



Alameda-Tesla Classification and General Plan Project VIRTUAL CONCEPT ALTERNATIVES WORKSHOP Q&A

The Virtual Concept Alternatives Workshop, held on September 30, 2025, included a Q&A session. During this session State Parks staff addressed some of the questions submitted by participants. The document presents responses to all questions received during the meeting, including those that were addressed during the Q&A session.

Additional questions about information shared during the Concept Alternatives Workshops in September, 2025, or any aspect of the Alameda-Tesla Classification and General Plan project, can be sent to info@AlamedaTeslaPlan.com.

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Q.1	could you turn off the beeps when people join - it's gonna be distracting once the meeting starts	n/a
Q.2	Why is the focus on recreation instead of the classification of the park? What if my main concern is on the preservation of the land for plants, insects, and animals?	A single classification is not being recommended for the property at this time. Current analysis by the project team indicates that three classifications could be appropriate at the property: State Park, State Natural Reserve, or State Cultural Reserve. Both draft concepts could be classified as a State Natural Reserve if camping were removed as an allowable activity in the Focused Access Zones. Both draft concepts include a Sensitive Resource Zone, covering the majority of the property, that will be managed to prioritize protection and interpretation of sensitive resources, including plants, insects, and animals, with limited recreational uses. All proposed management zones will be maintained to protect sensitive resources and all management zones will allow visitor travel only on designated routes, as described in the Draft Management Zones Matrix . Additionally, the General Plan will include management actions that ensure compliance with existing State Parks policies, standards, and best practices related to sensitive natural resource management and protection.

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		All proposed visitor-serving uses shown in the draft concepts reflect desired uses communicated during previous community engagement. The planning team's understanding of the level of community support for specific visitor-serving uses will be informed by the results of the online survey , which is available until October 31, 2025.
Q.3	What is the fire danger to campers if there is only 1 road in and 1 road out? Whether camping is clustered or dispersed - isn't there severe danger to the campers?	State Parks has policies and management practices in place to address fire danger to campers, as many State Parks are located in wildfire hazards areas. The Alameda-Tesla property has in place a wildfire management plan providing requisite information for managing wildfire events, such as the locations of sensitive park resources, facilities, water supplies and existing roads. Wildfire management plans are regularly updated and reviewed by designated headquarters staff and approved by the District Superintendent. All State Parks fire management programs are designed to meet park resource management objectives while ensuring that firefighter and public safety are not compromised. Additionally, the General Plan will include many of State Parks' existing policies and best management practices for wildfire management, covering both public safety and natural and cultural resource protection.
Q.4	can you share the slides from this presentation on the web site if they are not already there?	See Q.40
Q.5	Considering that California is in the middle of an ambitious land conservation program known as 30x30, aiming to protect and enhance biodiversity, how can we make this outstanding new park into a 30x30 area managed principally for biodiversity and also for helping achieve another 30x30 goal--giving more communities better access to nature?	30x30 California already considers the Alameda-Tesla property conserved acreage, as are many other State Parks' properties. California State Parks' mission includes preservation of biodiversity, along with creation of opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation. Both draft concepts include a Sensitive Resource Zone, covering the majority of the property, that will be managed to prioritize protection and interpretation of sensitive resources, with limited recreational uses. All proposed management zones will be maintained to protect sensitive resources. Additionally, the General

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		Plan will include management actions that ensure compliance with existing State Parks policies, standards, and best practices related to sensitive natural resource management and protection. The recreational uses allowed in both draft concepts have been contributed through the community engagement process and will provide communities access to the natural environment of the Alameda-Tesla property.
Q.6	how will the determination be made which activities will be permitted given that some public interests conflict with each other ... for example how will staff determine whether protecting wildlife, limiting trails to protect wildlife and not permit sports activities?	State Parks successfully manages many park units that contain a mix of sensitive resources and recreational uses, in line with the Department's mission . A range of regulations, policies, best management practices, and design approaches help ensure the protection of sensitive resources alongside the provision of recreational uses. All proposed visitor-serving uses shown in the draft concepts reflect desired uses communicated during previous community engagement. Additionally, the General Plan will include management actions that ensure compliance with existing State Parks policies, standards, and best practices related to sensitive natural resource management and protection.
Q.7	How will the classification of the Diablo Range as a California Conservation Priority affect Tesla Park?	Balancing protection of natural and cultural resources and recreation is inherent to the work that State Parks does at all park units. Any of the proposed classifications would comply with State Parks' existing policies, which apply to all state, federal, and regional best management practices for protecting sensitive natural and cultural resources.
Q.8	Does the State of California have a comprehensive state endangered species plan to ensure that species are protected? If not, why not? And if there is one, what is it and how could this park be part of it?	Yes, the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) conserves and protects plant and animal species at risk of extinction. The Alameda-Tesla Classification and General Plan will undergo a full programmatic Environmental Review to ensure compliance with CESA and other state and federal environmental protection requirements.

