



Alameda-Tesla Classification and General Plan Project **VIRTUAL VISIONING WORKSHOP SUMMARY**

Event Name: Alameda-Tesla Classification and General Plan Visioning Workshop (Virtual)

Time & Date: November 28th, 2023. 6:00pm-7:30pm

Location: Zoom

Number of Attendees: 45

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

The workshop sought to:

1. Provide the public with an overview of the project.
2. Share how public involvement will contribute to the project.
3. Seek public input on aspects to consider in developing a vision for the site.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

Welcome: A California State Parks representative welcomed attendees and discussed the importance of the project and the public's input throughout the process.

Introductory Presentation: The consultant team gave a brief presentation that touched on the history of the property's acquisition, planning, and related legislation that impacts future uses at the site. The presentation also described the overall planning process for the classification and general plan and the purpose of the workshop, and gave a summary of the existing biotic, cultural, and historical resources at the project site.

Questions & Answers: After the presentation, State Parks representatives answered questions submitted by participants via chat.

Break-Out Sessions: After the Q&A concluded, participants were sent to small break-out sessions to participate in different activities. The smaller group format allowed participants to speak directly with project team members. Each session had a facilitator and support staff who led four activities that mirrored the stations from the in-person visioning workshop.

Share Back: All participants and facilitators came together for a share back session where the facilitators presented highlights from their respective break-out rooms, allowing everyone to listen to different viewpoints from each of the break-out rooms.

Closing Remarks/Next Steps: Project team members shared additional opportunities for participation in the project, including the project survey and mailing list.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS: DESCRIPTIONS & INPUT RECEIVED

Activity One: Resources

Participants were asked how they would like to learn more about the natural, cultural, and historical resources on the Alameda-Tesla property and provided nine options to select from. Participants could provide different answers if none of the provided options were satisfactory.

- Of the options provided, more participants preferred *guided walk with an interpreter* than other options. Other preferred ways of learning included *citizen science programs, cultural events and activities, and interpretive signs on the site.*

Activity Two: Activities and Preferences

In the second activity, participants were provided with examples of activities that could occur at the Alameda-Tesla site. They were asked to provide input on the three types of activities that they would most like to participate in at the future park.

- Hiking, walking, and running was most frequently selected as the preferred activities to enjoy at the future state park.
- Other selected options include birdwatching, nature observation, biking, cultural activities for California Native Americans, and volunteering for native habitat restoration.
- Some participants commented that they would like to take part in activities that are family-friendly and have a low-impact to the environment.

Activity Three: Visioning

The third activity asked participants to share their vision for the future park by selecting from nine provided option to complete the sentence, “For me, the future park will...”

- Of the nine vision statements presented, the three most frequently selected were:
 - o Protect the plants and animals that live on and pass through the property.
 - o Respect and support California Native Americans that have used the site for generations.
 - o Preserve ecological and geological processes for future generations.
- Five other selections were chosen at a lower frequency, and one, about overnight lodging, was not selected by any participants.
- Participants offered additional suggestions to combine the vision statements together.

Activity Four: Naming

For the last activity, attendees provided ideas for naming the future park.

- The most frequent suggestion was in support of the ancestral name “Hismet Warep Horetka” (Sacred Earth in Harmony) or “Hismet Warep” (Sacred Earth) in the Chochenyo language of the Ohlone people.
- Other suggestions include “AlaBay” (play on words), Alameda-Tesla Ohlone, Corral Canyon State Park, and Carnegie Canyon State Park.
- Participants noted that the name “Tesla” is associated with the car company and causes confusion.