

State of California – The Resources Agency

Department of Parks and Recreation



Notice of Availability

**Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed
Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan Revision Project**

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE #2008121026

DATE: October 17, 2022

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) has directed the preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR) consistent with requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. State Parks is the lead agency under CEQA.

PROJECT TITLE

Red Rock Canyon State Park General Plan Revision

PROJECT LOCATION

Red Rock Canyon State Park is an approximately 25,000-acre area within the Mojave Sector of the Great Basin District of the California State Park System. The Park is located along State Highway 14 in Kern County, approximately 25 miles northeast of Mojave and 80 miles east of Bakersfield (see attached Project Vicinity Map).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

While the current General Plan (adopted in 1982) only covers the original 8,180 acres, the Revised General Plan will include the entire area of approximately 25,000 acres currently under park ownership and management.

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The General Plan presents the long-term management framework for natural and cultural resource stewardship, interpretation, facilities, operations, and visitor experience. Unit-specific discussions and proposals are provided to address site-specific issues, opportunities, and management strategies. Synergies, similarities, and common goals and guidelines that are generally applicable to all areas are identified as parkwide and are provided where appropriate throughout the plan.

The General Plan is the primary management document for a park within the State Park System, establishing its vision, purpose, and management direction for the future. The General Plan provides goals and guidelines for fulfilling the purpose of the park. This document does not attempt to prescribe detailed management or development proposals but offers conceptual direction and parameters for future management and development. Specific projects for implementing the General Plan are intended to be developed in subsequent planning efforts as needed, including the future preparation of management plans and specific project plans identified in the General Plan.

The General Plan was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the California Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 5002.2. The PRC specifies that a General Plan will be prepared before the development of new facilities that may result in the permanent commitment of a resource of the unit and shall evaluate and define the proposed management of resources, land uses, facilities, concessions, operation of the unit, and any environmental impacts.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:

The Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR are being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 45 days, beginning October 17, 2022. Written comments germane to the environmental review will be considered and responded to in the Final EIR. Written comments should be submitted with a contact name and mailing address for the public record.

Your views and comments on this project are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted no later than December 2, 2022, to:

Postal:

California State Parks
Strategic Planning and Recreation Services Division
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

ATTN: Katie Metraux

Or Email: Planning@parks.ca.gov (subject line RRCSP GP/DEIR Comments)

Copies of the Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR may be reviewed online at the project website, www.redrockcanyongp.com, and the State Parks' Red Rock Canyon State Park website www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=25064. The following locations will display the printed copies during normal business hours:

California State Parks, Strategic Planning and Recreation Services Division*

715 P Street, 14th Floor Lobby

Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

M-F 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

* Please check in with the security desk first and ask them to call 916-902-8595 to have a person escort you to the 14th Floor Lobby.

Red Rock Canyon State Park Visitor Center

37749 Abbott Dr, Cantil, CA 93519

Saturdays and Sundays,

Great Basin District Office

15101 Lancaster Road

Lancaster CA 93536

(661) 724-1206

M-F 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION HEARING

This project will be considered before the State Park and Recreation Commission in a public hearing to be held at a local venue after the public comments are received, State Parks' responses are developed, and a Final EIR is prepared. Notice of the hearing will be mailed to all agencies, organizations, and individuals that have expressed interest.

PROJECT VICINITY MAP

