



Alameda-Tesla Classification and General Plan

Concept Alternatives Public Workshop

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Welcome



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 - State Parks
 - PlaceWorks
- **Today's Meeting**
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 - Interactive Stations



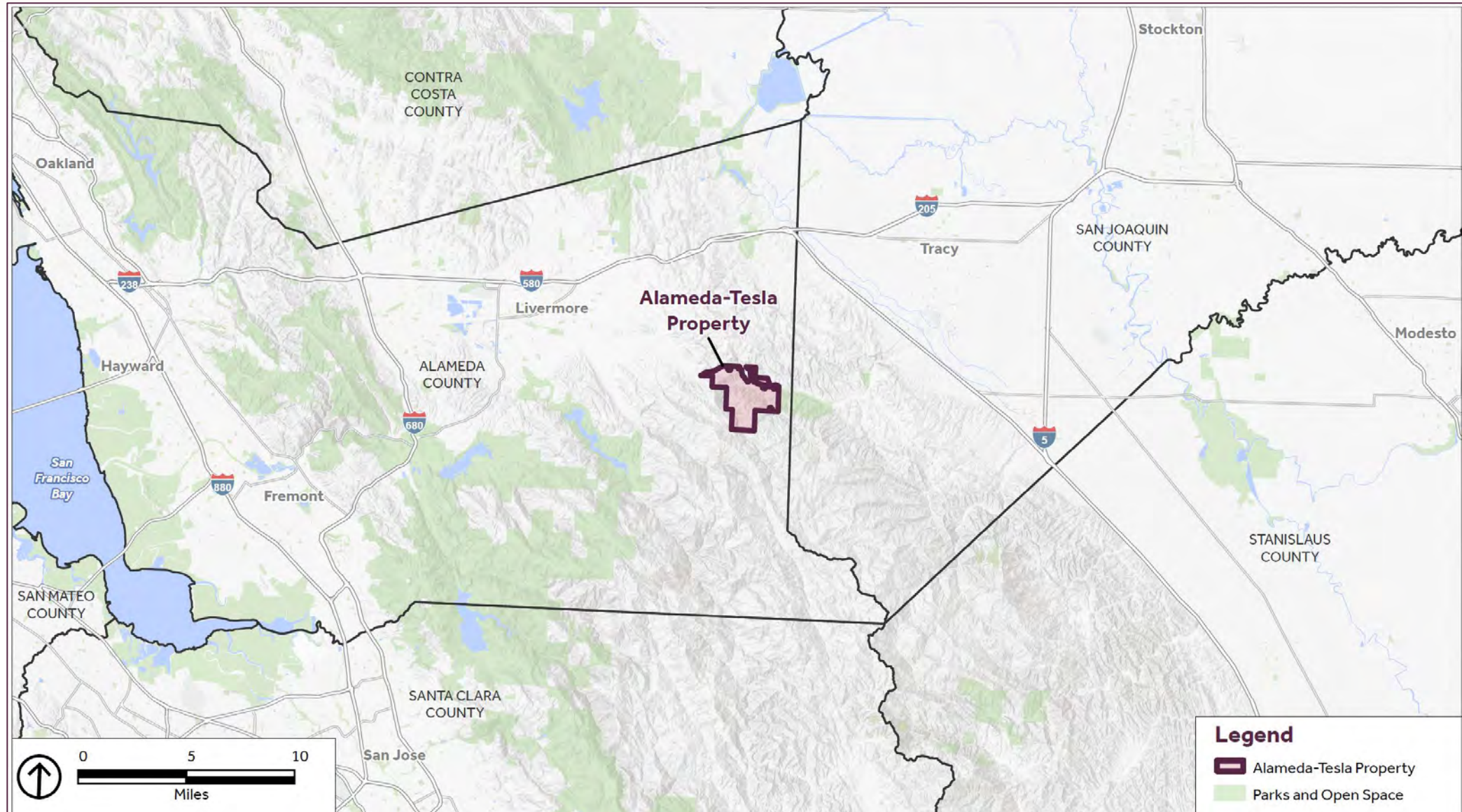
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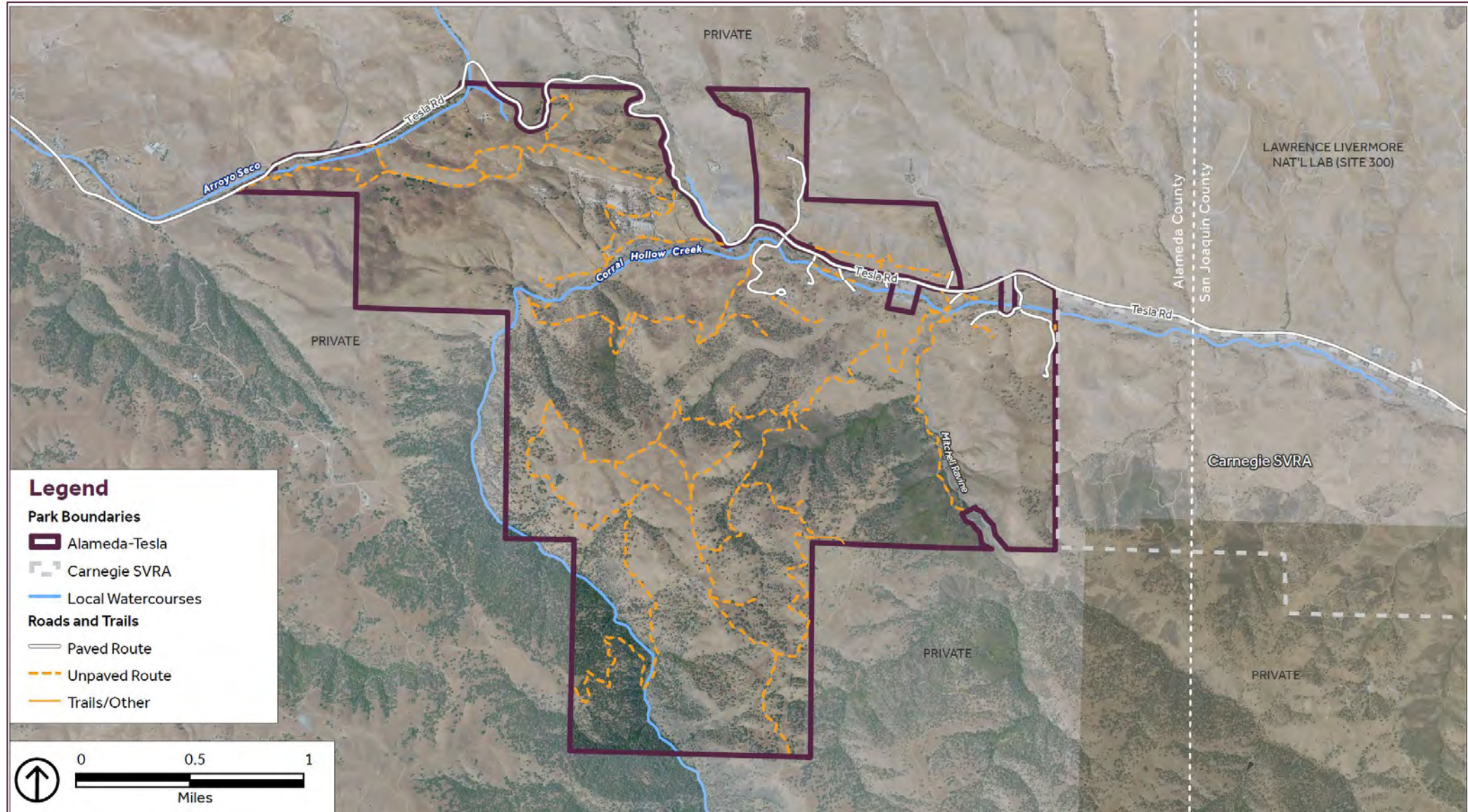
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 - Draft Declaration of Purpose
 - Draft Vision Statement
 - Draft Management Zones
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Project Location



