



Alameda-Tesla Classification and General Plan Project **STAKEHOLDER MEETING SUMMARY**

Event Name: Neighbors Stakeholder Meeting

Time & Date: Saturday, March 16th | 10:00am-12:00pm

Location: Diablo Range District Office (15751 Tesla Rd, Livermore, CA 94550)

MEETING OVERVIEW

On Saturday, March 16th, 2024, the Alameda-Tesla Plan project team led a stakeholder meeting with the neighbors of the Alameda-Tesla property. The meeting was held at the Diablo Range District Office on the Alameda-Tesla property. The goal of the meeting was for the project team to meet directly with community members who have properties adjacent to or located near the Alameda-Tesla property and to listen to any concerns they had related to the project. The meeting was the third in a series of four stakeholder group meetings.

At the meeting, the project team gave a brief overview, answered participants' questions about the project, and facilitated a discussion that allowed the neighbors to voice concerns, share ideas, and provide feedback on the planning process.

WHAT WE HEARD

The following summarizes what the project team heard during the meeting. The project team will be evaluating this input as work progresses.

Questions

Questions asked by participants during the Question-and-Answer session were addressed by Parks staff and touched on the following topics:

- Coordination with tribes and tribal input.
- Using Bio-Blitz data.
- Similar State Park units that could be used as a comparison.
- Number of State Park units classified as State Reserves.
- Data and studies needed to inform the classification process; EIR coverage of the classification process.
- Location of the mines on the property.
- Clarification regarding Preserves and Reserves.
- Significance of the Mt. Diablo Range Regional corridor.
- Concerns about fires.
- Hetch-Hetchy work in the area.

Facilitated discussion summary

The following main themes were brought forward by participants during the facilitated discussion.

- **User impacts:** The new State Park unit could bring more visitors to the Alameda-Tesla property, increasing traffic, noise, and litter on and around the property. More park users could also create more soil erosion and siltation.
- **Traffic impact on Tesla Road commuters:** The Lawrence Livermore National Labs (LLNL) has about 200-300 people on-site during the week. Tesla Road is a commuter traffic corridor, and it could be dangerous and washed out during storms. The new State Park unit could impact traffic on this road.
- **Development could affect aesthetic values and disrupt animal habitat: New roads and facilities for the park unit could diminish the property's aesthetic value.** Clay soils are erodible and can cause siltation. New fencing to maintain the property and create new boundaries could limit the areas elk can wander and use.
- **Fire hazards and evacuations:** The area has had eight fires in the last ten years. Several of the fires were started in or around this property. More users at Alameda-Tesla could increase the likelihood of fires started by the public. In the past, State Parks allowed grazing on the property; with grazing eliminated, there is more fuel for fire. Furthermore, the roads in the back area don't have alternative evacuation routes. This could trap people in the property during a fire.
- **Buffers between State Park and neighbors:** There aren't enough buffers, signage, and fencing between the State Park units and adjacent properties. The neighbors had park users from Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (CSVRA) that trespassed through their private properties, generated noise, produced litter, and eroded the land.
- **Communication with State Parks staff:** The neighbors expressed a desire to communicate better with State Parks staff.
- **Native American usage of the site:** The new State Park unit should allow more Native American or historic uses that would draw visitors to the site and promote stewardship of the land.
- **Emergency services:** State Parks need to create more evacuation routes for emergency services. This could be done through easements through the Alameda-Tesla property.
- **Challenges associated with equestrian users and bicyclists:** Equestrian and bicycle use can have a higher impact on the land and could erode trails. The steep topography is also difficult for equestrians to use, making emergency rescue work challenging.
- **Vision for the property:** Participants expressed interest in using the land as lightly as possible.