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Q.9	Can you discuss what has been done to date in terms of tribal engagement?	State Parks is in formal consultation with California Native American tribes in compliance with Assembly Bill No. 52 (AB 52). This process began with a formal letter sent to all eligible tribes at the start of the project notifying each tribe of the project and inviting them to participate in the consultation process. State Parks has been, and will continue, regularly engaging with participating tribes to discuss all aspects of the project, including existing conditions, the declaration of purpose, the vision statement, and draft concepts.
Q.10	What, specifically, have the Native American Tribes said about the development of the Property?	Consultation with California Native American tribes, in compliance with AB 52, is a confidential process. Tribes participating in the process may decide to share information about the process with the public; or they may prefer to keep the information confidential.
Q.11	Is the recreation analysis a written document that is available to the public? I don't see it on the project website.	The recreation analysis is integrated into the draft General Plan and will be shared with the public along with the draft general plan.
Q.12	Why is the EIR process proceeding BEFORE receiving guidance from the State Parks Commission? It seems that it would make more sense to present the possible options/scenarios to be considered in an EIR to the Commission before investing significant money into developing an EIR for a plan that doesn't satisfy the Commission's expectations.	The Draft EIR will provide the environmental analysis the Commission needs when considering the draft general plan and park classification recommendation. The Commission may decide to adopt the general plan or request additional work or analysis before making a decision.
Q.13	Is it correct that there are currently only 3 State Reserves, Armstrong Redwoods, Point Lobos and Tule Elk?	The State Parks system includes 17 State Reserves, as documented in this California State Parks Units by Classification list.
Q.14	When will the survey be posted and how long will people have to respond?	The online survey is posted on the Participate page of the website and is available until October 31, 2025.

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Q.15	Why isn't a high-priority, sensitive management zone included that prohibits access to specific areas in the park? Not all areas of the park should be accessible to the public.	Both draft concepts include a Sensitive Resource Zone, covering the majority of the property, that will be managed to prioritize protection and interpretation of sensitive resources, with limited recreational uses. As detailed in the Draft Management Zone Matrix , allowable facilities in the Sensitive Resource Zone are limited to non-motorized trails and interpretive elements. Future planning efforts, including a Roads and Trails Management Plan (RTMP) and Interpretive Plan would study any proposed locations for these types of facilities. The draft concepts and draft management zones currently limit visitor-travel to designated roads and trails only, with the result that the majority of the park will not be accessible to visitors.
Q.16	Why don't you let the native people of this area decided what they want to do with their property?	See Q.9
Q.17	Can you speak more to how the topography and sensitive resources of the site contributed to the recommendation that a SRA would no longer be considered?	The Public Resources Code (PRC) defines State Recreation Areas (SRA) as having the following characteristics: developed to provide multiple recreational opportunities to meet other than purely local needs, have terrain capable of withstanding extensive human impact, proximity to large population centers, major routes of travel, or proven recreational resources. Additionally, as part of the definition, the PRC indicates that "areas containing ecological, geological, scenic, or cultural resources of significant value shall be preserved within state wildernesses, state reserves, state parks, or natural or cultural preserves." Analysis of the physical, natural, and cultural resources of the Alameda-Tesla property determined that these resources are of significant value; that the steep topography and widespread distribution of sensitive resources prevent the terrain from withstanding extensive human impact or supporting development to provide multiple recreational opportunities to meet other than purely local needs. As the Alameda-Tesla property does not have these