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Planning Process and Progress



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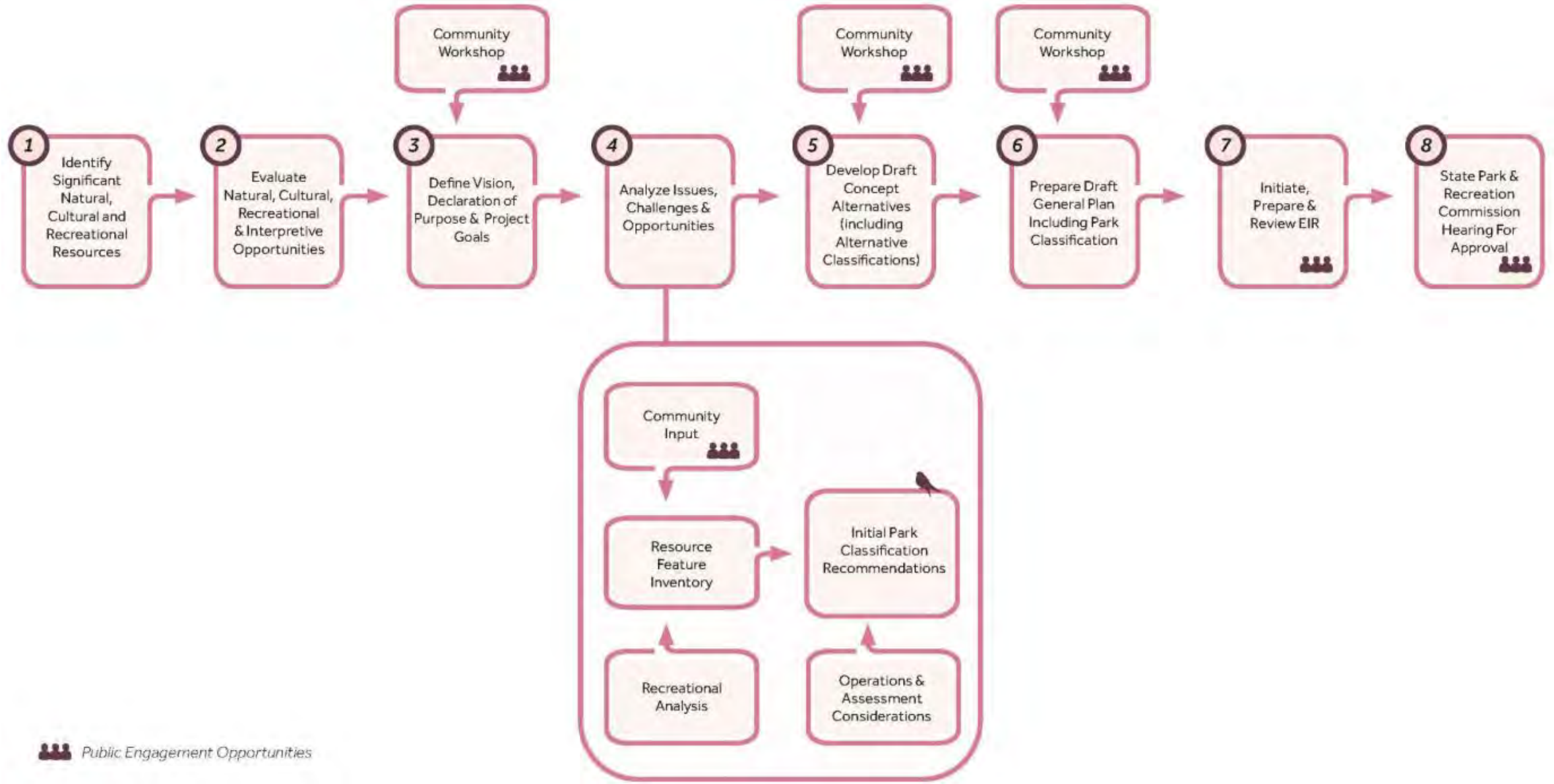
September 2024 – Change in Planning Process



