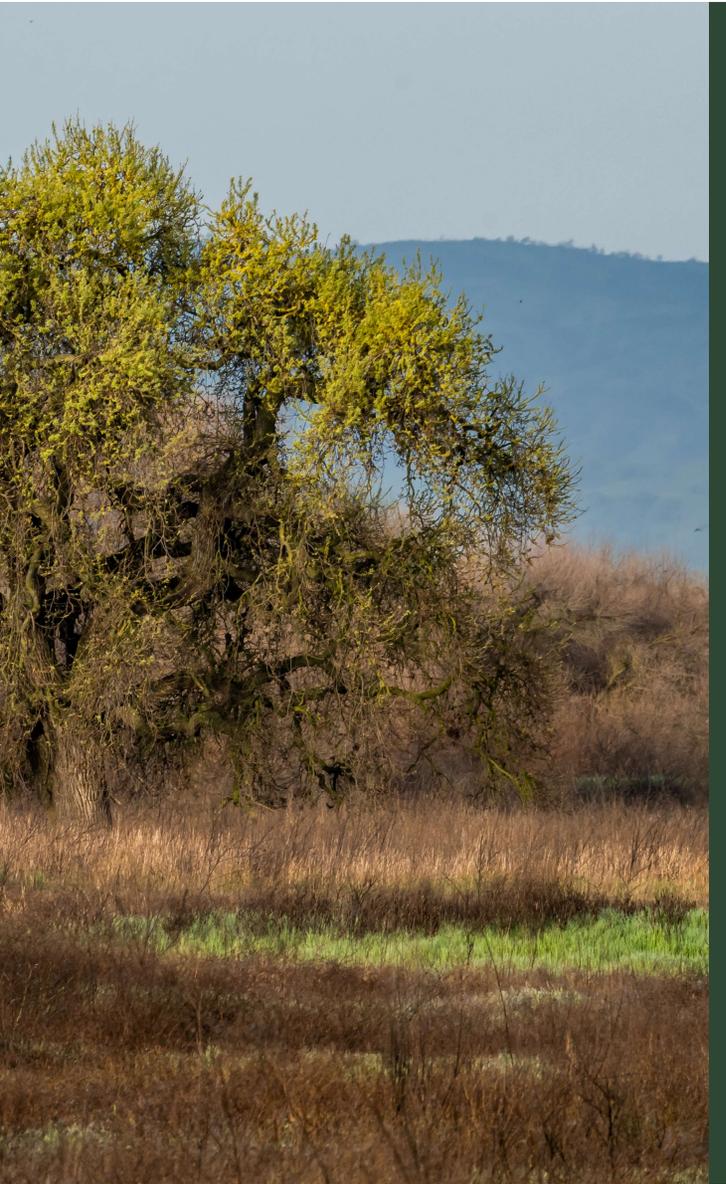




STAKEHOLDER MEETING #1

GREAT VALLEY GRASSLANDS STATE PARK GENERAL PLAN



Team Organization and Roles

- California State Parks Team
 - Headquarters Staff
 - Senior Park and Recreation Specialist: Katie Metraux
 - Deputy Director, Planning: Alex Stehl
 - Park and Recreation Specialist: Jason Finley
 - Associate Park and Recreation Specialist: David Block
 - Central Valley District Staff
 - District Superintendent: Danielle Gerhart
 - Sector Superintendent: Duke Heberling
 - Natural Resources Manager: Heather Reith
 - Senior Park and Recreation Specialist: Paige Haller
 - Environmental Scientist: Collette Bradley
 - Museum Curator/Cultural Resources Specialist: Lee Eal
- Consulting Team (Ascent)
 - Principal: Curtis Alling
 - Project Director: Adam Lewandowski
 - Project Manager: Lily Bostrom
 - Park and Recreation Planner: Lindsay Kageyama
 - Engagement Specialist: Luis Montes
 - Environmental Planner: Nicole Greenfield