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		important characteristics of an SRA, this classification is no longer being considered for recommendation.
Q.18	What is included in “focused recreation”?	The Draft Management Zone Matrix lists the range of potential facilities that could developed in a Focused Access Zone, while the draft concepts show where these facilities could be located. Potential facilities in a Focused Access Zone include campground or other overnight facilities; visitor center; cultural center; campfire center; park operations facilities; public vehicle access roads (paved and primitive); day-use parking and picnic areas; trailheads; parking/staging areas for hiking and biking; non-motorized trails; interpretive/cultural/ educational elements. Development of any visitor-serving facilities on the property would require additional studies to confirm compliance with all Federal, State, and State Parks policies regarding the protection of threatened and endangered species.
Q.19	How would the sensitive areas be protected from bikes, horses, etc.?	The Draft Management Zone Matrix indicates that all visitor travel, regardless of mode, will be restricted to designated routes. State Parks successfully manages many park units that contain a mix of sensitive resources and recreational uses, in line with the department's mission . A range of regulations, policies, best management practices, and design approaches help ensure the protection of sensitive resources alongside the provision of recreational uses.
Q.20	How would vehicle access the ranch road? Would it be locked? Is there a limit on number of cars allowed? Would they only be for campers?	The intent of the proposed vehicular access by permit only on the designated ranch road is to allow access to the higher elevation areas in the southern portion of the property to those who cannot otherwise access the area. Permitted vehicle access would not be limited to any single type of recreational use. Details of the permit system, including the number of vehicles allowed

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		and exact mechanism of controlling access would be determined prior to opening the property for public use.
Q.21	Can you describe how a RTMP would fit into the planning process?	The Road and Trails Management Plan (RTMP) is one of several different management plans that are developed after approval of a park General Plan. Management plans are consistent with systemwide plans and policies and with the unit's general plan. Management plans act as a bridge between the desired conditions stated as goals and guidelines in the general plan and the measurable implementation actions. Typically, the RTMP would analyze the need for any new roads or trails, designate routes for specific uses, determine road and trail widths, and develop any other road or trail related policies required to achieve the desired conditions included in the General Plan.
Q.22	If camping is necessary, why not only backpacking and bike packing access?	All proposed visitor-serving uses shown in the draft concepts reflect desired uses communicated during previous community engagement. Additional input from the community engagement process, as well as State Parks' commitment to equitable access, resulted in the provision of permit-only vehicular access for those not able to access designated camping areas in any other way. The existing network of ranch roads providing access to the proposed camping area is steep, and the shortest existing route is several miles long, creating barriers for visitors with endurance, strength, and/or mobility challenges. Regardless of how visitors arrive at the camping area, sites would include minimal infrastructure and would not provide water or power.

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Q.23	Why no parking/access on the Livermore side?	Both draft concepts propose using existing access points for future visitor use. These access points were selected to provide access to the Focused Access Zone areas in both draft concepts. The Focused Access Zone areas were selected to avoid sensitive resources and steep topography. The entire property lies within Alameda County, which is the same county that the city of Livermore is in.
Q.24	Why no equestrian parking in Draft Concept 1? Or on the west side?	Opportunities for equestrian staging are limited by safety considerations related to Tesla Road and physical limitations of the Alameda-Tesla property. Only one location, near Mitchell Ravine and shown in Draft Concept 2, has been identified as having the capacity to accommodate equestrian staging. However, individual elements of each draft concept could be shifted to either concept; it is likely that the final concept may not look like either draft concept and may incorporate elements of both, based on feedback received during the in-person Concept Alternatives Workshop and from the online survey , which is open until October 31, 2025.
Q.25	What is the buffer zone between Tesla Park and Carnegie SVRA, e.g., what is preventing access to Tesla from SVRA and how is this going to be managed?	The boundary line between the Alameda-Tesla property and Carnegie SVRA is fenced, and this fencing will stay in place.
Q.26	Have you narrowed down to only your two alternative draft concepts? I hope there is still room for input favoring other concepts. I am botanical faculty member from UC Berkeley and I can verify that the flora of this area is quite special. I favor a natural reserve classification with only low-intensity recreation (no camping or public vehicles) and maximum protection for plants, i.e., more areas designated as sensitive resources than in either draft concept shown here.	The two draft concepts present two alternatives for consideration by the public. Individual elements of each draft concept could be shifted to either concept; it is likely that the final concept may not look like either draft concept but may incorporate elements of both, informed by feedback received during the in-person Concept Alternatives Workshop and from the online survey , which is open until October 31, 2025. The online survey asks for feedback on specific visitor-serving elements shown in each concept. This feedback will inform the