- In September 2024, State Parks updated the planning process for Alameda-Tesla Classification and General Plan based on work to date and community feedback
- Classification and naming are now incorporated into the overall General Plan effort
 - Allows for full environmental assessment and review of the classification as part of the programmatic EIR
 - Streamlines State Park and Recreation Commission (SPRC) hearings into a single hearing that includes classification and naming recommendations along with the General Plan and EIR. This hearing is anticipated for early 2027



Planning Process



Classification



- Classification helps determine the purpose of a park and the range of conservation, recreation, and management activities that are appropriate for the park
- California Public Resources Code (PRC), Division 5, Chapter 1, Article 1.7 describes the primary Classifications for park units:
 - **State Recreation Areas:**
 - State Recreation Area
 - Underwater Recreation Area
 - State Beach
 - Wayside Campground
 - **State Park**
 - **Historical Unit**
 - **State Reserves:**
 - Natural Reserve
 - Cultural Reserve
 - **State Seashore**
 - **State Wilderness**
 - **Marine Managed Area**
 - **State Vehicular Recreation Area**



Classification



- California PRC, Division 5, Chapter 1, Article 1.7 also includes three **sub-classifications**:
 - **Natural Preserve**
 - Preserves biological, geological, or topographical features, processes, or patterns that are of significance
 - **Cultural Preserve**
 - Protects features such as sites, buildings, or zones which represent significant places or events in the flow of human experience in California
 - **Wilderness Area**
 - At least 5,000 acres generally affected primarily by the forces of nature



Classification Types Not Under Consideration



Several classification types are ineligible by definition or law:

- **State Recreation Areas:**
 - State Recreation Area
 - ~~Underwater Recreation Area~~ – *Property is terrestrial*
 - ~~State Beach~~ – *Property is not coastal*
 - ~~Wayside Campground~~ – *Property does not meet definition*
- **State Park**
- **Historical Unit**
- **State Reserves:**
 - Natural Reserve
 - Cultural Reserve
- ~~State Seashore~~ – *Property is not coastal*
- ~~State Wilderness~~ – *Property is < 5,000 acres*
- ~~Marine Managed Area~~ – *Property is not coastal*
- ~~State Vehicular Recreation Area~~ – *Prohibited by the PRC*



Potential Classifications



Five classification types were initially considered for the Alameda-Tesla property:

- **State Recreation Area**
- **State Historical Unit**
- **State Park**
- **State Reserves: Natural Reserve**
- **State Reserves: Cultural Reserve**



Potential Classifications



Removed from Consideration

- **State Recreation Area** – limited recreation resources due distribution of sensitive resources and site topography
- **State Historical Unit** – historic resources are focused in a small area of the property
- **Wilderness Sub-classification** – property is less than the required 5,000 acres

Still Under Consideration

- **State Park**
- **State Reserves: Natural Reserve**
- **State Reserves: Cultural Reserve**

Each of these potential primary classifications can contain areas sub-classified as a Natural Preserve or Cultural Preserve



Potential Classifications



State Park

- Relatively spacious areas of outstanding scenic or natural character
- Oftentimes contain significant historical, archaeological, ecological, geological, or other similar values
- Purpose is to preserve outstanding natural, scenic, and cultural values and facilitate recreational and educational opportunities

State Reserves: Natural Reserve

- Resources have undisturbed integrity and quality
- Units are managed to mitigate influence of man and preserve natural character

State Reserves: Cultural Reserve

- Protects areas and landscapes of cultural and historical significance
- Protects areas with evidence of human habitation and activity



Classification & Draft Concepts



- Both draft concepts could, with some minor adjustments, be classified as a State Park, State Natural Reserve, or State Cultural Reserve
- If the property were classified as a State Natural Reserve, no overnight use would be permitted and overnight facilities proposed in the draft concepts would be converted to day-use only





Community Engagement



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Participation Opportunities to Date



