

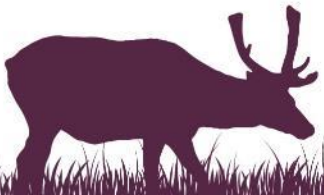


Alameda-Tesla Classification and General Plan

Virtual Concept Alternatives Public Workshop

September 30, 2025 | 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Via Zoom



Welcome



- **Project Team**
 - State Parks
 - PlaceWorks
- **Today's Meeting**
 - Presentation
 - Q&A
 - Online Survey

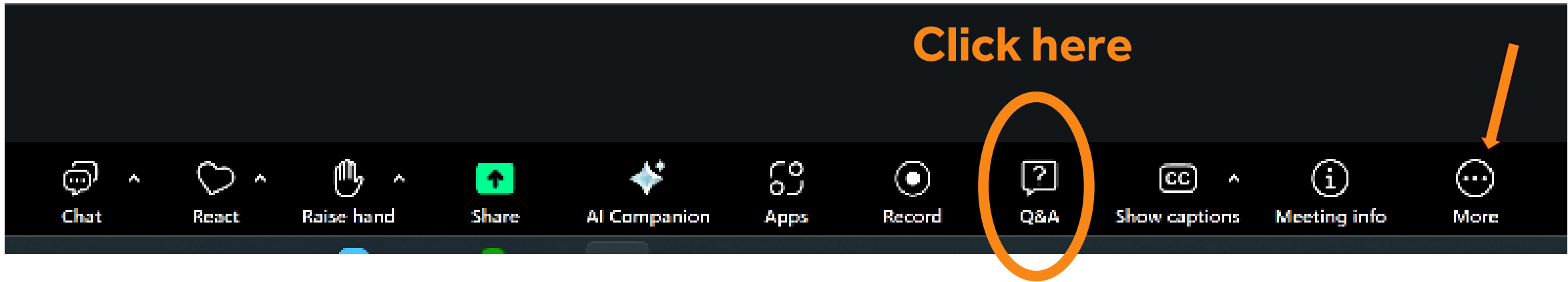


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Use of Q&A function in Zoom

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- Click on Q&A icon to open Q&A panel

Q&A

- Questions can also be submitted to the project email: **info@AlamedaTeslaPlan.com**



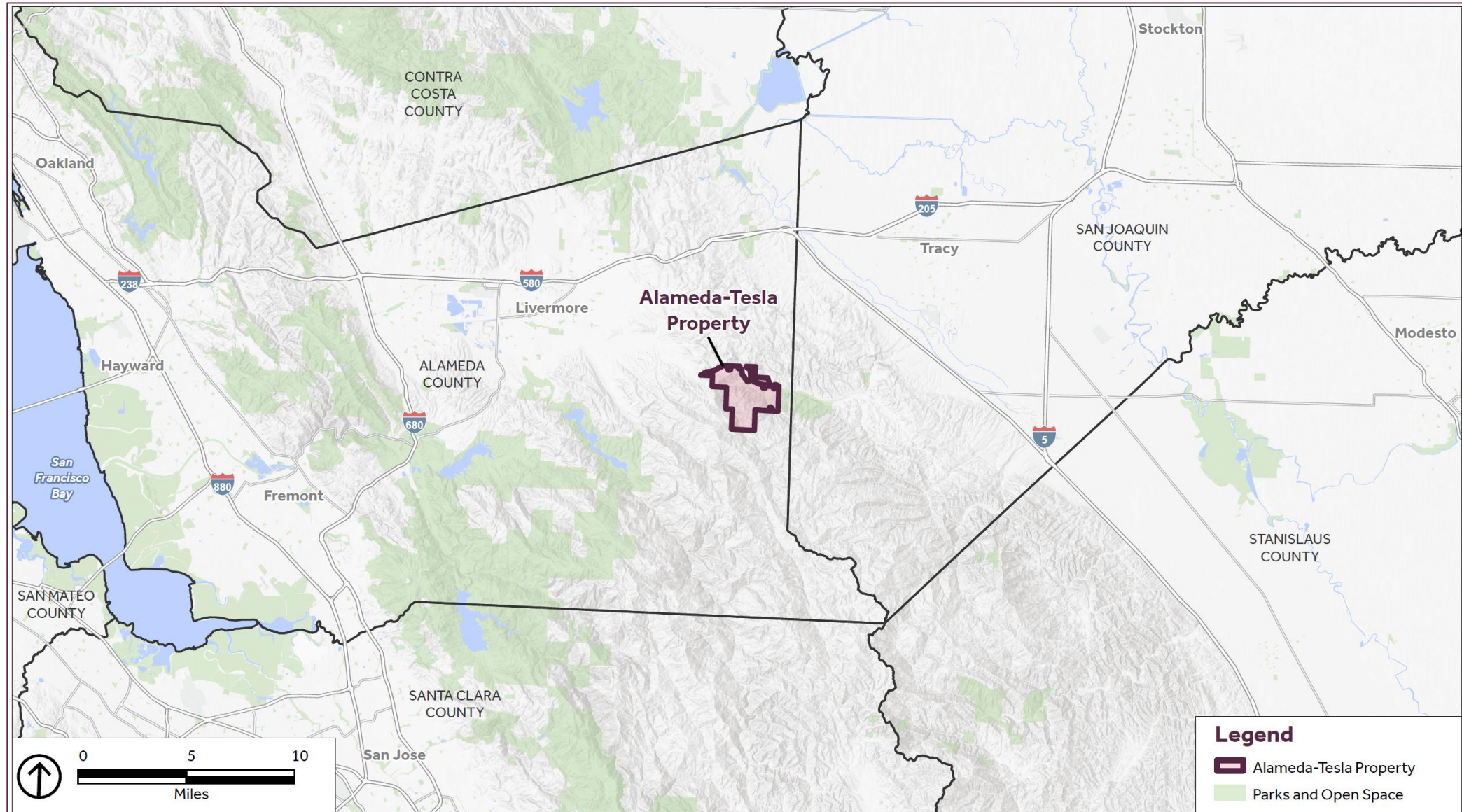
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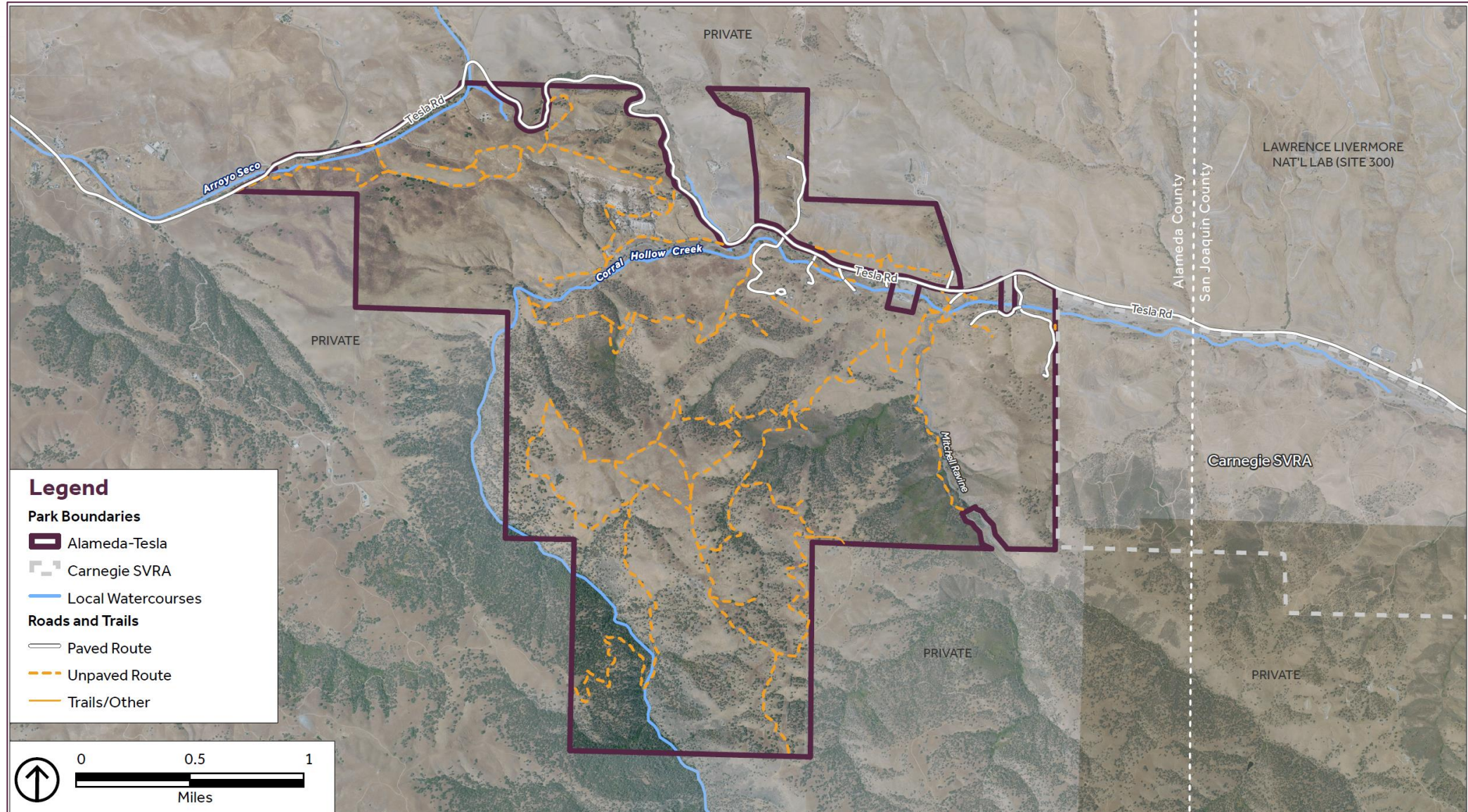
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Project Location



