



California State Parks San Luis Obispo Coast/Oceano Dunes SVRA Habitat Conservation Plan Public Workshop #2

California Department of Parks and Recreation
San Luis Obispo Division
Oceano Division

Tuesday, June 8, 2005, 6:00 pm – 9:30 p.m.

Embassy Suites Hotel
333 Madonna Road\
San Luis Obispo, California 93405

You're Invited!

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is currently preparing a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for six coastal parks within San Luis Obispo County and would like to hear from you regarding what measures the CDPR should undertake to avoid, minimize and mitigate visitor and park operations impacts to the threatened and endangered species that inhabit these parks.

On April 19, 2005, the San Luis Obispo Coast District and the Oceano Dunes District of the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) held a public workshop that was attended by approximately 50 individuals from the public and a number of State Parks staff. At that meeting, a number of questions, comments and concerns were provided via a focus group format.

Since that meeting, State Parks has assembled responses to each of the questions that were raised at that workshop and has scheduled a second information workshop to summarize its responses and encourage additional follow-up comments and questions from those individuals and organizations with an interest in HCP development and coverage. The HCP is currently under development and is being 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 second workshop is designed to carry forward the initial conversations regarding HCP focus and coverage, adaptive management, and engage the public in a dialogue that will aid in the development and refinement of a plan that can be formally released to the public and permitting agencies for review and approval over the coming year.



The workshop will provide an opportunity for members of the public to:

- become further informed about the goals, objectives, measures and strategies associated with CDPR’s habitat conservation efforts
- raise questions and offer suggestions regarding what the plan should cover and how threatened and endangered species can be protected while still allowing for access and recreation within these six park properties; and
- productively and constructively interact with others within the region to suggest problem-solving approaches to endangered species management along this portion of the central Coast of California.

The feedback and questions raised at this workshop will assist State Parks in finalizing a public review draft of the HCP that is responsive to the issues and interests of the full range of users and conservation interests that care about the six state parks and the resources they represent.

Topics and Workshop Format:

In contrast to traditional hearings and workshops, this workshop is designed to provide for both information exchange and interaction among participants and sponsors. The process will be led by a trained facilitator and ground rules or “terms of engagement” will ensure everyone has a chance to be heard.

- **Information Sharing:** The first part of the meeting will provide State Parks staff and management with an opportunity to articulate the value of the feedback provided at the initial workshop and its importance to the HCP development process. This portion will also provide a recap of the first workshop to bring meeting participants who did not attend the first workshop “up to speed”.
- **Interaction and Feedback:** The second part of the session will be designed to provide a more interactive environment for discussion and information sharing that builds upon the feedback received at the first workshop. Four key issue areas

emerged from that workshop. State Parks staff will review their responses and clarifications to issues highlighted by workshop participants and then entertain, through the workshop facilitator, additional feedback, questions and commentary on these issues. This portion of the workshop is intended to build on the constructive dialogue that took place at the last workshop yet still allow for individuals to express their views as well. Depending upon the number of individuals who wish to respond to each topical summary, participants may be asked to limit their remarks to several minutes in order to give everyone a chance to be heard.

- **Closing Remarks:** The meeting will conclude with closing remarks from key State Parks staff regarding the process and timing of preparing and releasing a public review draft of the HCP, and opportunities for formal public and agency comment.

How You Can Obtain Additional Information

- **Call State Parks Directly** – Additional information regarding this workshop series can be obtained by contacting: Greg Smith, Dist. Superintendent, San Luis Obispo District, California Department of Parks and Recreation, at: (805) 771-1911 or Andrew Zilke, Superintendent, Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area at 576 Camino Mercado, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420 (805) 473-7230
- **Call the Workshop Facilitator** – The individual responsible for the workshop design and facilitation is John Jostes, Interactive Planning and Management, LLC, 112 E. De La Guerra St., No. 7 (805) 568-1440; john@interactiveplans.com
- **Visit State Parks Website** – Technical information regarding the HCP process, topics covered in an HCP and the Workshop agenda will be posted shortly at: www.slostateparks.com.