- **Online Visioning Survey**
October 2023
- **In-Person Visioning Workshop**
November 2023
- **Virtual Visioning Workshop**
November 2023
- **Stakeholder Meetings**
March 2024
- **State Park and Recreation Commission field trip**
April 2024
- **Notice of Preparation and Scoping Meeting**
January 2025
- **Submissions to Project Email**
Ongoing



What We've Heard



- People are **interested in learning** about the plants and animals and California Native American history and context at the property **in a variety of ways**
- **Activities** people are interested in at the property include bird watching and other nature observation; camping; hiking, walking, and running; biking; education and interpretation
- **Vision** for the property includes protecting plants and animals; preserving ecological and geological processes; respecting and supporting California Native Americans that have used the site for generations; providing multi-use trails for walking, biking, and equestrian use
- **Naming** suggestions include Alameda-Tesla Ohlone Park, Alameda Tesla Park, Carnegie Canyon State Park, Carnegie Park, Corral Canyon State Park, Hismet Warep, Hismet Warep Horsetka, Taunan Village Park, and other suggestions in the Chochenyo language



What We've Heard



- **Other comments received include the following topics:**
 - Classification as a reserve
 - Balancing protection of natural and cultural resources with low-impact education and enjoyment
 - Providing hiking and biking trails
 - Including an oral history of the town of Tesla
 - Location of facilities
 - Naming of the property
 - Protecting open space, plants, and animals
 - Promoting dark skies for star gazing and reduced wildlife impact
 - Restriction of bicycles and equestrians



Tribal Consultation



- Government-to-government consultation with participating California Native American Tribes to discuss the development of the Alameda-Tesla Classification and General Plan is ongoing



Future Opportunities to Participate



- Draft General Plan
- Draft EIR
- Final EIR
- State Park and Recreation Commission hearing





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Work Underway



- Existing Conditions working draft
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Existing Conditions Working Draft



- Regional Land Use and Facilities
- Significant Resource Values
 - Physical, natural, and cultural resources
 - Recreation analysis
- Operations and maintenance functions
- Park support
- Planning influences



Draft Declaration of Purpose



- Developed using information from existing conditions, input from visioning workshops, stakeholder meetings, and Tribal consultation
- Final version to be developed using input from in-person and virtual Concept Alternatives Workshops
- **Visit Station #1 to review and provide feedback**



Draft Vision Statement



- Developed using information from Draft Declaration of Purpose, existing conditions, input from visioning workshops, and stakeholder meetings
- Final version to be developed using input from in-person and virtual Concept Alternatives Workshops
- Final version dependent on final concept
- **Visit Station #1 to review and provide feedback**



Draft Management Zones



- Management Zones provide **land use and management strategies** for distinct areas of a property
- Management zones inform draft concepts development
- Developed through analysis of existing conditions, input from visioning workshops, stakeholder meetings, Parks staff, and tribal consultation
- **Visit Station #2 for details about the development of these zones**



Draft Management Zones



- Four Management Zones proposed for Alameda-Tesla



Sensitive Resource Zone



Focused Access Zone



Administrative Area Zone



Limited Access Zone

- All four zones are present in both draft concepts
- **Visit Station #2 for a handout about the characteristics of each zone**