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Planning Process and Progress



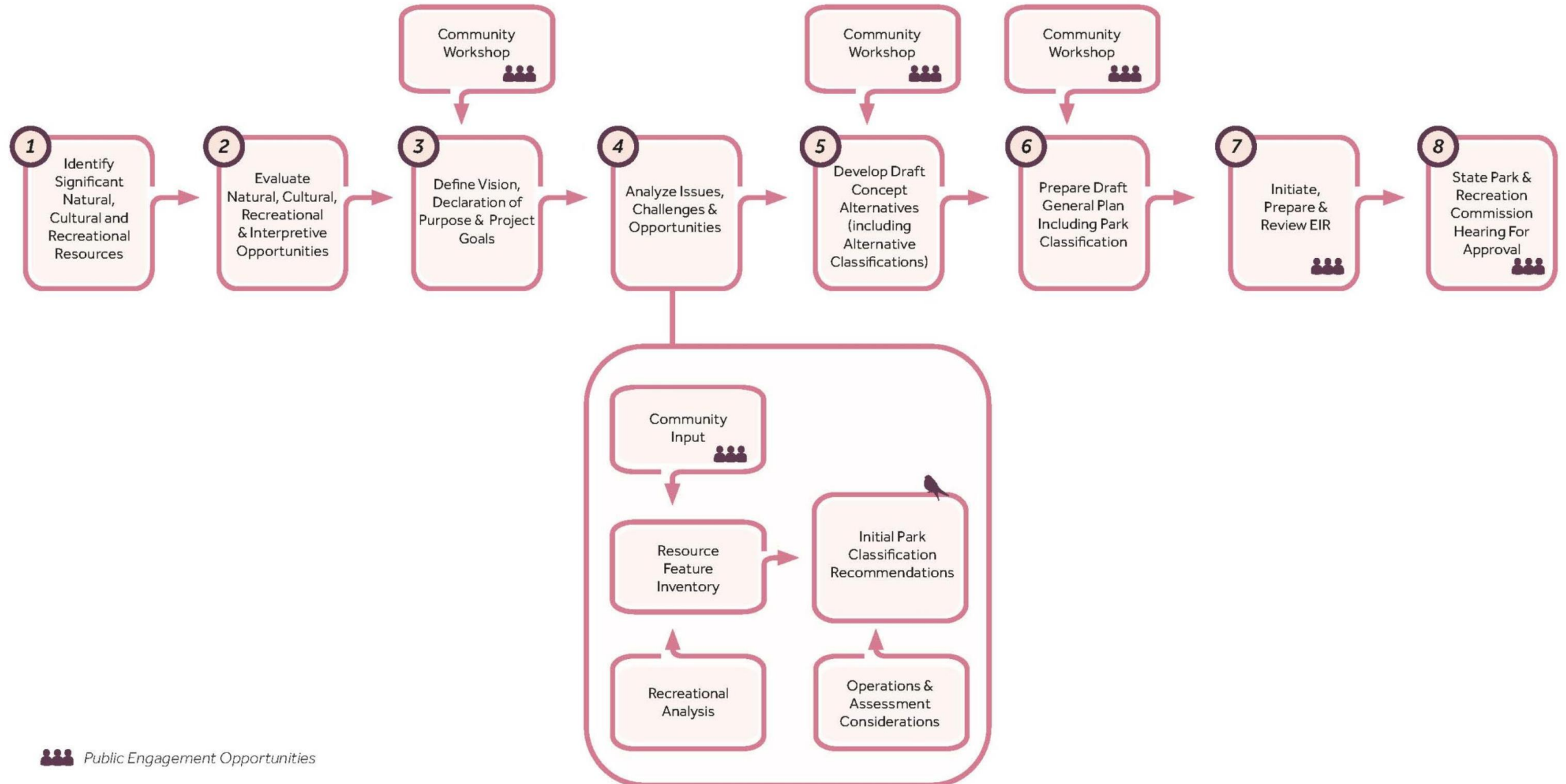
September 2024 – Change in Planning Process



- 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



Classification & Draft Concepts



The final concept, regardless of whether it is classified as a State Park , State Natural Reserve, or State Cultural Reserve, will include management actions that ensure compliance with existing State Parks policies, standards, and best practices related to:

- Sensitive natural resource management and protection
- Cultural resource management and protection
- Facility resilience and sustainability improvements
- Inter-agency coordination and partnerships
- Visitor interpretation and education
- Tribal collaboration
- Public safety and hazard mitigation
- Expanding administrative capacity





