

## **APPENDIX C. SELECT GOALS AND GUIDELINES**

## **Select Goals and Guidelines of the Sonoma Coast State Park General Plan**

A Final General Plan and Environmental Impact Report has been prepared for the Sonoma Coast State Park (DPR, 2007) that identifies existing conditions, needs and issues, and makes management recommendations for responding to those needs and issues. Recommendations that pertain to the Carrington Property include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Provide a variety of day-use and overnight recreational opportunities to meet the existing and evolving needs of park visitors. (Goal Rec-1)
- Provide a variety of overnight camping facilities and alternative overnight accommodations that are convenient for visitors of varying abilities and for individuals and groups seeking diverse recreational and educational experiences. (Guideline Rec-1C)
- Evaluate the potential need for new public facilities, such as trails and camping areas, with their potential negative impacts to plant and wildlife species and cultural resources. (Guideline Rec-1F)
- Provide access to educational and interpretive opportunities associated with the unique natural, cultural and scenic resources of Sonoma Coast SP. (Goal Edu-1)
- Develop interpretive opportunities and visitor information at strategically located sites that are compatible with the sensitive biological, cultural, water quality and scenic resources of Sonoma Coast SP. (Guideline Edu-1B)
- Enhance visitor access to, and visitor experiences with, resources in and around Sonoma Coast SP by providing an interconnecting trail network for various transportation modes where appropriate and linkages to regional trail systems. (Goal Trail 1)
- Provide amenities, such as interpretive and educational resources panels, along trails. (Guideline Trail-1B)
- Explore strategies to provide access to campsites, alternative overnight accommodations, trails, vistas, overlooks, and historical resources in balance with the scenic character of Sonoma Coast SP. (Guideline Trail-1E)
- Develop and maintain environmentally compatible and logistically convenient facilities in order to meet visitor, staff, and park management needs and to support efficient operations. (Goal Fac-1)
- When planning new facility development or property acquisitions, consider the needs for public safety personnel, equipment, and communications systems. (Guidelines Fac-1J)

- When reviewing potential new facility development or property acquisitions, assess the ability to provide for adequate public safety as part of the environmental review. (Guideline Fac-1K)
- Consult with other state agencies, such as the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District and the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, prior to initiating construction activities. (Guideline Fac-1L)
- Provide universal access to the park's recreation facilities and resources where feasible, including buildings and their contents, historic structures and landscapes, roads, walkways and trails, and the park's important natural and cultural resources, in accordance with the *American's with Disabilities Act (1990)* and California State Parks' *Accessibility Guidelines*. Provide universal accessibility for employees in work areas and in park residences as they are developed or renovated. (Guideline ACC-1A)
- Use the California *Historic Building Code* as a guideline for providing appropriate accessibility in historic structures. (Guideline ACC-1B)
- Preserve the natural beauty of the coastal viewshed in and around Sonoma Coast SP for the enjoyment of visitors. (Goal Coast-3)
- Designate public viewpoints along trails and roadways where views of the coastline, Coast Range, or other visual resources are not obstructed by existing vegetation or other natural and man-made features. (Guideline Coast-3A)
- Provide signage at designated viewpoints to facilitate public viewing and interpretation of resources. (Guideline Coast- 3C)
- Establish appropriate visual screening of existing and new facility developments that are visible from the State routes or the designated scenic viewpoints. (Guideline Coast- 3D)
- Avoid new development that would decrease the scenic quality of resources within or near Sonoma Coast SP. (Guideline Coast- 3E)
- Shield light sources to eliminate or minimize light pollution that can degrade night-time views of the coast and the sky. (Guideline Coast 3G)
- Protect, maintain, and preserve significant prehistoric and historic resources. (Goal Cul-1)
- Develop an inventory, mapping system, and database for those significant cultural resources within Sonoma Coast SP that may be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and/or the California Register of Historic

Resources. Consider designations or classifications such as Rural Historic Landscape District or Cultural Preserve where appropriate. All treatment plans are to comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic properties, to include a determination of significance or determination of eligibility for cultural resources. (Guideline Cult-1A)

- Prepare and conduct surveys and inventories of cultural resources in areas subject to development. This should include surveys of historical structures, inventories and condition assessments of artifacts, or assessments and research on cultural landscapes (gardens, dams, roads, and ranches) and completions of the PRC 5024 project evaluations. Comply with Department policies and procedures prior to removing any man-made feature that has the potential to be a significant resource. (Guideline Cult-1C)