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		planning team's understanding of the level of community support for these amenities.
Q.27	Can you use a pointer to show us what you're talking about on the maps?	n/a
Q.28	One exceptional value of the 3,100-acre parcel the legislature required be removed from OHV use, and that is now commonly called Tesla Park, is that it has a variety of plant communities that include a lot of rare native plants. Given that, why is it necessary or even desirable to create a native plant garden, as proposed by the plans? Maintaining a native plant garden is labor intensive and time intensive. Wouldn't it be smarter for park staff time/labor to be devoted to managing the existing natural native plant ecosystems?	All proposed visitor-serving uses shown in the draft concepts reflect desired uses communicated during previous community engagement. The native plant garden included in the draft concepts would be a Native American Tribal Garden that would focus on plants that are important to the tribal community for cultural and interpretive value. Plants included in this garden would be ones that the local Tribal community wishes to highlight for interpretation value and cultural use and may not be easily accessible elsewhere in the park.
Q.29	Electric bikes are giving us trouble here in Marin. Lots of discussion. In the hands of kids, the bikes are used as "speed, tricks/jumps, and downhill" mini motorcycles. We have the exact same issues with erosion from human-powered mountain bikes being used by people who are after "speed, tricks/jumps, and downhill." We had two separate mudslides along one trail in the Dominican area in early 2025. This is an area with a lot of trees, which still did not reduce the mudslides, which ripped out trees. So do you understand that at Tesla Park, allowing bikes means allowing people who want to do "speed, tricks/jumps, and downhill," which will result in mudslides and erosion? (Yes, I love that the slower, respectful bikers are able to get out, especially those who cannot walk	State Parks successfully manages many park units that contain a mix of sensitive resources and recreational uses, in line with the department's mission . A range of regulations, policies, best management practices, and design approaches help ensure the protection of sensitive resources alongside the provision of recreational uses. Additionally, State Parks employees State Park Peace Officers to enforce park rules and regulations as well as public resources codes.

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	far and need a bike, but you do realize there is no way to allow these people and not the "play hard" bikers?	
Q.30	Why are there only two draft concepts? How about a design that eliminates overnight camping and designate as a Natural Reserve?	See Q.26
Q.31	Why was camping included in both concepts? There is very little difference between these concepts and the focus seems to be on public access, activities and cultural resources rather than the very rare and high value natural resources that are at risk of being destroyed by public access.	All proposed visitor-serving uses shown in the draft concepts reflect desired uses communicated during previous community engagement that are consistent with the State Parks mission , which covers equally protection of resources and access to recreation. The two draft concepts show two different approaches to providing camping, to help the planning team better understand the type of camping desired. The planning team's understanding of the level of community support for specific visitor-serving uses will be informed by the results of the online survey , which is available until October 31, 2025.
Q.32	Why do no proposals have Natural Reserve as a concept?	See Q.2
Q.33	What does the pattern over the Tesla mining site indicate on the maps?	In both draft concepts, the hatched area in the northwestern portion of the property delineates a Cultural Preserve. This subclassification protects features such as sites, buildings, or zones which represent significant places or events in the flow of human experience in California, as defined in the Public Resources Code. Additional location(s) for Cultural Preserve subunits are under consideration and require further planning to determine appropriate locations, size, and management approach.
Q.34	If camping is dispersed, how will human waste be handled?	Parks will provide either portable or pit toilets to ensure proper disposal of human waste.

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Q.35	How can you have a dark sky area next to a road?	The paved route shown on the map is a driveway leading to a single staff residence. The proposed location of the dark sky area is shielded from Tesla Road by the canyon walls. Dark sky activities could occur in other areas of the property as well, as part of education or interpretive activities.
Q.36	Why does Concept One not have public access areas north of Tesla Road? Could those areas be incorporated without changing the distribution of different areas south of Tesla Road?	Draft Concept 1 presents a clustered approach to visitor-serving facilities, locating them in fewer places than in Draft Concept 2. Individual elements of each draft concept could be shifted to either concept; it is likely that the final concept may not look like either draft concept but may incorporate elements of both, based on feedback received during the in-person Concept Alternatives Workshop and from the online survey .
Q.37	Loop trails on the west (Livermore side) would be nice for Alameda county residents	The entire Alameda-Tesla property is located within Alameda County. Please share your ideas for facilities and uses by responding to the online survey , which is available until October 31, 2025. The planning team's understanding the level of community support for specific visitor-serving uses will be informed by the results of the survey.
Q.38	Is there any possibility of including the additional trails to create trail loops (from draft 1) in Draft 2?	See Q.26
Q.39	Why do both plans propose camping in the deep heart of Tesla Park atop areas that have been identified for years, including via state parks data, as sensitive habitat for threatened or endangered species?	In both draft concepts, the locations proposed for Focused Access Zones, which include camping, were carefully selected to avoid areas with known sensitive natural and cultural resources and to avoid areas with steep topography that would require extensive earthwork to provide visitor-serving facilities. Development of any visitor-serving facilities on the property would require additional studies to confirm compliance with all Federal, State, and State Parks policies regarding the protection of threatened and endangered species.