Community Engagement



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





Work Underway



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 and Vision



State Parks Mission

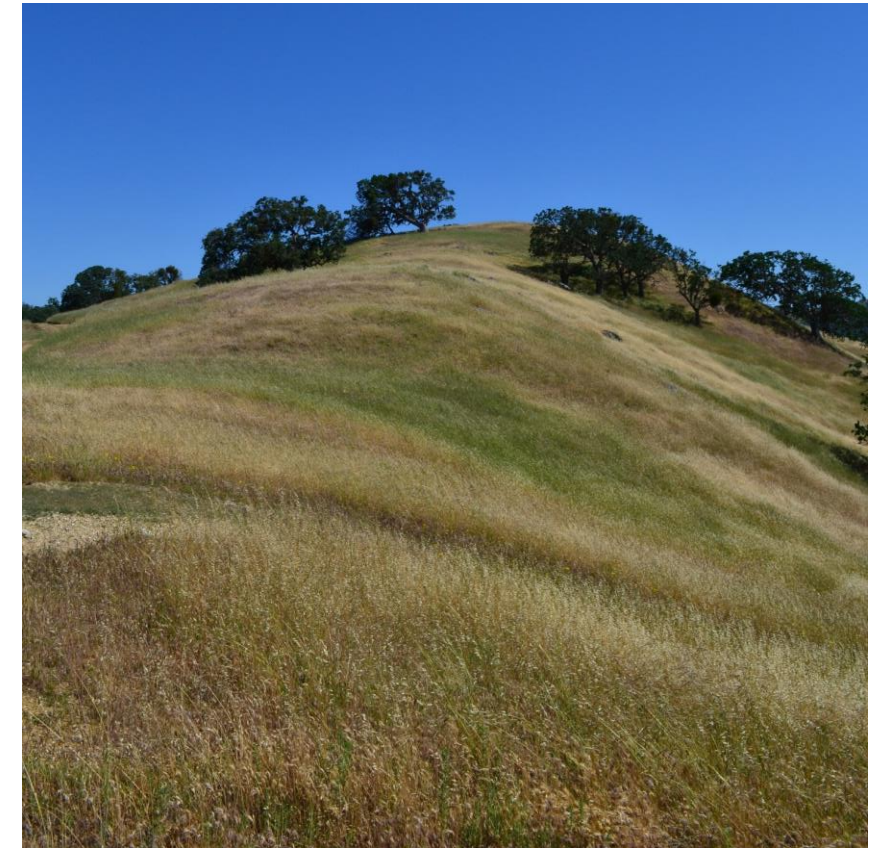
To provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.



Draft Declaration of Purpose



- The Declaration of Purpose (DOP) is a broad statement of direction unique to a specific property and determined by the property's resources and recreation opportunities within the larger context of the State Parks system. The DOP provides a strong foundation for future planning and management, focusing future efforts on what is most important about a property's resources and values.
- Developed using information from existing conditions, input from visioning workshops, stakeholder meetings, and Tribal consultation



Draft Declaration of Purpose



The purpose of [Alameda-Tesla State Park property]* is to make available to the public for their inspiration, enlightenment and enjoyment, a landscape of native grassland, scrub oak trees, and meandering creeks while also protecting multiple special status plant and animal species and preserving important California Native American history and elements of California's rich history.

The [Alameda-Tesla State Park property] offers a picturesque mountain landscape with multiple educational and managed recreation opportunities. Educational opportunities include learning about the traditional cultural practices of the local California Native American groups whose ancestors were the original inhabitants of the land and learning about the ranching and mining industries that changed the area.

[Alameda-Tesla State Park property]* possesses miles of trails and multiple scenic vistas throughout the park, showcasing the beautiful contrast and hues of the Diablo Range, and bringing visitors into the natural habitats of a diverse array of plants, wildlife, and enduring California Native American presence.

**The term "Alameda-Tesla State Park Property" is a placeholder and will be replaced with the recommended name for this unit upon determination of the name.*

Draft Declaration of Purpose



- Final version to be developed using input from in-person and virtual Concept Alternatives Workshops
- Final version will update [Alameda-Tesla State Park property] with the recommended name for the property, once determined
- **Review and provide feedback in online survey**



Draft Vision Statement



- The Vision Statement is a view of the desired future conditions at a property. It expresses what the property should ultimately be and look like, as well as what kinds of visitor experiences should be available in the future. The Vision Statement guides the planning effort around a shared view of the property's future.
- Developed using information from Draft Declaration of Purpose, existing conditions, input from visioning workshops, and stakeholder meetings



Draft Vision Statement



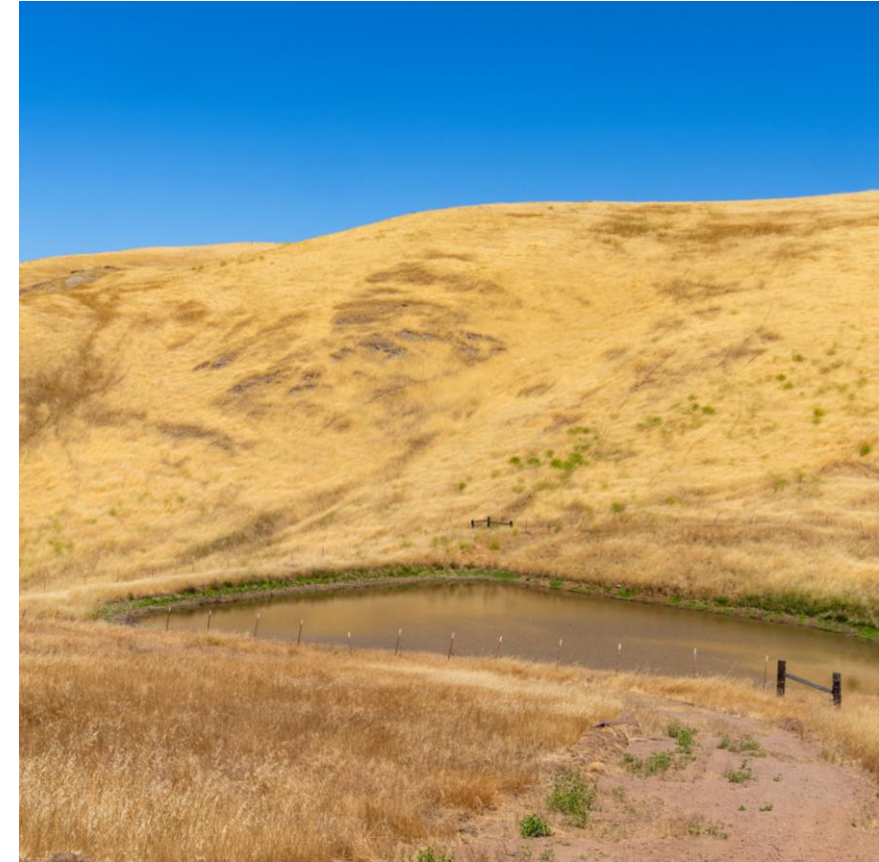
The [Alameda-Tesla State Park property]*, in close proximity to nearby Central Valley cities and the bustling Bay Area, reflects the incredible beauty of the Diablo Range foothills, from the spectacular views of Alameda and San Joaquin Counties to the delicate colors of native wildflowers. Historic ranch roads wind through the hills and ravines of the property, creating opportunities for visitors to observe and learn about the components of this protected ecosystem. Interpretive programs on a range of topics enrich the visitor experience and create connections to the land. The park's present-day status as public land is the latest development in a multifaceted human history, ranging from the millennia-long coexistence of California Native American Tribes with the land, to the extractive mining and ranching of 19th and 20th century settlers. [Alameda-Tesla State Park property's] value lies in creating access to the story of this land and its resources for a public of all ages and backgrounds, so that they may leave inspired to contribute to the preservation of this unique land, and all of California's parklands, in the future.

