

# How will we Reimagine Big Basin?



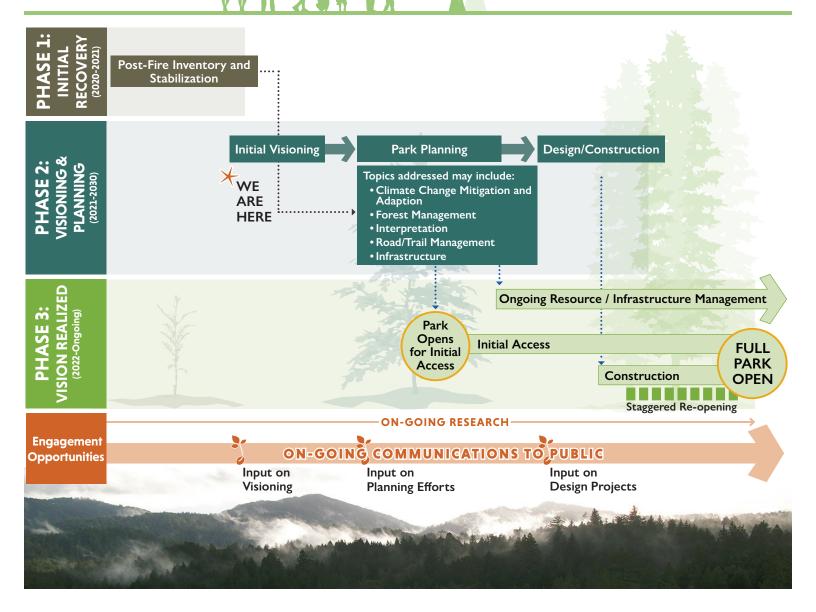
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### **THE VISIONING PROCESS**

Reimagining Big Basin Redwoods State Park (Big Basin) is a first step towards reestablishing public access at Big Basin following the 2020 CZU Lightning Complex Fire, which devastated park facilities and profoundly affected the park's old growth redwood forests and other resources. Through this visioning process, California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) is asking members of the public and stakeholders to help define a renewed vision for Big Basin that responds to its past, its changed conditions, and the challenges and opportunities ahead.

### **A RENEWED PARK**

It may take hundreds of years for the forest to resemble what it looked like before the 2020 fires, yet the signs of rebirth are already evident. Spontaneous wildflowers, returning wildlife, verdant green sprouts around redwood trunks, and the outpouring of support from individuals and organizations are setting the stage for Big Basin to become a model for climate resilient parks.



# Big Basin is and will be a model for 21st century parks.

Big Basin will continue to be the "seed bank" for forward-thinking conservation and management of California's redwood forests. By providing access to nature, inclusive storytelling, educational and stewardship opportunities, and recreation for people of all abilities, the renewed park will weld connections between California's landscapes and its diverse communities that fortify both public and ecosystem health. Through strategic and adaptive management that continues to evolve, and when necessary, pivot, based on scientific and indigenous knowledge, the park will continue to be one of California's most iconic natural landmarks, as well as serve as a model for California's resilient and inclusive parks.

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

The following guiding principles will provide a foundation for reimagining and reestablishing Big Basin.



#### Land Management

Ecological processes, indigenous practices, and current science will inform adaptive land management practices.



#### Connectivity and Coordination

Road and trail connectivity, as well as relationships with neighbors, will support a safe and resilient park.



#### Indigenous Knowledge

Tribal perspectives will be embraced as a critical foundation for planning, design, management, and interpretation.



#### Equitable, Diverse, and C Evocative Visitor Experiences

All visitors will be provided a diversity of safe and welcoming opportunities for evocative nature experiences.

#### Aesthetic, Reverent Design

Natural and historic character will be honored in built elements, yet resilience and sustainability will be paramount.



# Creating New Memories

The next generation of stewards and advocates will create new memories in a renewed Big Basin.



#### Leadership in Resilient Park Planning

Park planning efforts will model a robust and resilient future for all parks.



#### Communication

Communication about the park's condition, recovery, and planning will be clear, honest, and engaging.

## **Complete our survey**

Share your thoughts on Big Basin's past, present, and future. Tell us what you love about Big Basin! Your input will help us determine priorities in the planning and rebuilding process.

## Visit our website

To take the survey and to learn more about the project, please visit **https://reimaginingbigbasin.org/** 

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