



Resolution #16-2021  
Adopted by the  
CALIFORNIA STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
At its virtual meeting on September 30, 2021

**General Plan and Final Environmental Impact Report  
For Auburn State Recreation Area**

WHEREAS, the Director of the California Department of Parks and Recreation (“California State Parks”), has presented to this Commission, for approval, the Preliminary General Plan and Final Environmental Impact Report (“Plan”) for Auburn State Recreation Area (“Park”), which are contained in the documents entitled, Auburn State Recreation Area Preliminary General Plan and Auburn Project Lands Draft Resource Management Plan; and Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Auburn State Recreation Area General Plan and Auburn Project Lands Resource Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Park consists of federal lands, administered by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and managed in partnership with California State Parks through a Managing Partner Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation signed a Record of Decision approving the Auburn Project Lands Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, on August 21, 2020, finalizing the federal planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Park is a unique State Recreation Area with natural and cultural resources that will support increased recreation and interpretation opportunities such as boating, nature observation, trail activities, river access, overnight accommodations, events and regional recreation support facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was developed through a collaborative public input and review process led by California State Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is consistent with the California State Parks mission, classification, acquisition purposes and policies; and

WHEREAS, the general plan shall consist of elements that will evaluate and define the proposed land uses, facilities, concessions, operation of the unit, any environmental impacts, and the management of resources, and shall serve as a guide for the future development, management, and operation of the unit, as defined by PRC 5002.2(a); and

WHEREAS, the Plan will guide the development and management of Auburn State Recreation Area for public use and resource protection by establishing goals and

guidelines to assist in the daily and long-term management of the Park to ensure that natural and cultural resources are protected, while providing a variety of recreation activities and visitor experiences; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and includes the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 5002.2 and the California Code of Regulations Section 15166 (CEQA Guidelines), providing discussion of the probable environmental impacts of future development and management actions, environmental protection features of the proposed Plan's goals and guidelines, and addressing all the requirements of an EIR; and

WHEREAS, the EIR functions as a "Program EIR" pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168, covering general goals and guidelines of the Plan, and that the appropriate level of CEQA review will be conducted for each project relying on the Plan pursuant to use of the program EIR with later activities, as described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c); and

WHEREAS, the EIR finds that there is no potential for significant and unavoidable effects based on the Plan's adopted goals and guidelines; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That this Commission has reviewed and considered the information and analysis in the EIR prior to approving the Plan, and this Commission finds and certifies that the EIR reflects the independent judgement and analysis of this Commission and has been completed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act that each fact in support of the findings is true and is based on substantial evidence in the record; and be it

RESOLVED: The location and custodian of the Plan, EIR, and other materials which constitute the record of proceedings on which the Commission's decision is based is: State Park and Recreation Commission, P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, California 94296-0001, Phone 916/653-0524, Facsimile 916/653-4458; and be it

RESOLVED: That California State Parks shall request CalFire to review and provide written comments on all management plans related to camping at Auburn State Recreation Area. California State Parks shall provide briefings to the State Park and Recreation Commission on CalFire's comments at a publicly noticed meeting, which shall include an opportunity for public comment; and be

RESOLVED: That the California State Park and Recreation Commission hereby certifies the Environmental Impact Report prepared for Auburn State Recreation Area General Plan, dated June 2020; and be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Park and Recreation Commission hereby approves the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Auburn State Recreation Area General Plan; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a Notice of Determination will be filed with the Office of Planning and Research within five days of this approval.

Attest: This Resolution was duly adopted by the California State Park and Recreation Commission on September 30, 2021 at the Commission's duly-noticed virtual public meeting.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant to the Commission  
For Armando Quintero, Director  
California State Parks  
Secretary to the Commission