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Draft Vision Statement



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Draft Concept Development



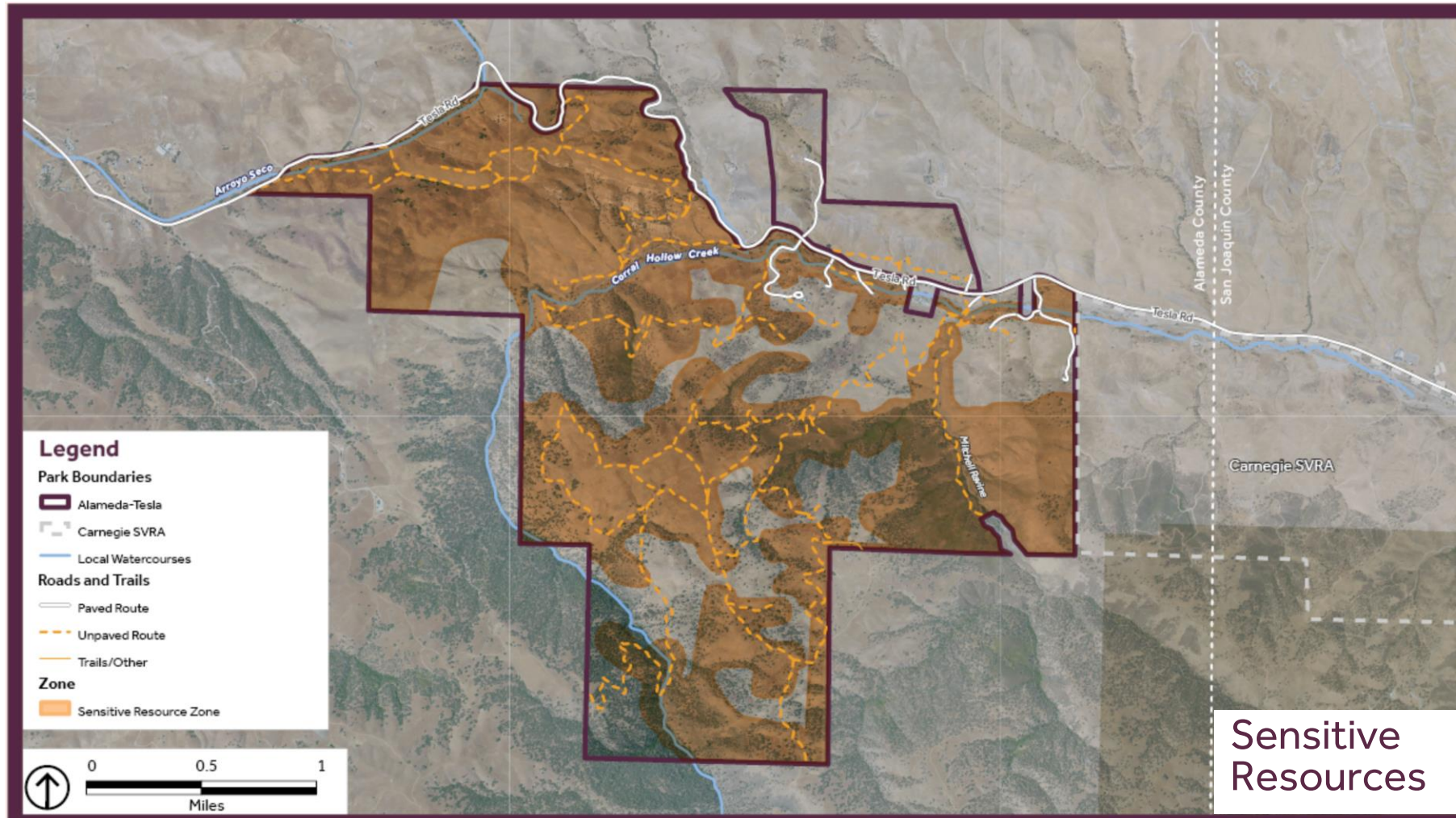
How were Draft Concepts developed?