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Q.40	Can I get a copy of Slide 50, comparing Draft Concepts 1 & 2?	All slides from the presentation are available to download on the Participate page . A separate Draft Concept Comparison document, containing the two draft concepts and the information from slide 50, is available there as well.
Q.41	slide 50 doesn't say what bikes can do, just says hiking. How do we know where bikes are allowed in plan 1 and 2?	In both draft concepts, bikes would be allowed only on designated routes, as specified in the Draft Management Zone Matrix . The designation of routes for various uses will occur in the future as part of the development of a Roads and Trails Plan (RTMP) for the property. Per Superintendent's order, access to any trail or recreation area could be allowed or restricted.
Q.42	Why are both concepts not giving the option of classification of a reserve	See Q.32
Q.43	why are so few narrow trails being built? I see only 2 in concept 1 and zero in concept 2.	The Road and Trails Management Plan (RTMP), which will be developed after the General Plan is approved, will analyze the need for any new roads or trails, designate routes for specific uses, determine road and trail widths, and develop any other road or trail related policies required to achieve the desired conditions included in the General Plan. Please share your ideas for facilities and uses by responding to the online survey , which is available until October 31, 2025. The planning team's understanding of the level of community support for specific visitor-serving uses will be informed by the results of the survey.
Q.44	are you considering single-use as well as multi-use trails? experience shows the benefits of separating bikes, horses, and pedestrians to improve user experience for all.	See Q.43
Q.45	Tesla has a great opportunity to restore the natural oak forest to this area. Has Tesla considered taking advantage of such a unique opportunity?	The Alameda-Tesla property is managed for ecological function and monitored for threats to the ecosystems and opportunities to enhance the native habitats currently. Additional ecosystem

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		restoration at Alameda-Tesla will be considered during the development of the property's resource management plans.
Q.46	I'm concerned about preservation of natural resources, and cultural resources. High intensity use by bikes and ebikes are destructive to trails, plants and animals. How can you keep the priority of preserving natural resources and allow bikes?	State Parks successfully manages many park units that contain a mix of sensitive resources and recreational uses, in line with the department's mission . A range of regulations, policies, best management practices, and design approaches help ensure the protection of sensitive resources alongside the provision of recreational uses.
Q.47	Draft Concepts 1 & 2 seem to be a tyranny of false alternatives: can't we have a Draft Concept that allows new (narrow) trails, AND equestrian staging, AND the Dark Night viewing site + Native Plant Garden N. of Tesla Rd.?	See Q.26
Q.48	Supposing in the future, Tesla Park acquired enough additional adjacent land to bring it up to 5000 acres or more. Would the idea of making a state wilderness be reopened? (It's been many years since a new state wilderness was designated, or additional land was added to one of the present, important but little publicized, dozen.)	In general, when a State Parks property is greatly expanded, the General Plan is updated to incorporate the additional acreage. Re-classification of a property could be considered as part of this process, although acreage is not the only defining characteristic of a State Wilderness. Additional characteristics of State Wilderness, as defined in the Public Resources Code 5019.68. include land that has been "affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable" and land that has "outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation."

