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Kings Beach State Recreation Area General Plan Released for Public Comment

NORTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. – California State Parks and the California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy) seek public input on the future of Kings Beach State Recreation Area (Kings Beach SRA). Over the next 20 years, the public entities would like to add new facilities such as an outdoor event stage, lakeside promenade and small administration building. There is also a proposal to relocate the pier, playground, picnic areas and basketball court, and modify the restrooms and parking areas. The current boat ramp would be replaced with a smaller, non-motorized lake access point. The deadline to submit feedback on the proposed project is June 29, 2018.

Kings Beach SRA is located along the north shore of Lake Tahoe at the heart of the community of Kings Beach. It encompasses about 14 acres and provides public access to more than 1,000 feet of the Lake Tahoe shoreline. This popular Northern California destination is home to many of the community of Kings Beach's special events, such as music festivals, paddlecraft competitions and its unique Third of July celebration.

The proposed enhancements to Kings Beach SRA are outlined in a preliminary general plan and pier rebuild project. All public comments will be considered by the project team. Once a final plan is prepared, the State Park and Recreation Commission will consider approval of the plan and Pier Rebuild Project later this year.

Below you will find various public comment opportunities:

Online

Project documents may be viewed online at www.parks.ca.gov/plankbsra.

In Person

- The documents may be reviewed during business hours at the North Tahoe Event Center, 8318 North Lake Boulevard, Kings Beach and at other locations in the Lake Tahoe Region as indicated in the notice: www.parks.ca.gov/plankbsra.

- The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency is scheduling two opportunities to provide oral comments on the plan and project. Please refer to www.trpa.org/calendar/ for details. California State Parks staff will be onsite.

Making decisions about how best to provide high-quality recreation while preserving the park for future generations is a big responsibility. The planning process first involved scientists, technical experts, land managers, and the public in documenting and understanding the park's important natural, cultural and recreational resources, existing uses and visitor needs. After considering this information, plan alternatives were prepared that include resource preservation and land use strategies that will best serve California in the long term. After hearing from the public, a preferred plan was prepared, which describes the addition and renovation of facilities. Potential environmental effects of the proposed enhancements and facilities have been disclosed in the environmental review chapter, along with mitigation measures to avoid, reduce or eliminate their potential for adverse impact.

For more information, please visit the project's webpage at www.parks.ca.gov/plankbsra. Questions can also be directed to California State Park's Sierra District Superintendent Marilyn Linkem at (530) 525-9523. Comments and requests for notification of future meetings should be directed to project planner Cheryl Essex at plan.general@parks.ca.gov.

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