Draft Concept Development



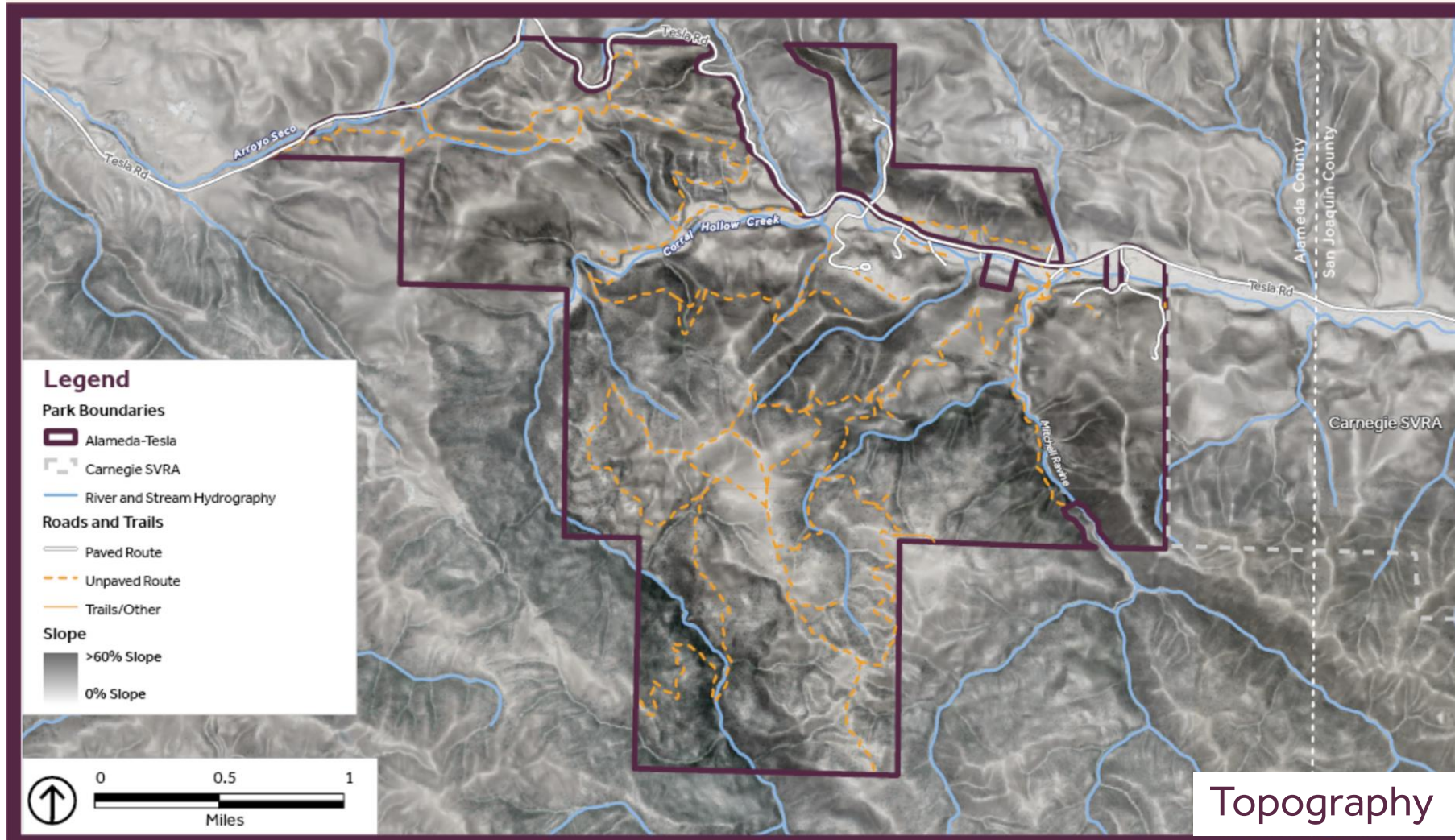
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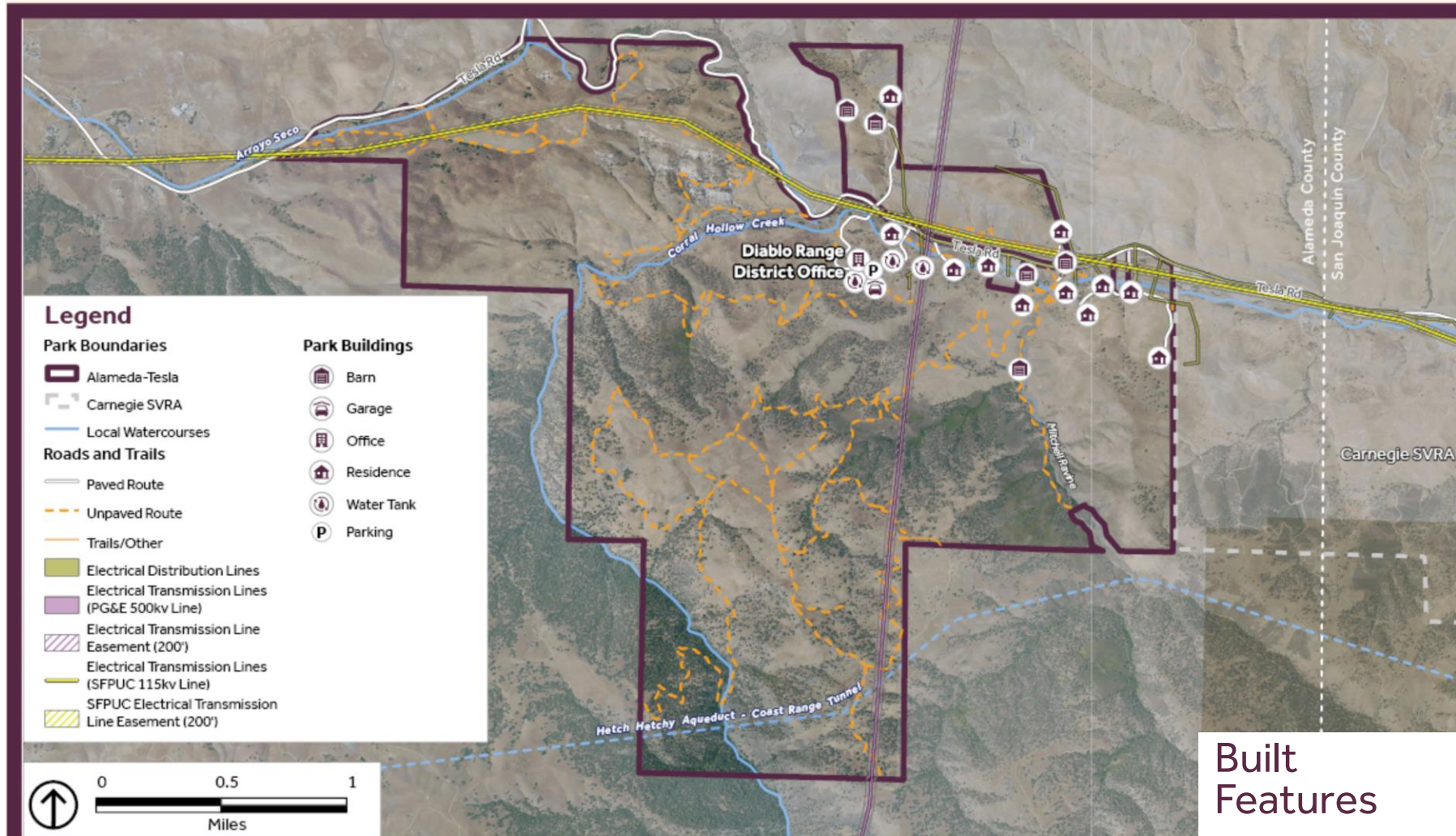
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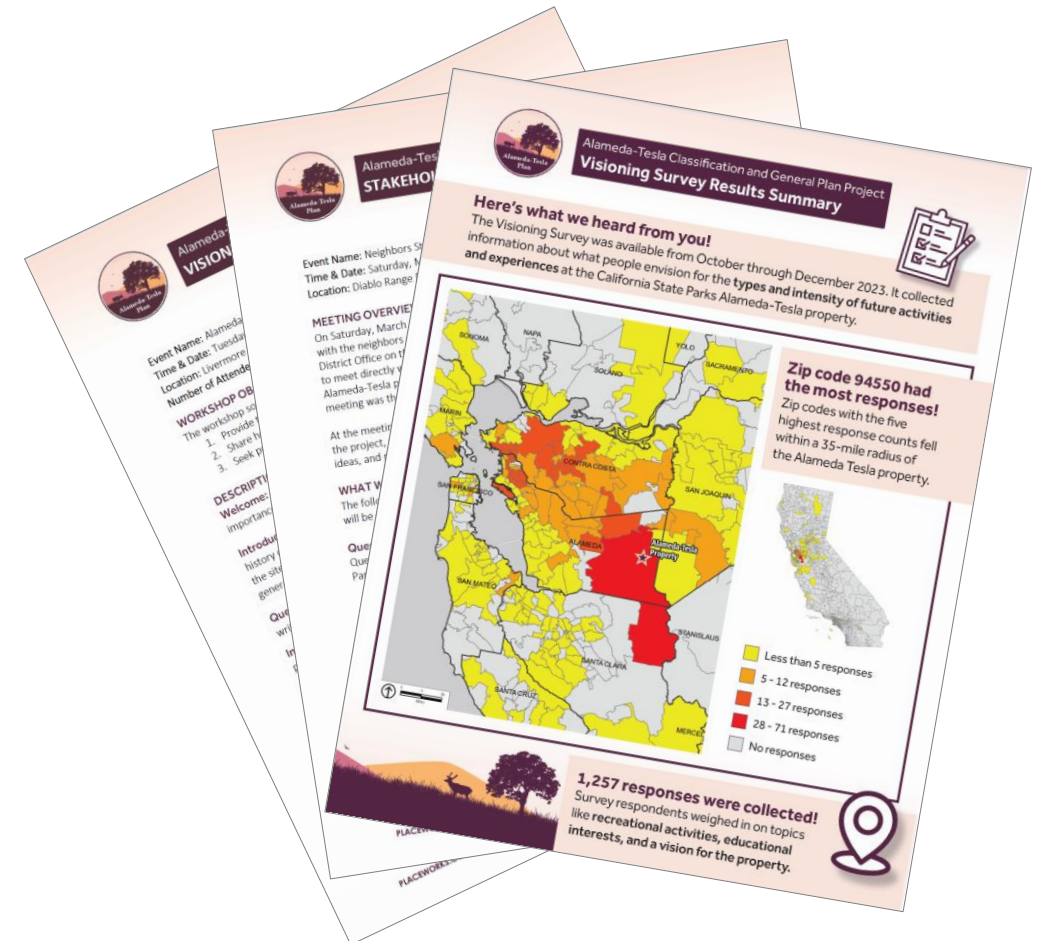
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Draft Concept Development



- 2 **Gather Community Input** on the vision for the property and desired uses during community workshops, a survey, stakeholder meetings, comments, and tribal consultation



Draft Concept Development



3 **Develop Management Zones** to create a balanced approach to the protection of sensitive resources and creation of recreational and interpretive opportunities

- 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



Draft Concept Development



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Develop Management Zones

- Four Draft Management Zones proposed
- All four zones are present in both draft concepts:

Sensitive Resource Zone

Managed to prioritize protection and interpretation of sensitive resources, with limited recreational use.