Draft Concepts



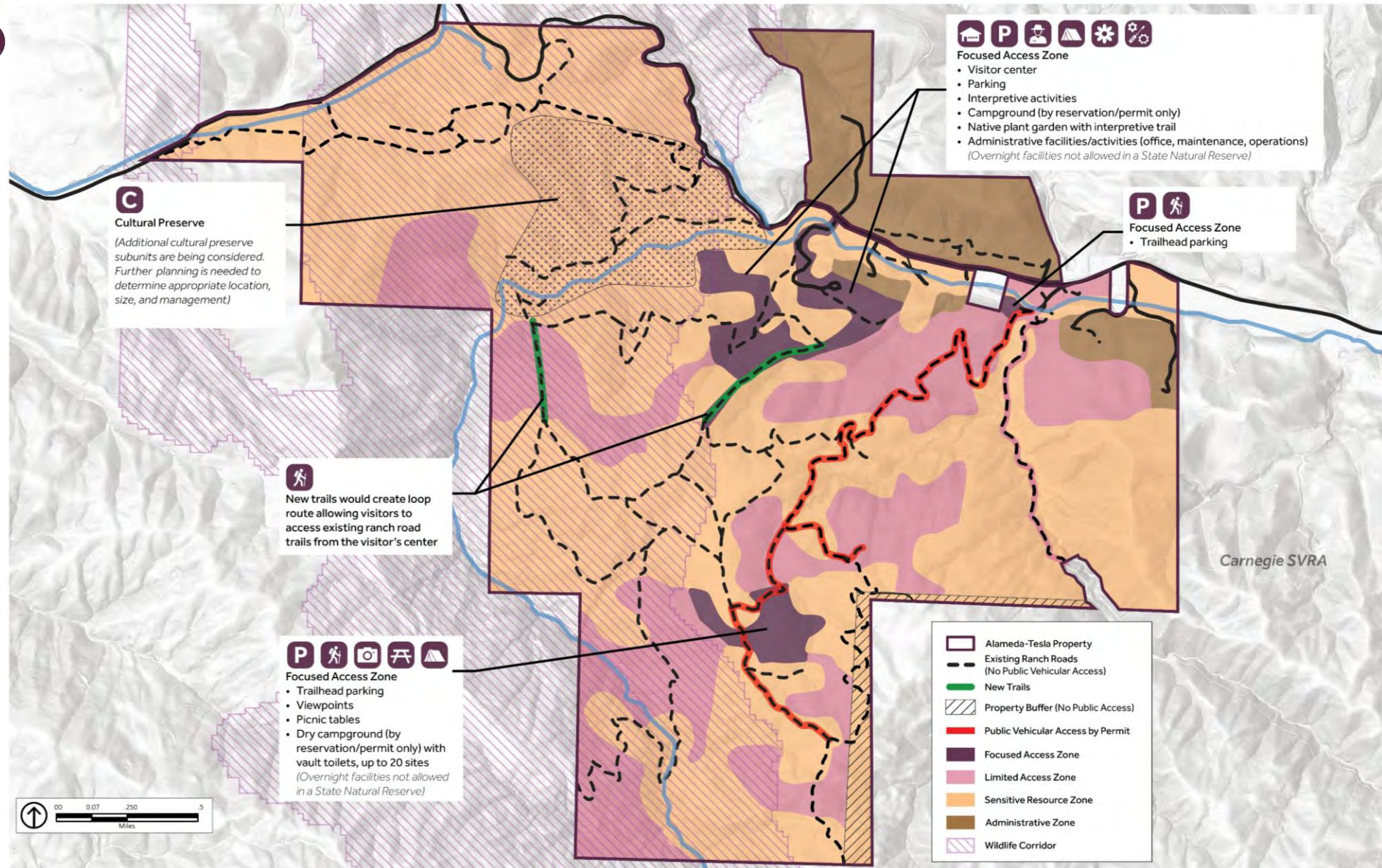
- **Two draft concepts** consider research completed by the project team and synthesize input from the public and key stakeholders
- Allow for **similar levels** of recreation and interpretation while ensuring protection of the property's sensitive natural and cultural resources
- **Both concepts could be classified as State Park, State Natural Reserve, or State Cultural Reserve.** Classification will be determined in parallel with the final concept
- **Visit Station #2 and Station #3 to review and provide feedback**



