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West Sacramento, CA
September 25, 2025**

AGENDA ITEM: Recreational Trails Plan Update

STAFF: Noelle Breitenbach, Statewide Trails Office, Strategic
Planning and Recreation Services Division

SUBJECT: Status of the Recreational Trails Plan

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

No Action Needed, Informational Only

BACKGROUND

Noelle Breitenbach, Department of Parks and Recreation's Strategic Planning and Recreation Services Division, will discuss the Recreational Trails Plan, a statewide trails plan, which is currently going through an update.

ATTACHMENTS

- Staff Report



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OBJECTIVE

To update the State Park and Recreation Commission on the Recreational Trails Plan (Plan) which is currently underway. This report describes the process and current milestones.

INTRODUCTION

The Plan is a guide produced by California State Parks for all California agencies and recreation providers that manage trails. The Plan assesses present and future demand for trails and recommends an integrated system of trail routes. Strong benefits between trail experts statewide continue to improve our trail networks by aligning trails and programs for maximum continuity.

Preparation of the Plan was authorized by the Legislature in 1978 as an element of the California Recreational Trails Act, found in [Public Resources Code Section 5070-5077.8](#).

DESCRIPTION (REPORT / UPDATE)

The Statewide Trails Office is currently working towards updating the Plan, which was last updated in 2011. Three public meetings were held in 2024 to look at the twelve current goals of the Plan, ask for feedback regarding its current trajectory, and gather ideas for new goals that should be added. We have also gathered information on major regional trails to be added to the Statewide Trail Corridor Map.

The current twelve goals of the Plan include:

- Funding
- Regional and Statewide Trails Inventory
- Regional and Statewide Land-Use Planning
- Trail Advocacy & Collaboration
- Trail Research
- Statewide Trail Stewardship
- Encouraging Public Use
- Trail Accessibility
- Multi-Use Trail Cooperation
- Private Property Owners
- Trails Program Leadership
- California Riding and Hiking Trail Feasibility

NEXT STEPS

Over the next sixth months we will hold a final public meeting and comment period and finish our update to the Plan. It will then be brought to the State Park and Recreation Commission for review and comment next year.

RECOMMENDATION

Informational Only

COMMISSION ACTION(S)

N/A