Focused Access Zone

Managed for high-quality recreational and interpretive experiences and maintained to protect the natural character, including sensitive resources, of the zone.

Limited Access Zone

Managed for moderate recreational use balanced with interpretive experiences and maintained to protect the natural character, including sensitive resources, of the zone.

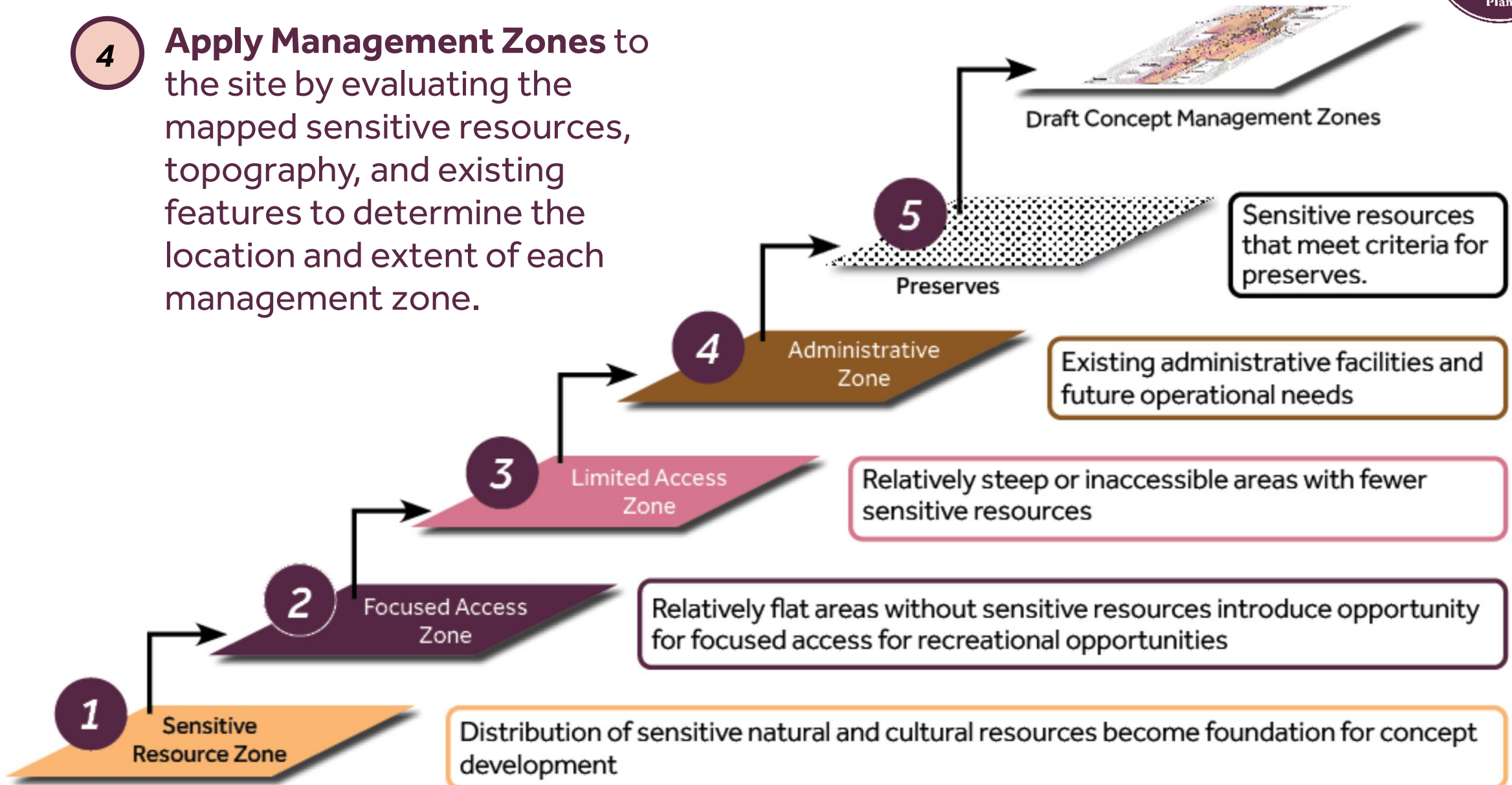
Administrative Zone

Managed for Park operations and administration and maintained to protect the natural character, including sensitive resources, of the zone.

Draft Concept Development



- 4** **Apply Management Zones** to the site by evaluating the mapped sensitive resources, topography, and existing features to determine the location and extent of each management zone.



Draft Concept Development



- 5 **Develop Draft Concepts** by adding specific uses then evaluating and adjusting applied management zones to create two draft concepts:

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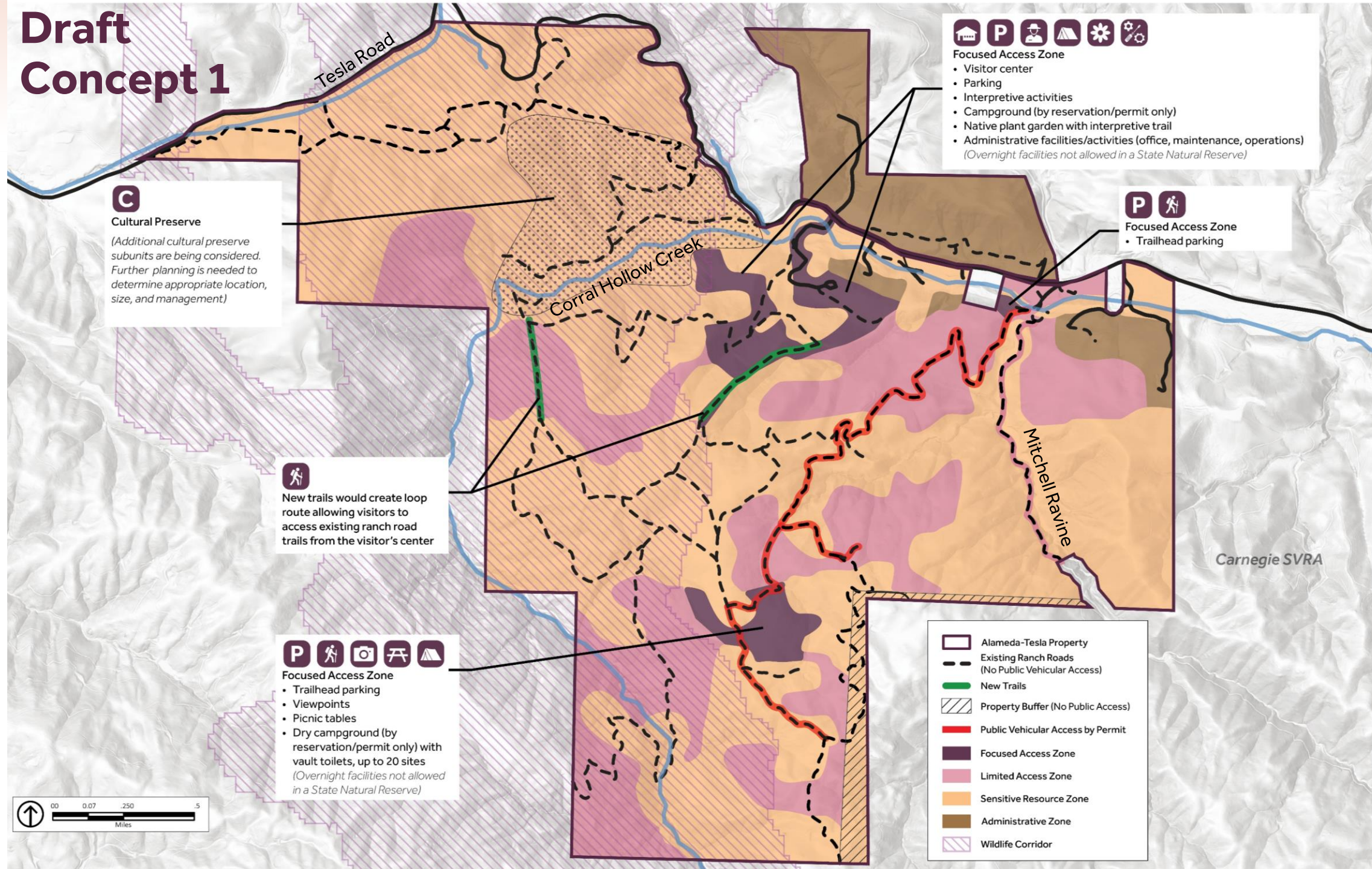


