

CLEAR LAKE STATE PARK GENERAL PLAN DISCUSSION



Park Value

What is the value of the park, and how can it be enhanced?

Diversity of recreation experiences	Could be centerpiece of Clear Lake recovery efforts	Ecosystem values	Unique shoreline access by land and boat.
Valuable platform for community science.	Unique natural resources	Potential healing place between natives and other peoples.	Increased connection with school and university students
It is a place of opportunity to be a leader in natural resources recovery	Open space and connection to nature	Large land holding and public access to lakeside camping and waterways	for a small park it has as much wildlife diversity as any place in the county
Recreation and reflection through enhanced facilities and infrastructure	So much potential for increasing value to the region	Refreshed visitor center and interp panels/ materials	quality visitor center and lake access
Enhance-diversified community events to engage many different types of folks	Personnel dedicated to the interpretation of the resources would be of great value to get these values presented to the public	Fantastic multiple viewsheds	Year-round recreation opportunities
Good ADA opportunities and room for improvement			



Concurrent and Ongoing Efforts

What ongoing initiatives and activities near CLSP could align with the park's goals?

CDFW's use of CCC crews adjacent the park		Blue Ribbon Committee for Rehab of Clear Lake	Clear Lake Hitch Conservation Strategy (USFWS)
Partner in Clear Lake Hitch task force (CDFW)	Partner in upstream channel rehab on Kelsey Creek.	Awareness of Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan area.	LakeCounty2050 GP, area plan updates.
30x30	Efforts in Project Planning to benefit Hitch	Soda Bay Corridor Evacuation Plan. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3pWj6PluNU	make connections to the other public and non profit conservation agencies
A neighbor, M. Van Eek is contacting the Land Trust to purchase land up Kelsey Creek from and adjacent to the park	Lake Co. Community Wildfire Prevention Plan 9CWPP)	The County's work in removing invasive aquatic primrose	Carp and Goldfish removal by CDFW



Challenges

What are the primary challenges facing CLSP? What obstacles might hinder the achievement of the general plan objectives?

Fire management and water quality	Adequate budget/ staffing	Pollution	Invasive species
Maintain recreation access and availability for all	Managing impacts to natural resources from high levels of visitor use	Legacy damage from creek channelization.	Limited staff resources
Limited local resources, funding.	Funding for full time interpretive staff, including weekends	Funding and the contracting process in getting projects implemented	Drought
Climate change and hot weather	Bad press about Clear Lake water quality	Climate change and extreme water years (flooding)	Flooding
Connecting the North and South unit across Soda Bay Road			



Leverage Partnerships and Resources

How can partnerships be strengthened and resources leveraged to effectively address challenges?

coordinating on regional trails or land acquisitions.	County (or other entity) takes advantage of any future sediment removal work	Concessions	Volunteer opportunities (interpretation, park maintenance, etc.)
Ensure train connectivity between regional recreation providers	Encourage people to use our park through partnerships with clubs and schools	Lake Co. Watershed Protection District	Engagement with local communities and the County for special events
Collaboration to achieve prescribed fire opportunities	Co-management with tribes and local organizations for natural resources recovery and protection	Become a Blue Ribbon Comm. funding/project applicant	Partnerships on state and federal funding opportunities
Inclusion of local school groups	Contribute to revise of county /city shoreline ordinances	Lakeport Yacht Club, Konocti Bay Sailing Club	Dare I say this: Consider land acquisitions to expand park's vision.
Volunteer docent program	Audubon Society	Tribal EPAs	
CalOES			
Cal Fire, Local Fire, and other local Emergency Response Agencies			