



Frequently Asked Questions:

Land Exchange Between
California State Parks and the California Tahoe Conservancy
Dollar Property/Burton Creek State Park and
State-owned Urban Lots in the Rubicon Subdivision

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General

Why is there a land exchange between California State Parks and the California Tahoe Conservancy?

The Dollar Property and Rubicon exchange is part of a larger effort to consolidate ownerships in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Many of these Conservancy properties were originally acquired with the purpose of transferring them to State Parks.

The 2012/13 California Budget Act, Stats 2012, Section 21 (the Budget Act), contains language directing the California Natural Resources Agency, in coordination with California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy) and California State Parks (State Parks), to execute an agreement to consolidate and exchange state lands and to share personnel, facilities and other resources to more effectively manage state-owned lands in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Other Conservancy properties including the California side of Van Sickle Bi-State Park, and particular parcels adjacent to Washoe Meadows State Park and Emerald Bay State Park will be transferred to State Parks at a future date.

When will the exchange take place?

Upon final recording of the property documents, the state anticipates the Rubicon exchange to occur in January 2015. Both agencies are further evaluating logistics related to the transfer of the Dollar Property. There is no estimated date at this time for the transfer of the Dollar Property.

Rubicon Subdivision

Why is State Parks transferring management to the Conservancy?

The Conservancy has been managing these parcels since the mid-1990's under a memorandum of understanding with State Parks. The Conservancy is better suited to manage small, urban parcels and this exchange should increase state efficiency.

Dollar Property/Burton Creek State Park

Why is the Conservancy transferring the Dollar Property to State Parks?

The Conservancy acquired the Dollar Property in 1989 at the request of State Parks with the intent of transferring ownership for integration into the Burton Creek State Park. State Parks anticipated this transfer and incorporated this area into the Burton Creek State Park General Plan. This transfer would increase management efficiency of this area.

Why is the Dollar Property land transfer not happening in January, as previously anticipated?

The Conservancy and State Parks are working out logistics of the transfer, including coverage credit (Tahoe Regional Planning Agency), land manager rules and regulations, recreational use patterns, and evaluating what would be in the best interest of the public land management agencies and the community.

Will there be new rules and regulations for visitors?

Yes. California State Parks is regulated by Division 3 of [Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations](#). The California Code of Regulations will apply on lands transferred to California State Parks.

Will the hours of operation change?

Yes. The park will be open from sunrise to sunset. The Conservancy did not have operational hours.

Will all of the existing trails remain on the Dollar Property?

State Parks will determine which trails will remain based on a resource inventory to be conducted by staff.

Will services be impacted?

The park will remain open. In fact, State Parks will provide operational efficiencies including a State Park Peace Officer (Ranger) and Maintenance and Emergency Medical Response presence.

Are dogs going to be allowed in the Park?

Dogs will be allowed on a leash on designated service or fire roads only. Per State Parks rules and regulations, dogs are not allowed on trails.

Are mountain bicycles going to be allowed?

Mountain bicycles will be allowed on designated fire roads and trails.

Are there any other restrictions on trail use?

At this time, the designated trails are for pedestrian and bicycle traffic only. Equestrian traffic is allowed on designated fire roads. Motorized vehicle use is prohibited.

How will events be handled?

State Parks will engage event applicants and review their proposals. State Parks will continue to permit as many special events as possible while balancing impacts to our mission, the park, our visitors, and the local community.

Is State Parks going to allow camping?

At this time, the Dollar Property does not have the capacity for camping. The property is a day-use facility only.

Will there be a General Plan Amendment do to the Land Exchange?

The [Burton Creek General Plan](#), which was approved by the State Park and Recreation Commission on November 18, 2005, includes the Dollar Property as part of the plan.

Where should I go for more information?

Please visit the State Parks website at www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=512 for more information, including maps of the exchange areas.