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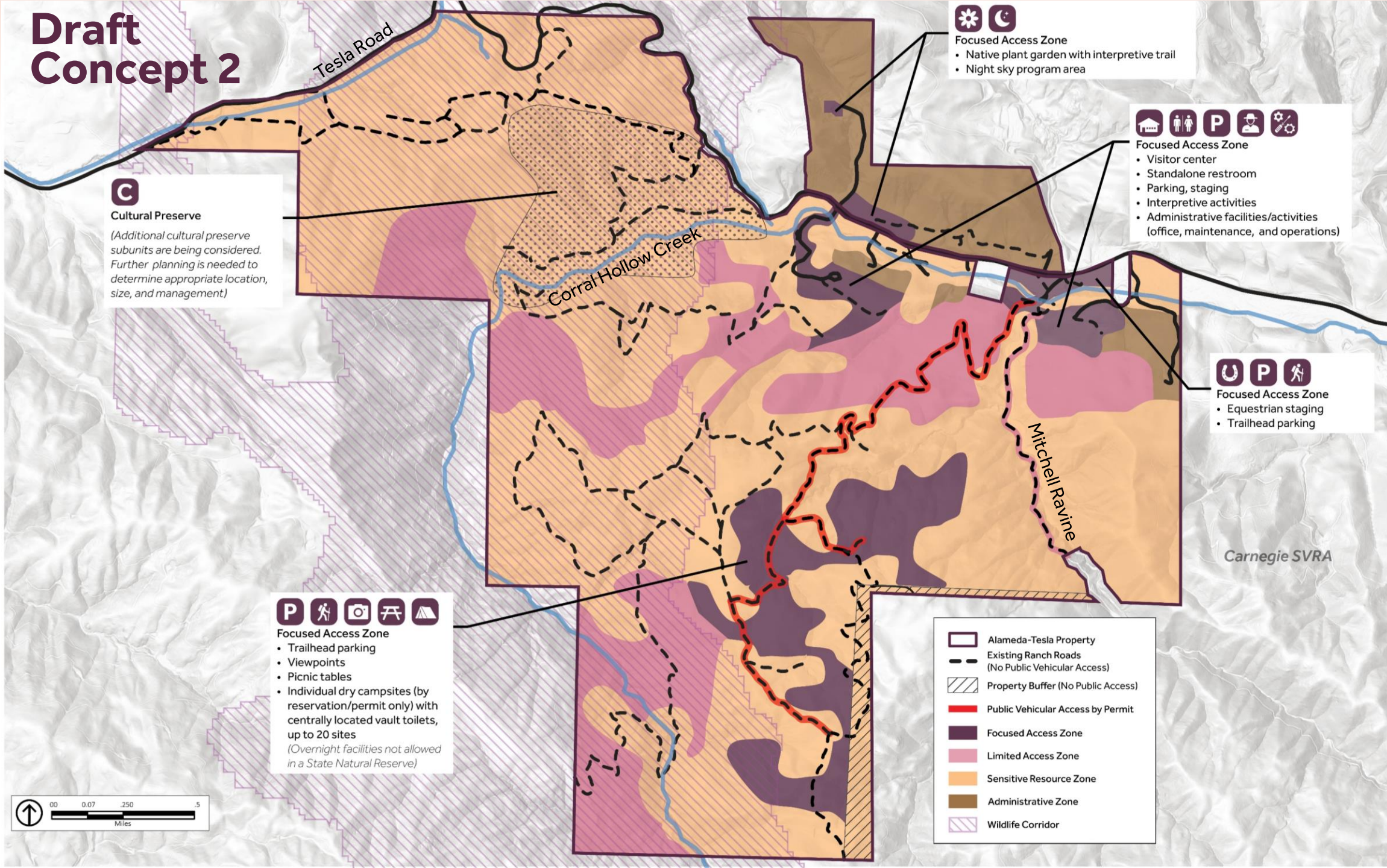


- Allow for **similar levels** of recreation and interpretation while ensuring protection of the property's sensitive natural and cultural resources
- **Both concepts could be classified as State Park, State Natural Reserve, or State Cultural Reserve.** Classification will be determined in parallel with the final concept