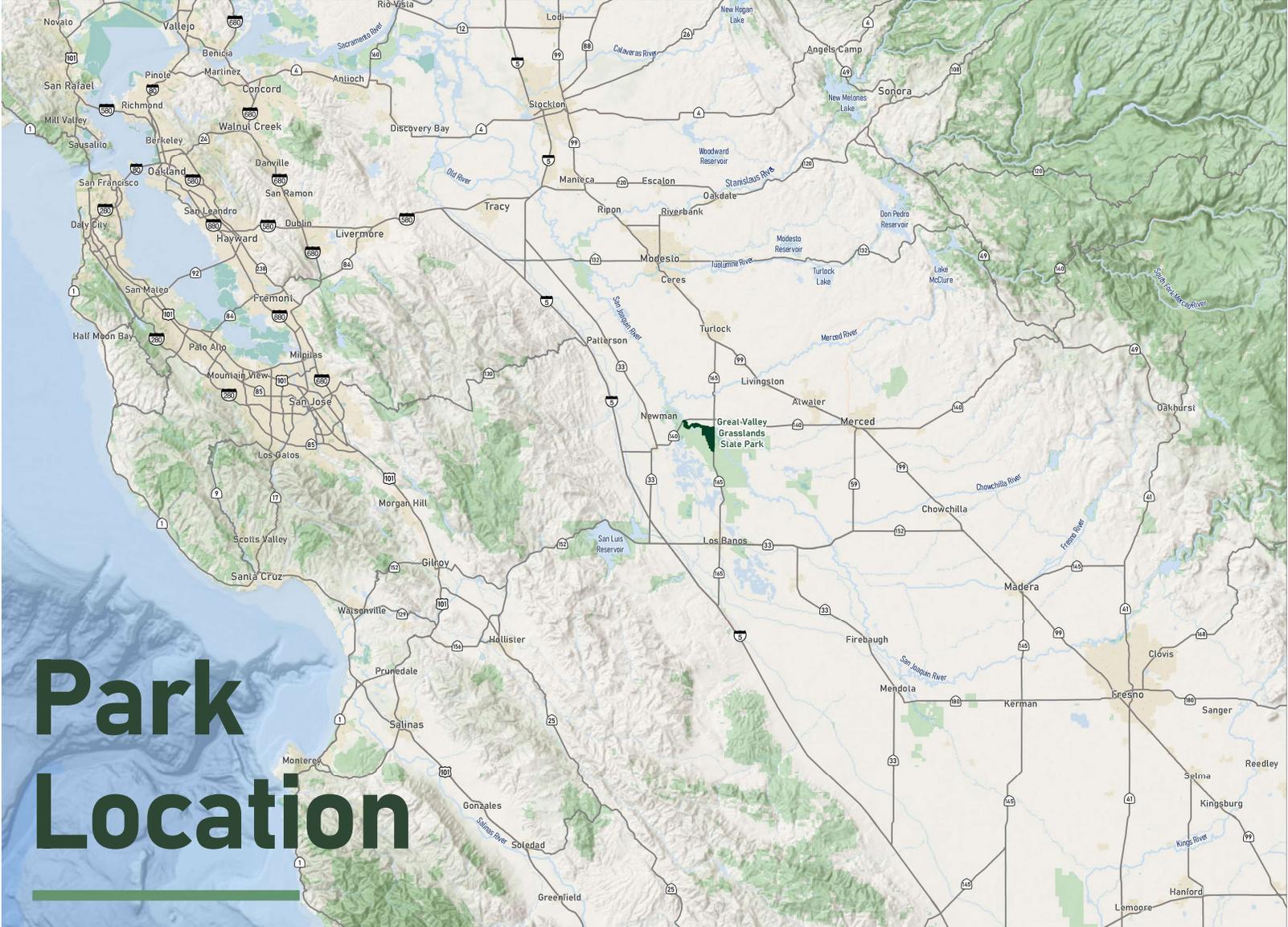
Agenda

- 1 Park Overview
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- 3 Stakeholder Engagement
- 4 Planning Process & Timeline
- 5 Unit Purpose & Vision
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Park Overview



