



ACTION ALERT: ASRA General Plan Vote September 30

The California State Park and Recreation Commission is meeting on September 30 to consider approving the proposed new General Plan for the Auburn State Recreation Area (ASRA). The proposed plan sets out long-term goals and guidelines for the future management of ASRA. It will replace an outdated 30-year-old temporary plan that assumed Auburn Dam would be built and discouraged investment in trails, roads, restrooms, access improvements, interpretive information panels and other recreational features.

The new plan has been developed over the last six years with extensive public involvement. The final product is an excellent plan with strong resource protection measures along with enhanced recreational facility and public access strategies. PARC enthusiastically endorses its approval.

The September 30 meeting will be conducted virtually and will be live-streamed at <https://cal-span.org/> beginning at 8:30 a.m. There will also be an opportunity to provide public comment at the meeting via Zoom (see details below).

Help Shape a Positive Future for the Auburn State Recreation Area

The State Park and Recreation Commission needs to hear from you!

We anticipate strong opposition to plan approval by some who wish to restrict public access and prevent recreational improvements. It is vital that the State Park and Recreation Commission hears from those of us who support approval of the proposed new General Plan. There are two ways to convey your support:

1. Write an email to the Commission before the September 30 hearing at SPR.Commission@parks.ca.gov
2. Register to speak during the public comment portion of the virtual September 30th hearing. Information on how to register to speak via Zoom is posted online at the State Park and Recreation Commission website: https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30545. Click on "Registration Link for Public Comment."

Here are some points you may want to include in your support comments:

- The General Plan includes a comprehensive fire management plan that is consistent with CAL FIRE policies and requirements.
- The Plan makes clear that before any new recreational facilities are constructed, a project-level planning process will be required, including environmental, cultural and safety review and mitigation that will include fire risk reduction measures.
- The Plan fairly addresses neighborhood concerns while at the same time establishing much needed resource protection and recreation enhancement goals for this very popular park.

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