



# BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK Facilities Management Plan

## How can I get involved in the planning process?

### STAGE 1

(Mid 2023 - Early 2024)

Learn about technical studies and provide input on visitor experiences

Online Survey

In-Person Open House

Focus Groups

On-site Experiences

### STAGE 2

(Mid 2024 - Late 2024)

Review site design concepts and provide input on facility preferences

Virtual Workshop

In-Person Open House

Focus Groups

Pop-up Events

### STAGE 3

(Early 2025)

Learn about preferred design concept and support implementation

Virtual Open House

In-Person Open House

Focus Groups

On-site Experiences

## Which groups are participating?

- **California Public**  
Online engagement opportunities for all interested members of the California public
- **Local Engagement**
  - Saddle Mountain Neighbors
  - Boulder Creek Area Community and Civic Leaders
  - Environmental Group Leaders
  - User Group Leaders (Equestrian and Mountain Biking)
  - Indigenous Representatives (rightholders)



- **Focus Communities**  
Engagement of underrepresented groups, including people of color, youth, and people with disabilities (through community-based organizations)
- **Partners Working Group**
  - Amah Mutsun Tribal Band
  - Muwekma Ohlone Tribe
  - Sempervirens Fund
  - Friends of Santa Cruz State Parks
  - Mountain Parks Foundation
  - Parks California
  - Save the Redwoods League
  - Latino Outdoors

# How will planning decisions be made?



- All planning decisions will be aligned with the Park's **General Plan** and the Guiding Principles in the **Reimagining Big Basin Vision Summary**.
- These documents help establish a **planning framework** that includes ongoing community and stakeholder engagement.
- The **Project Team** considers technical and environmental studies, information about programming needs from the California State Parks Santa Cruz **District Working Group**, and feedback from the **Public**.
- The Project Team develops a **draft plan document** in each of the three planning phases. Previous documents help refine the planning framework for the next phase.
- The California State Parks **Planning and Acquisition Committee (PAC)** approves the document.

## WHAT IS THE PROJECT TEAM?

The Project Team is responsible for leading the planning process, conducting community engagement and technical studies, and preparing the Basis of Design, Design Alternatives, and Preferred Alternative/BBFMP.

### California State Parks

- Chris Spohrer, Santa Cruz District Superintendent
- Will Fourt, Big Basin Senior Planner
- Garret Hammack, Park and Recreation Specialist

### Consultants

- PlaceWorks (*Planning & Landscape*)
- Mithun (*Architecture*)
- Sherwood Design Engineers (*Water/Utilities*)
- Fehr & Peers (*Transportation*)
- Land and Water Connections Consulting (*Engagement*)
- Environmental Collaborative (*Biological Resources*)

## Engagement Commitments

- Establishing **appropriate communication** with community members, stakeholders and partners and working to build trust;
- Using a **variety of approaches** to meaningfully engage with community members, stakeholders and partners in order to understand their perspectives;
- Finding creative and equity-driven ways to **reduce barriers to participation** for underrepresented groups to ensure that facility designs are responsive to the needs of all Californians;
- **Setting clear expectations** about how input will be used, where there is flexibility in design decisions, and where project goals and existing plans do not allow flexibility;
- Where possible, **incorporating potential design adjustments** to address community concerns without compromising project goals.
- **Demonstrating how input influenced the plan** and is reflected there.

## WHAT IS THE DISTRICT WORKING GROUP?

The District Working Group is composed of subject area experts from California State Parks who are intimately familiar with the park and whose insights and recommendations will strongly inform the BBFMP.

## WHAT IS THE PAC?

The California State Parks Planning and Acquisition Committee (PAC) is comprised of statewide division chiefs and is responsible for establishing priorities and subsequent management-level decisions for the department's acquisition and planning programs. This body will be responsible for approving the FMP and CEQA document. There will be three presentations to the PAC during the planning process.