units but outside of the control of State Park personnel (i.e., no prior notification, no ability of CDPR to advise as to closures or other avoidance/minimization measures)</li> <li>• Use of pesticides</li> <li>• Any development projects (e.g., new campgrounds, roads, or new building construction) not specified in this HCP and outside of already developed areas</li> </ul> <sup>2</sup> Take of the covered species is not restricted to the currently described known locations, but rather would apply to any locations within the HCP area where the species are found to occur.			

## **Who is involved in the Permitting and Plan Implementation?**

Four public agencies will be involved in the various stages of review and permitting for the plan to take effect:

### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The USFWS has the authority for issuing Section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permits under the ESA and will be responsible for monitoring and enforcing the provisions of the SLO Coast/ODSVRA HCP permits, assuring CDPR's compliance with the HCP, reviewing annual status reports, and responding to requests for amendments.

### California Department of Fish and Game

The CDFG has the authority for approving Section 2081 incidental take permits under CESA and will be responsible for monitoring and enforcing the provisions of the SLO Coast/ODSVRA take permits, assuring CDPR's compliance with the HCP and permits, reviewing annual status reports, and responding to requests for amendments.

### California Department of Parks and Recreation

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is the permittee. The HCP will be implemented out of the San Luis Obispo Coast District for all Estero State Beaches and Park Units and by the Oceano Dunes District for Pismo Dunes Natural Preserve and ODSVRA, with the respective District Superintendents having implementation responsibility.

### California Coastal Commission

The California Coast Commission (CCC) is not a permitting agency; however, the CCC may request authority from the Office of Coastal Resource Management to review the HCP for consistency with the California Coastal Act.

## **Plan Implementation**

Implementation of the HCP will be directed by the San Luis Obispo Coast District Superintendent for all covered Park Units within that District and by the Oceano Dunes District Superintendent for Pismo Dunes Natural Preserve and ODSVRA. District Superintendents are directly responsible for all activities that take place within their Districts. They prepare annual operating budgets, request funds for special projects, direct staff, prioritize work loads, and direct public access and use of beaches and parks.

The District Superintendent, through his or her powers of authority over the District handed down from Headquarters, can issue orders directing the following types of activities:

- Temporary beach or other park area closures needed to protect wildlife resources,
- Strict enforcement of laws and regulations governing the park including, but not limited to, no entry areas, dogs in prohibited areas, dogs off-leash in leash only areas, horses off trails, and motorized vehicle restrictions,
- Permanent closures of trails or beaches.

It is expected that most aspects of HCP implementation can be achieved through each of the District Superintendents. Headquarters must support the Superintendents, however, by allocating the funding levels necessary to carryout the HCP and to provide overall support of the HCP.

For more information regarding the HCP Process for the six Parks within the San Luis Obispo Coast and Oceano Districts, please contact Greg Smith, Coastal Sector Supt. of the San Luis Obispo Coast District, at (805) 771-1911 or Andrew Zilke of the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area at (805) 473-7230, or John Jostes, Workshop Facilitator at (805) 568-1440.