



John Marsh / Cowell Ranch GENERAL PLAN



Winter 2007

Overview

California State Parks and the City of Brentwood Parks would like your feedback on the General Plan for the future development of John Marsh / Cowell Ranch. John Marsh / Cowell Ranch encompasses nearly 4000 acres of natural habitat, wildlife, and unique cultural features, including the John Marsh House, nestled within one of California's fastest growing regions. Through the efforts of concerned citizens as well as the Trust for Public Land and other public entities, John Marsh / Cowell Ranch is one of California's newest state parks.

Please Join Us

Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.

At this workshop, the General Plan project team will present preliminary alternative concepts for public review and feedback (see some topics below). The input collected at this next workshop will be used to refine the alternatives and craft the Draft General Plan and Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Contact Information

If you have any questions or comments, visit our project website: www.parks.ca.gov (General Plans in Progress) or contact us at:

Project Timeline

Winter/Spring 2006	Information Gathering Fieldwork PUBLIC PLANNING WORKSHOP #1
Fall 2006	Summarize Existing Conditions Discuss Challenges and Opportunities Develop Plan Alternatives
Winter 2007	PUBLIC PLANNING WORKSHOP #2 Refine Plan Alternatives Develop Draft General Plan
Summer 2007	Finalize Draft Plan and Environmental Review PUBLIC PLANNING WORKSHOP #3 Prepare Final Environmental Review
Fall/Winter 2007	Commission Hearing and Approval Distribute Final Plans and Environmental Review Agency Approvals

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Sample General Plan Alternative Concepts

Local and Regional Trails

- Briones Valley
- Marsh Creek Trail
- Connect to Los Vaqueros
- Eastern Hills
- Vineyards at Marsh Creek

John Marsh House

- Stabilize structure for guided tours
- Full restoration and re-use:
 - Park offices
 - Special events
 - Visitor center

Staging Areas

- Round Valley
- Deer Valley Road
- John Marsh House
- Eastern Hills

Operation and Maintenance

- Re-use existing buildings
- Restoration storage
- Ranger station
- Camping check-in
- Cultural resources
- Research center

Public Use

- Multi-use trails
- Camping
- Interpretive programs
- John Marsh House tours
- Day use areas

Cultural and Natural Resource Protection and Management are Part of all Alternatives

Alternatives are Additive

- Alternative 1 (No Action) – what would happen if there was no General Plan.
- Alternative 2 – some visitor use and new facilities permitted.
- Alternative 3 – same as Alternative 2 with additional actions.