Park Location

GREAT VALLEY GRASSLANDS STATE PARK

STATE PARK

- Great Valley Grasslands State Park
- Public Land

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Los Angeles

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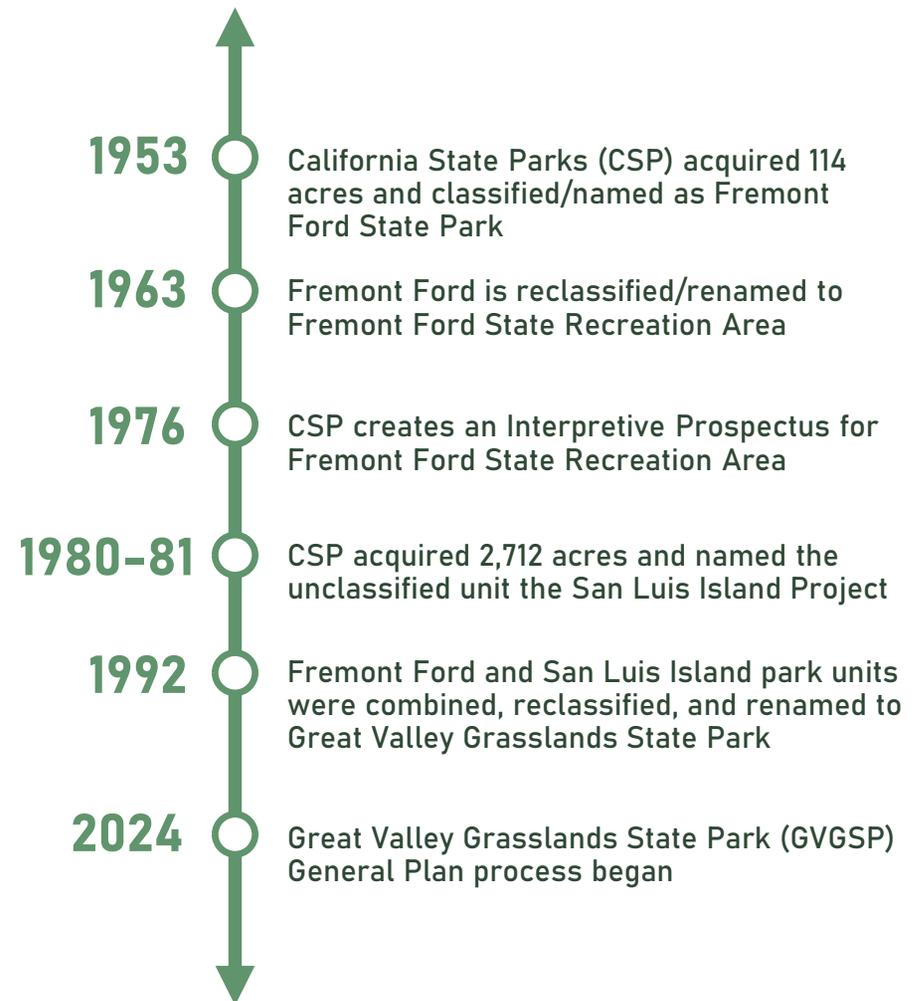
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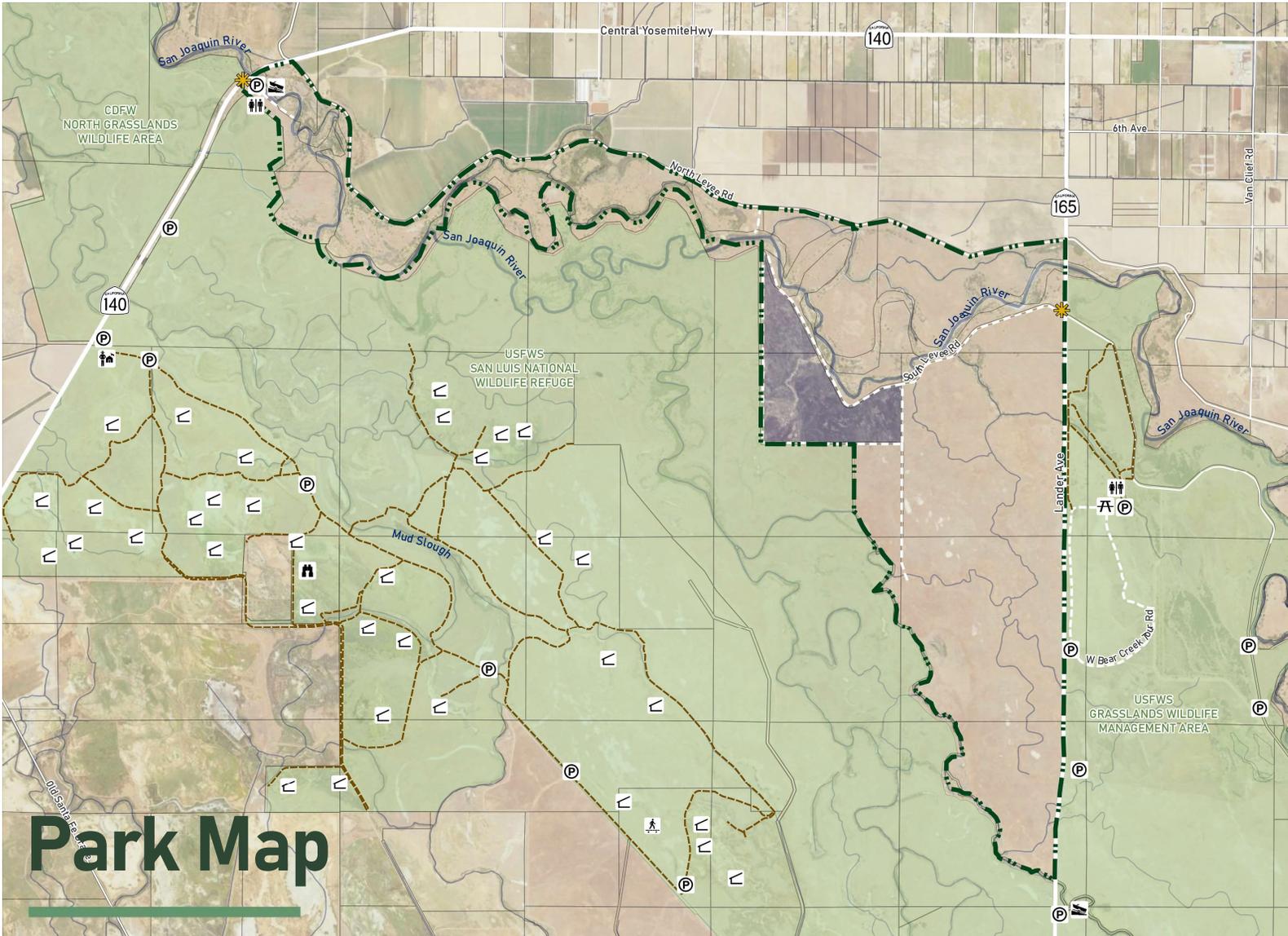
- 2,826 acres
- San Joaquin River runs through park
- Grasslands, vernal pools, riparian channels, sloughs, riparian woodlands
- Park is largely unknown and has low visitation
- Recreation facilities:
 - Boat launch
 - Parking
 - 5.3 miles of trails/unpaved roads
- Recreation activities:
 - Fishing
 - Boating
 - Hiking
 - Biking
 - Birdwatching