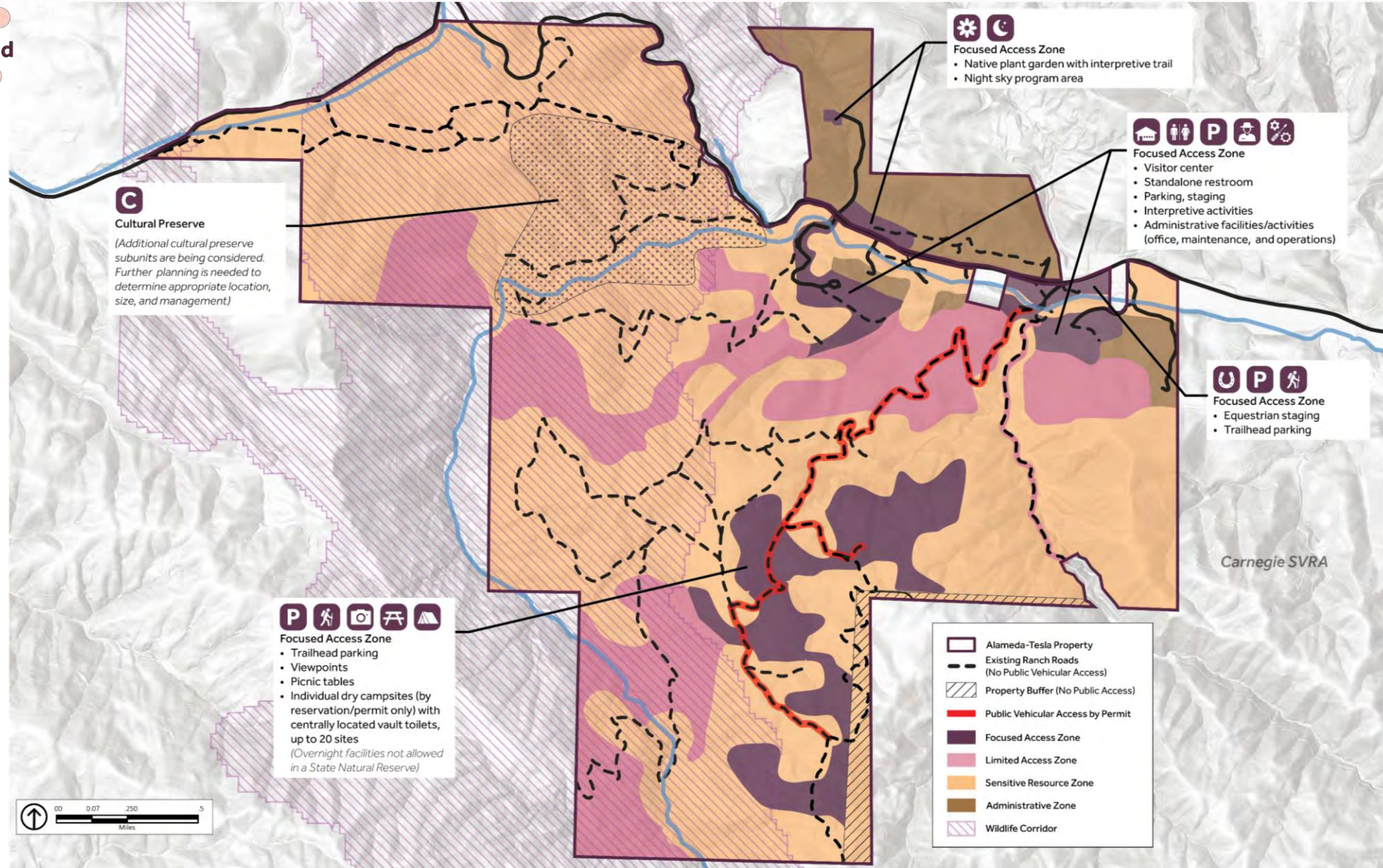
Draft Concept 1



Clustered



Draft Concept 2





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Stations Overview



Station #1 - Draft Declaration of Purpose and Draft Vision Statement

- Understand role of Declaration of Purpose and Vision Statement in General Plan
- Provide feedback on Draft Declaration of Purpose and Draft Vision Statement

Station #2 – Draft Concepts Development

- Understand how management zones and draft concepts were developed

Station #3 – Draft Concepts Feedback

- Provide feedback on the two draft concepts





Next Steps

- Virtual Concept Alternatives Workshop
 - 9/30/2025
- Draft General Plan
- Draft EIR
- Final EIR and General Plan

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