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Q.49	Why must we balance recreational activities with natural, cultural and tribal resources? There is no way to balance these as recreation is known and documented to negative affect all three of these aspects. Why not focus on preservation and education and then look at limited, focused and managed ways of sharing this land with limited public access?	California State Parks' mission is 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." Thus, balancing protection of natural and cultural resources and recreation is inherent to the work that State Parks does at all park units. Both draft concepts include a Sensitive Resource Zone, covering the majority of the property, that will be managed to prioritize protection and interpretation of sensitive resources, with limited recreational uses. As detailed in the Draft Management Zone Matrix, allowable facilities in the Sensitive Resource Zone are limited to non-motorized trails and interpretive elements. Future planning efforts, including a Roads and Trails Management Plan (RTMP) and Interpretive Plan would study any proposed locations for these types of facilities. The draft concepts and draft management zones currently limit visitor-travel to designated roads and trails only, with the result that the majority of the park will not be accessible to visitors.
Q.50	Since this area has little access to outdoor recreation and open space, I commend the effort to open the area to hiking, biking, and possibly low impact camping in addition to protecting the natural and cultural resources. I am cheered to hear biking included, since that is an important avenue of activity for young people.	Thank you for your comment. All comments will be considered as this planning effort moves forward.

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Q.51	Please establish all of 3100 acres as a Natural Reserve. Name it Hismet Warep I reject the declaration of purpose and Vision as well as both Draft concept plans. No camping, no biking and no vehicular use!!! Why is the cultural area placed in the old mining area, and none in the sensitive tribal cultural area on the ridge tops??? Looks like camping is in the sensitive tribal areas....	Thank you for your comment. All comments will be considered as this planning effort moves forward. The location of the Cultural Preserve shown on the draft concepts has been defined through on-the-ground cultural resource surveys. As noted on the draft concepts, additional location(s) for Cultural Preserve subunits are under consideration and require further planning to determine appropriate locations, size, and management approach.
Q.52	Is Public Access not a goal of State Parks? Or is it assumed that's covered by Recreation?	California State Parks' mission is 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." State Parks' 2024 Path Forward Strategic Plan, which describes State Parks' goals and objectives for achieving that mission, includes access as one of six fundamental principles.
Q.53	Can you share an analysis of the environmental impact of overnight camping, equestrian use and mountain biking? (I am assuming these activities are much higher-impact than simply day hiking). I am interested in hearing from experts about the various ways these higher-impact activities may impact wildlife & rare plants on the property. Thank you.	The programmatic EIR will analyze potential impacts of camping, equestrian use and mountain biking at the Alameda-Tesla property and will require measures to avoid or mitigate any anticipated impacts. Additionally, the General Plan will include many of State Parks' existing policies and best management practices for ensuring protection of sensitive natural and cultural resources.

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Q.54	why wait till a natural resource has been damaged, why not prioritize preserving the natural resources, plants, animals and ecosystems in their intact form?	State Parks is committed to protecting natural and cultural resources, while providing high quality outdoor recreational opportunities. Both draft concepts include a Sensitive Resource Zone, covering the majority of the property, that will be managed to prioritize protection and interpretation of sensitive resources, with limited recreational uses. As detailed in the Draft Management Zone Matrix , allowable facilities in the Sensitive Resource Zone are limited to non-motorized trails and interpretive elements. Future planning efforts, including a Roads and Trails Management Plan (RTMP) and Interpretive Plan would study any proposed locations for these types of facilities. The draft concepts and draft management zones currently limit visitor-travel to designated roads and trails only, with the result that the majority of the park will not be accessible to visitors.
Q.55	The governor and secretary of natural resources have both established as an important goal increasing and increasing protection of biodiversity. That has been supported by the legislature. Why isn't there a third proposal in the plan that emphasizes protecting animal and plant biodiversity?	California State Parks' mission includes both preservation of biodiversity and creation of opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation. Both draft concepts include a Sensitive Resource Zone, covering the majority of the property, that will be managed to prioritize protection and interpretation of sensitive resources, with limited recreational uses. All proposed management zones will be maintained to protect sensitive resources. Additionally, the General Plan will include management actions that ensure compliance with existing State Parks policies, standards, and best practices related to sensitive natural resource management and protection.
Q.56	How does this project relate to the overarching State goal of preserving 30 percent of our natural lands? By allowing such broad public access to the property you negate the goal of preservation.	See Q.5
Q.57	In the creation of the draft Declaration of Purpose, was there consideration of the special location of the proposed park, as an area containing elements of	The State Parks team considered many elements in the development of the Draft Declaration of Purpose. Please provide any feedback on