Park Acquisition and Planning History



GREAT VALLEY GRASSLANDS

STATE PARK



- Park Boundary
- Park Entrance
- Boat Launch
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Restroom
- Hunter Check Station
- Hunting Blind
- Observation Tower
- Foot Bridge
- Unpaved Trail
- Major Road
- Paved Road
- Unpaved Road
- Waterways
- Parcels

Park Map

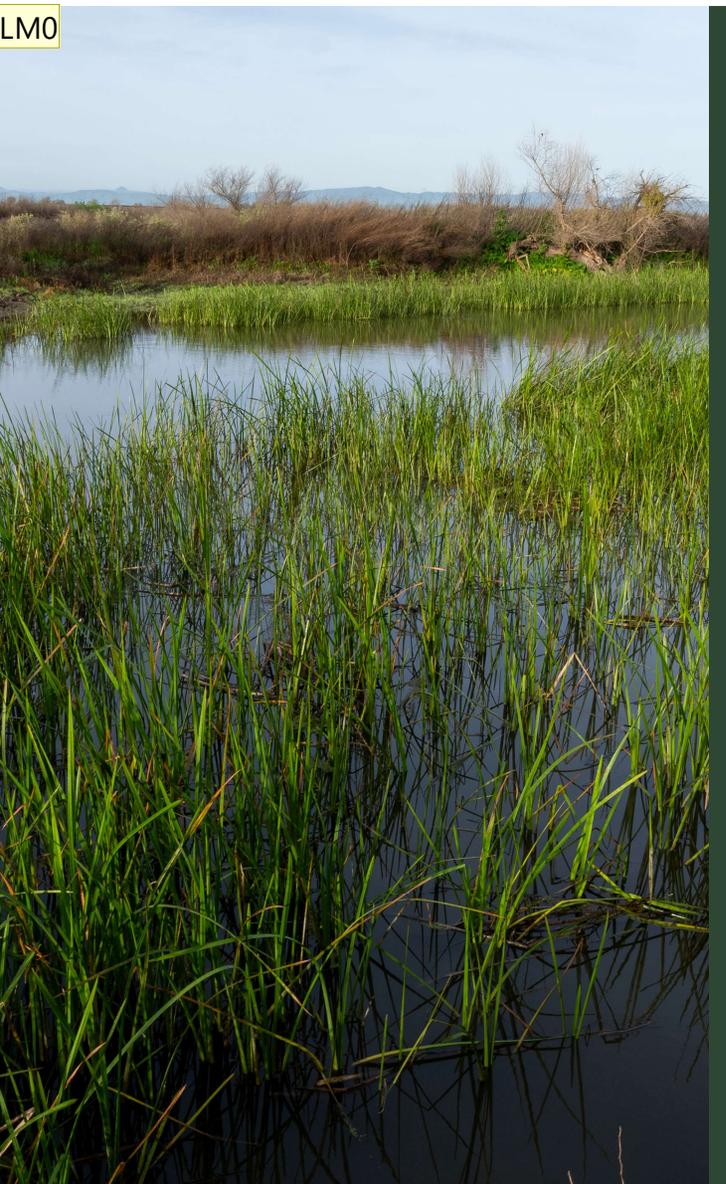


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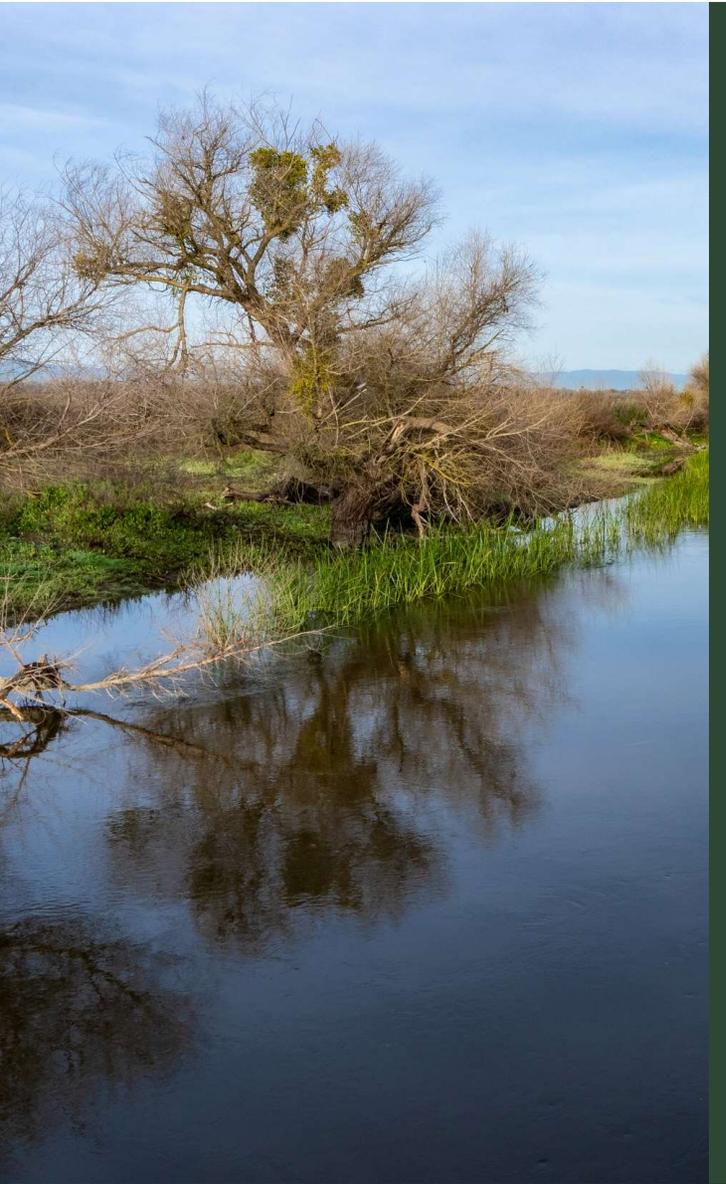
Plan Overview & Purpose



What is a State Park General Plan?