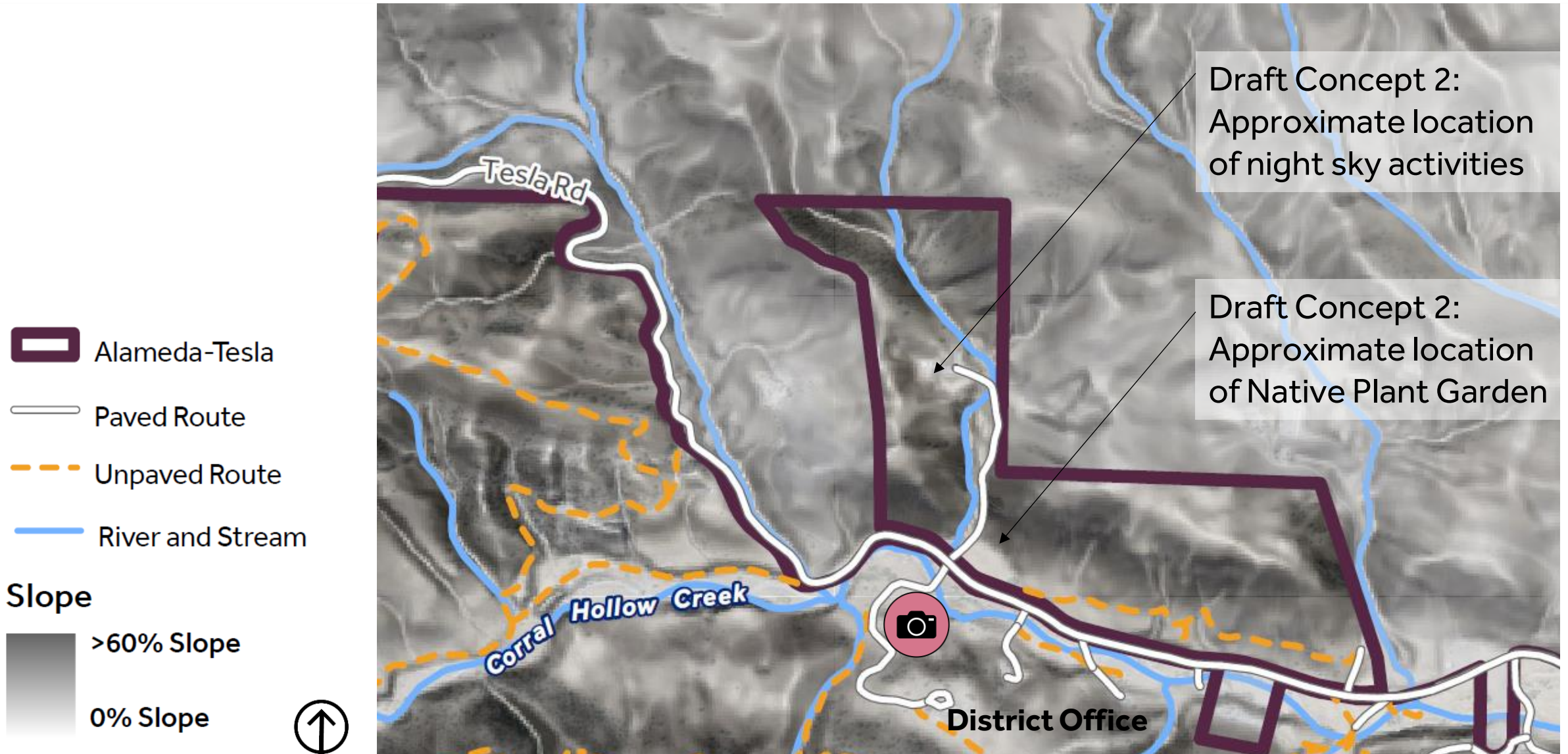
Draft Concept 1



Draft Concept 2



Draft Concept 2: Area North of Tesla Road



Looking north across Tesla Road

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Tesla Road



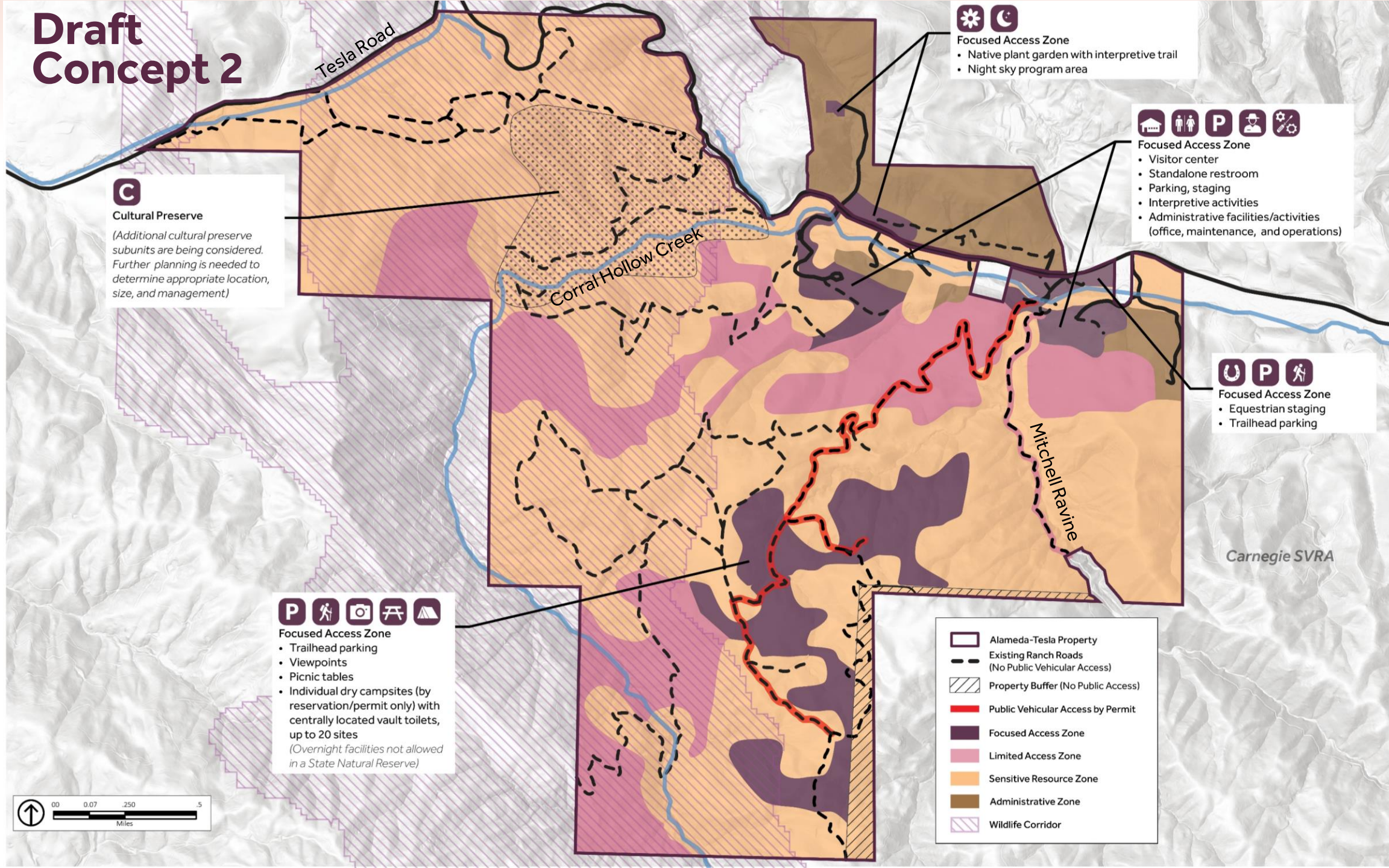


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Tesla Road

North side of
Tesla Road,
looking west

Draft Concept 2





Draft Concepts Comparison

What are the differences between the Draft Concepts?

Draft Concept 1

Clustered

- Smaller Focused Access Zone area
- Consolidated campground
- Hiking loop accessible from visitor center
- No equestrian staging
- No public uses north of Tesla Road

Draft Concept 2

Dispersed

- Larger Focused Access Zone area
- Dispersed individual campsites
- No new trails proposed
- Equestrian staging area
- Public uses north of Tesla Road

Total Acreage by Management Zone

	Sensitive Resource Zone	Focused Access Zone	Limited Access Zone	Administrative Zone
Draft Concept 1	2,285 acres	139 acres	771 acres	296 acres
Draft Concept 2	2,285 acres	325 acres	617 acres	264 acres



Q&A





Online Survey



Online Survey



Looking for your feedback on:

- Draft Declaration of Purpose
- Draft Vision Statement
- Draft Concepts

Available through October 31, 2025

- Use QR code
- Enter link into your browser
- Visit Participate page of website on 10/1 for link to survey

Online Survey Access:



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Next Steps

- Online Survey available through October 31, 2025
- Draft General Plan
- Draft EIR
- Final EIR and General Plan

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