NOTICE OF EXTENDED PUBLIC REVIEW

OCEANO DUNES DISTRICT HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 2018011012)

A Notice of Availability of a Draft EIR for the Oceano Dunes District Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) was previously distributed to agencies and interested parties on February 24, 2020. <u>This is notice is to announce that the 60-day comment period on the Draft EIR, which</u> was set to expire Friday, April 24, 2020, has been extended by 34 days to Monday, June 1, 2020, to allow the agencies and the public additional time to submit comments on the Draft EIR. The public meeting, which was scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2020, has been rescheduled to May 13, 2020, and will be virtual (online) only.

LEAD AGENCY: California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division 1725 23rd Street, Suite 200 Sacramento, CA 95816

> Contact: Ronnie Glick, Senior Environmental Scientist Oceano Dunes District CDPR, OHMVR Division 340 James Way, Suite 270 Pismo Beach, CA 93449

PROJECT LOCATION: Pismo State Beach and Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: DPR has prepared an HCP to support its application for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the federal Endangered Species Act for park units managed by the Oceano Dunes District. The HCP covers 5,005 acres and will allow DPR to operate Oceano Dunes SVRA and Pismo SB in a manner that benefits numerous sensitive species while ensuring consistency with the Federal Endangered Species Act. The public will be able to continue enjoying these park units while DPR implements substantial endangered species management programs for the next 25 years. The HCP addresses the following species: the federally-threatened western snowy plover and California red-legged frog; the federally-endangered California least tern, tidewater goby, marsh sandwort, La Graciosa thistle, Nipomo Mesa lupine, and Gambel's watercress, as well as two plant species solely listed under the California Endangered Species Act (surf thistle and beach spectaclepod).

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant air quality impacts associated with the proposed new project activities. All impacts can be reduced to less than significant through mitigation measures.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: The Draft EIR was distributed for public review and comment on February 24, 2020. Your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than **5PM**, June 1, 2020. Please send your written response to Mr. Ronnie Glick, Senior Environmental Scientist, California Department Parks and Recreation, Oceano Dunes District, 340 James Way, Ste. 270, Pismo Beach, CA 93449 or to <u>OceanoDunesHCP@parks.ca.gov</u>.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft EIR and HCP are available for review and may be viewed and downloaded from DPR's website at the following address: <u>www.oceanoduneshcp.com</u>.

PUBLIC MEETING: A public meeting will be held for the purpose of receiving public comment. DPR encourages all interested agency representatives, organizations, and individuals to attend. The

meeting will be held in an online (virtual) format only, and participants will have the opportunity to submit comments during the meeting. Please save the meeting date and time listed below. The meeting link will be sent out and posted on DPR's website closer to the meeting the date.

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

5 PM – 7 PM