



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SANTA SUSANNA PASS STATE HISTORIC PARK GENERAL PLAN

Date: July 2, 2007

To: All Interested Agencies, Organizations and Individuals

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) has directed the preparation of and intends to adopt an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. CDPR is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

PROJECT LOCATION: Santa Susanna Pass State Historic Park in and near the boundary of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: To meet requirements set forth in Section 5002.2 of the Public Resources Code and Section 4332, Title 14 of the California Administration Code, California Department of Parks and Recreation is preparing a General Plan for the Park. The Plan will delineate a number of resource management zones, as well as develop goals and guidelines for each zone; the document will guide park management, specific project management, and implementation. These goals and guidelines will address recreational, operational, interpretive, and resource management opportunities and constraints; consistent with the classification of *State Historic Park*, as set forth in Section 5019.59 of the Public Resources Code and with Department Resource Management Directives.

Due to the relatively small size of the Park, the Plan will provide specific direction regarding trail location and several facilities. Further, the Plan will provide goals and guidelines for the appropriate types, locations, and designs of facilities that may be proposed in the future; which may include new parking areas, campgrounds, a visitor center, interpretive kiosks, restrooms, and other visitor amenities. The General Plan will establish primary themes for interpretive programs and activities. The General Plan may also indicate direction for cooperative planning and joint-use projects with adjacent parks or transportation agencies.

Current facilities within the Park only include trails and signage; however, the Park is located adjacent to local parks which provide access into the State Park as well as varying visitor support facilities. Resources within the Park include significant and varied historic resources, significant archaeological resources, and significant wildlife corridors, riparian habitats, upland habitats, and varied wildlife that may include sensitive species.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Preliminary General Plan/DEIR is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 45 days, beginning July 5, 2007. Questions regarding the project should be directed to:

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Your views and comments on this project are welcomed and must be in writing. Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, in person, or e-mail. All comments should be submitted no later than August 20, 2007 to the address listed above with a contact name and mailing address for the public record.

Three public meetings were held prior to the preparation of the Preliminary General Plan/EIR. No public hearing will be held during this public comment period (July 5, 2007 to August 20, 2007). This project will be considered before the State Park and Recreation Commission in a public hearing to be held at a local venue after the public comments, CDPR responses, and a Preliminary General Plan/FEIR have been prepared. Notice of the hearing will be mailed to all agencies, organizations and individuals that have expressed interest.

Copies of the Preliminary General Plan/EIR may be reviewed online at http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24154 or http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=983 and at the following locations during normal business hours:

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San Diego, CA 92108

California Department of Parks and Recreation
Angeles District Headquarters
1925 Las Virgines Road
Calabasas, CA 91302

Chatsworth Branch Library
21052 Devonshire St.
Chatsworth, CA 91311

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2969 Tapo Canyon Road
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