



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

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

Time & Date: Tuesday, November 14th, 2023. 5:30pm-8:00pm

Location: Livermore Library, 1188 S Livermore Ave, Livermore, CA 94550

Number of Attendees: 41

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 consulting 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.

Questions & Answers: Following the presentation, State Parks representatives responded to written questions submitted by participants.

Interactive Stations: Following the Q&A session, participants were invited to speak with project team members and share their thoughts at three interactive stations.

OPEN HOUSE WORKSHOP STATIONS: DESCRIPTIONS & INPUT RECEIVED

Station One: Experience the Alameda-Tesla Property/Programming & Interpretation

Participants were introduced to the biotic, cultural, and historical resources at the project site through images and text. Participants were asked how they would like to learn about the different resources at Alameda-Tesla.

- From the provided options, *guided walk with an interpreter* was the most frequently selected option for how participants would like to learn about the resources at Alameda-Tesla. Other frequently selected options include *self-guided tours*, *interpretive signs on the site*, and *cultural events and activities*.
- Free-form responses included creative ideas such as living history demonstrations, YouTube short videos, and interactive astronomy nights.

Station Two: Activities and Preferences

At the second station, participants were provided with a range of activities that they could take part in at the Alameda-Tesla site. Participants were asked what types of activities they would like to participate in at Alameda-Tesla.

- From the fourteen provided activity options, the most frequent selection was hiking, walking, and running. Other selected activities include bird watching and other nature observation, mountain, gravel, and e-biking, and camping.
- Free-form responses included a variety of activities such as a bioblitz, California Native American cultural events, and educational and research activities. Participants also offered thoughts on some of the provided options such as multi-use trails (supporting and opposing) and camping options.

Station Three: Visioning and Naming

At the third station, attendees were asked to share their vision for the future park, provide suggestions on the park name, and write a postcard from the year 2045 imagining their visit to the state park.

- Of the nine provided vision statements, all of which began “For me, the future park will..” the most frequently selected options were 1) protect the plants and animals that live on or pass through the property, 2) preserve ecological and geological processes for future generations, 3) respect and support California Native Americans that have used the site for generations, and 4) have multi-use trails for walking, biking, and equestrian use.
- Free-form responses elaborated on many of the potential vision statements, with a focus on protecting animals, plants, history, and culture; access to recreational activities; and having low-impact activities on site.
- For the park name, multiple participants indicated support for naming the park “Hismet Warep,” which means sacred earth in the Chochenyo language of the Ohlone people. Other suggested names included Carnegie Park, Tesla Park, and Alameda-Tesla Park
- Postcards from imagined trips to the property in the year 2045 illustrated a site where people can see many animals, is a peaceful place to enjoy nature, has recreation opportunities, and preserves the traditions and cultures of California Native American people.