- Policy-level long-range planning tool
- Primary managing document for the park
- Visionary document that sets the goals and guidelines for current and future park facilities
- Opportunity for stakeholders and the public to provide input





Plan Purpose

- General plans are required for every state park unit
- Long-term guidance on operations, visitor uses, resource management, and facility development
- Comprehensive vision for the park
- Enhance visitor experience
- Opportunity to streamline future CEQA

Importance for GVGSP

- Proximity to underserved communities with lower-than-average access to parks and open space.
- Prioritization of recreation improvements in the Central Valley, where the population is growing and becoming younger.
- Interpretation and education of the Central Valley landscape and cultural setting/history
- Enables future resource management projects
- Ongoing projects:
 - Great Valley Grasslands Floodplain Restoration project
 - Cannabis Remediation and Floodplain Restoration project



General Plan Elements



Existing Conditions Overview



Issues & Analysis



Plan Alternatives & Selection of
Preferred Alternative



Unit Vision, Goals, & Guidelines



Environmental Analysis

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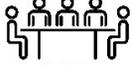
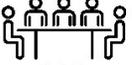
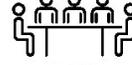
Stakeholder Engagement



Stakeholder Engagement Objectives

- Share General Plan updates and engagement opportunities across your network.
- Assist CSP in identifying concurrent and ongoing initiatives.
- Help identify opportunities to enhance the park.
- Identify constraints that might hinder the achievement of General Plan vision.
- Strengthen partnerships and leverage resources to address challenges.
- Ensure General Plan goals and guidelines align with stakeholder values.

Opportunities for Stakeholder Participation

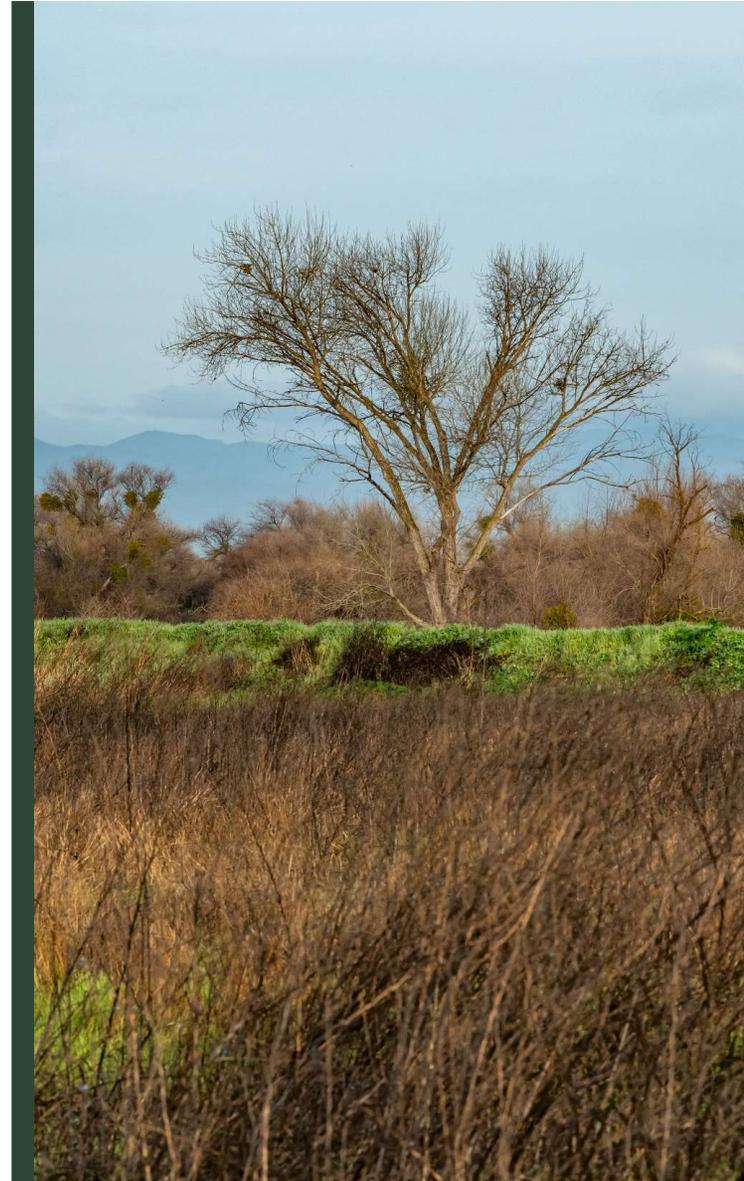
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PROJECT PHASES	PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES	Project Kick-Off	Issues & Opportunities	Alternatives & Feedback	Preferred Alternative	Draft General Plan & Environmental Scoping	Draft EIR	Final EIR	Final General Plan
					 Public Survey  Public Meeting #1  Stakeholder Meeting #1	 Stakeholder Meeting #2  Public Meeting #2  Public Review of Alternatives		 Public Meeting #3  CEQA NOP  Public Review of Draft General Plan	 Public Review of Draft EIR
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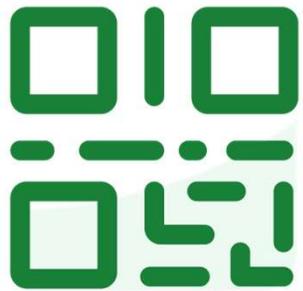
Unit Purpose & Vision

