



## ***NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) AND PUBLIC MEETING***

**Date:** February 24, 2020

**To:** California State Clearinghouse, state Responsible and Trustee Agencies, federal agencies, county clerks, local jurisdictions and interested individuals and organizations

**Subject:** **Notice of Availability of Draft EIR for public review and Public Meeting to receive comment on the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Oceano Dunes District Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Draft EIR**

**Lead Agency:** DPR is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the EIR.

**Applicant:** DPR, Oceano Dunes District, 340 James Way, Ste. 270, Pismo Beach, CA 93449

**Project Location:** Pismo State Beach and Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area in San Luis Obispo County, California

**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 is available for public review and comment, beginning February 24, 2020. **Your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than 5PM, April 24, 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 [OceanoDunesHCP@parks.ca.gov](mailto:OceanoDunesHCP@parks.ca.gov).

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The EIR and all documents referenced in the EIR are available for review at the address shown above. The Draft EIR may also be reviewed or downloaded from DPR's website at the following address: [www.oceanoduneshcp.com](http://www.oceanoduneshcp.com).

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

**Tuesday, April 14, 2020**  
**Ramona Garden Park Center**  
**993 Ramona Avenue, Grover Beach, CA 93433**  
**5 PM – 7 PM**