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	Diablo Range and Central Valley ecosystems, also with some elements of southern desert ecosystems? It is this combination that makes this property unique ecologically and so worthy of a high level of protection.	the Draft Declaration of Purpose through the online survey , which is open until October 31, 2025.
Q.58	The people requesting recreation at past virtual meetings were bay area bike groups. State parks stating recreation in the central valley does not line up with the reality of the recreation groups requesting heavy recreation. the central valley needs its few places of climate resilience protected.	Thank you for your comment. All comments will be considered as this planning effort moves forward.
Q.59	What central valley groups have been engaged?	California State Parks reached out to city and county agencies as well as recreation groups in the Central Valley including San Joaquin County, Cities of Lodi, Stockton, Tracy, and Mountain House, and Latino Outdoors. Additionally, all public engagement events have been promoted through various State Parks social media channels and the project mailing list.
Q.60	is it possible to have camping and hiking, but not allow the more destructive use of bikes and ebikes?	See Q.26
Q.61	What does engagement mean if the comments and concerns are not heard (i.e., the bioassessment)	State Parks takes the engagement process seriously and has carefully reviewed all submitted comments, including the bioassessment report provided by Friends of Tesla Park. Along with community input, our planning processes must also adhere to federal and state policies and regulations, as well as departmental policies and procedures. The draft concepts were designed with input from the community, government agencies, scientific research and surveys, and the tribal consultation process.
Q.62	What does tribal engagement mean if the comments and concerns are not heard (ie, the bioassessment)	See Q.9 and Q.10

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Q.63	I don't understand how you can come up with these two plans without a classification. The result is a plan that doesn't answer questions that have come up over the past 20 years regarding preservation of sensitive resources. Did you put the horse before the cart?	Thank you for your comment. All comments will be considered as this planning effort moves forward. See Q.2.
Q.64	Thank you so much. And thank you Zackary for explaining the process of interaction with indigenous peoples and tribes. My questions is: why are you not allowed to share their feedback? Why isn't there transparency about what their opinions, feedback, and perspective is?	See Q.10
Q.65	are you considering purpose-built narrow trails and/or narrowing of existential trails/roads?	See Q.43
Q.66	where and when will the updated survey be provided for input	See Q.14
Q.67	why cant the biking and ebiking be limited to the Carnegie area? Why cant camping be limited to Carnegie?	All proposed visitor-serving uses shown in the draft concepts reflect desired uses communicated during previous community engagement. The planning team's understanding of the level of community support for specific visitor-serving uses will be informed by the results of the online survey , which is available until October 31, 2025.
Q.68	Will a compilation of Native American community feedback be available during this process? I think the public would be very interested to to hear their specific feedback in some form. Thank you!	See Q.10

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Q.69	Will campers be allowed to have campfires? What is the drive time to Tesla Rd. if campers have to evacuate due to wildfire? Are there fire fighting resources available nearby?	The Draft Management Zone Matrix indicates that campfires will be allowed by permit only. Issuance of permits will be determined by the District Superintendent and will be based on local fire hazard conditions. State Parks' public safety staff are trained and experienced in evacuating parks and cooperate closely with public safety agencies, including Alameda County Fire, Cal Fire, and California Highway Patrol to ensure visitor safety. The nearest firefighting resources are located at Alameda County Fire Station #21, approximately five miles west of the Alameda-Tesla property on Tesla Road/Corral Hollow Road located at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Experimental Test Site, Site 300.
Q.70	The answer on the Commission review does not address the question and is wrong, even with the planning change. The Commission can provide guidance and input before the final GP/EIR is presented. Again why won't staff present to the commission for input and direction before the final plan is presented to them for a rubber stamp?	See Q.12
Q.71	Why have you not included a third proposed plan that considers creating a 3,100-acre Natural Reserve? Lots of stakeholders have asked for a reserve and state parks has apparently ignored years of conversation and letters and comments by NOT considering a plan for a Reserve.	State Parks has heard the request to classify the Alameda-Tesla property as a reserve. Both draft concepts could be classified as a reserve if camping were removed as an allowable activity in the Focused Access Zones. No other changes to either concept would be required for the property to be classified as a reserve. Determination of classification will occur in parallel with development of the final concept for the property, among other factors. The planning team's understanding of the level of community support for specific visitor-serving uses will be informed by the results of the online survey , which is available until October 31, 2025.