Unit Purpose

- Basis for planning and management at the park
- Required by the Public Resources Code
- Describes the park's:
 - Significance to California
 - Key resources and values
 - Framework for future management and planning



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Unit Vision

- Describes the future desired condition, character, uses, and functions once the general plan goals are met
- Expresses how the park will ultimately look
- Describes visitor opportunities

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What is your vision for how the park should look in the future? Consider desired conditions, uses, and features you'd like to see.

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Questions?



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Discussion/Group Exercise



Discussion Topics

- *Concurrent and Ongoing Efforts*
 - What ongoing initiatives or programs in or near GVGSP could potentially intersect with the park's goals? How can we collaborate on them?
- *Opportunities*
 - What opportunities (e.g., recreational, infrastructural, environmental) exist to improve the park and enhance the visitor experience? LMO
- *Challenges and Concerns*
 - What constraints might hinder the achievement of General Plan objectives?
- *Leverage Partnerships and Resources*
 - How can we work together to address challenges and seize opportunities?

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Challenges and Concerns



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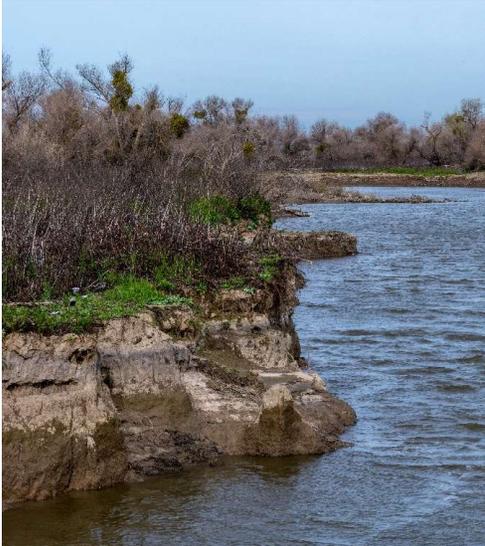
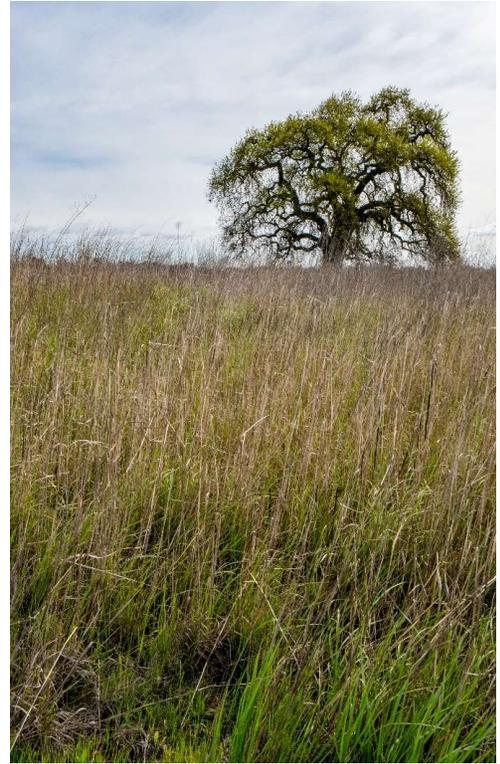


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Final Remarks



Stay Engaged

- Visit www.parks.ca.gov/GVGSP_GP or scan QR code below
- **Questions?** Contact greatvalleygrasslandsgp@parks.ca.gov



A serene landscape at dawn or dusk. The sky is filled with soft, pastel colors of purple, pink, and blue. In the foreground, a calm body of water reflects the sky and the silhouettes of trees. The trees are dark against the light sky, and their reflections are clearly visible in the water. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

THANK YOU