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STAFF REPORT: Oceano Dunes SVRA Habitat Conservation Plan

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SUBJECT: 2025 Oceano Dunes Habitat Conservation Plan and Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report

Summary

In November 2025, the Department released a draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to cover activities at the Oceano Dunes District which includes all of Pismo State Beach and Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area. The adoption of the HCP will mean that district operations will be in compliance with the Federal Endangered Species Act. The HCP covers six federally listed or candidate animal species and six state and/or federally listed plant species.

The HCP covers a wide variety of activities within the Oceano Dunes District including park visitor activities (camping, motorized recreation), natural resource management activities, park maintenance activities, visitor services, and other actions. This HCP covers all current operations and some possible future activities like enhanced trail riding opportunities and replacement of the Oso Flaco Lake boardwalk.

This HCP represents a commitment by the department to implement a robust conservation program for the next 25 years to benefit the covered species while minimizing the impacts from public access and ongoing park operations.

This HCP establishes biological goals for all of the covered species and identifies hundreds of Avoidance and Minimization Measures that will help reduce impacts to the maximum extent practical.

The public comment period on the EIR ended on January 23, 2026 and the department received over 30 public comments. Our team will address these comments and plan to issue a Final EIR in 2026. The department expects to have an Incidental Take Permit from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in 2026.

This HCP has been developed over more than 25 years and represents an investment of ongoing operations of the Oceano Dunes District and Oceano Dunes SVRA.

Commission Action: For information only

Attachments: None