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Q.72	For a site as extraordinary as Tesla, in terms of the natural, cultural and historic resources, why is the foundation of this process "balancing" "protection" of these resources with high-intensity recreation uses, rather than ensuring real protection of these resources with types of recreation that are compatible with real on the ground (not on paper) protection of these resources. Why do none of the concepts present this type of approach? It seems like the process is being skewed from the outset.	California State Parks' mission includes both preservation of biodiversity and creation of opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation. Both draft concepts include a Sensitive Resource Zone, covering the majority of the property, that will be managed to prioritize protection and interpretation of sensitive resources, with limited recreational uses. All proposed management zones will be maintained to protect sensitive resources. Additionally, the General Plan will include management actions that ensure compliance with existing State Parks policies, standards, and best practices related to sensitive natural resource management and protection.
Q.73	Given the high risk of fire to these natural and cultural resources, what is the plan to protect this area? In my opinion, allowing camping on Tesla is increasing the likelihood of human induced fires.	See Q.3
Q.74	If there is unstaffed parks in the bay area, with all the recreation involved in both plans, how can you ensure that there will be adequate staffing & rangers to monitor & keep the sensitive areas safe?	State Parks successfully manages many park units that contain a mix of sensitive resources and recreational uses, in line with the department's mission . A range of regulations, policies, best management practices, and design approaches help ensure the protection of sensitive resources alongside the provision of recreational uses.
Q.75	What do you see as the negative impacts of the level and location of camping that is proposed in those alternatives?	In both draft concepts, the type of campsites, quantity of campsites, primary method of accessing campsites, and locations of campsites were carefully selected to minimize potential impacts. The programmatic EIR will analyze potential impacts of camping, if included in the final concept, and will require measures to avoid or mitigate any impacts. Additionally, the General Plan will include many of State Parks' existing policies and best management practices for camping.
Q.76	If there is unstaffed parks in the bay area, with all the recreation involved in both plans, how can you ensure	See Q.74

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Q.77	Why would you not at least give the commission a heads up before beginning the EIR process to ensure you are on the right track from the commission's perspective? A former commission member complained at a meeting within the last few years that the commission was treated as a rubber stamp. Given that, doesn't it seem wise to allow the commission to provide some direction before the environmental review proceeds?	The Commission receives quarterly updates about the general plan process and schedule at Commission meetings. In addition, they will also receive the draft and final general plan and EIR at the same time it is made available to the public. We also encourage Commissioners to attend public workshops as members of the public.
Q.78	Is the current proposal for all visitor travel to be limited to roads or trails with no off trail / road travel?	The current Draft Concepts and Draft Management Zone Matrix assume that all visitor travel will be limited to designated routes.
Q.79	You addressed camping, but Not my question about danger to campers due to fire. Please address.	See Q.3
Q.80	Is there going to be gate access on the west side for bikers and/or hikers?	The current draft concepts do not specify locations of gate access for bikers and/or hikers. Locations of access gates for bikers and/or hikers, if needed, would be determined during the future development of a Roads and Trails Plan (RTMP) for the park.
Q.81	How can you adequately monitor and keep safe the sensitive areas of the park where you have public recreational access in close proximity to sensitive areas?	See Q.46
Q.82	Could we have another go at explaining why no horse parking in concept 1? I couldn't make sense of the answer given. It seems weird to have longer trail loops yet make life hard for one of the user groups that would use them.	See Q.24

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Q.83	how do we access the online survey?	See Q.14
Q.84	Why is there no plan for a preserve?	A preserve is a sub-classification that applies to a sub-area within a larger park unit. Both draft concepts include a designated cultural preserve and indicate that additional preserves are being studied.
Q.85	If overnight camping is provided, how will the use of alcohol or substance use (legal/illegal) activities be monitored? How will abuse of the land from this aspect be prevented?	A range of regulations, policies, best management practices, and design approaches help ensure the protection of sensitive resources alongside the provision of recreational uses. State Parks employs State Park Peace Officers to enforce park rules and regulations as well as State and public resources codes.
Q.86	Will this presentation be available online?	All slides from the presentation , as well as a recording of the Virtual Workshop are available to download on the Participate page .
Q.87	I thought this was a workshop not a presentation	Thank you for your comment. All comments will be considered as this planning effort moves forward. The online version of the workshop required a longer presentation to explain all of the information that was available at the in-person meeting. The workshop aspect is the online survey that asks for feedback on specific visitor-servicing elements shown in each concept. The online survey is open until October 31, 2025.
Q.88	Thanks	Thank you for your comment. All comments will be considered as this planning effort moves forward.