

DOS RIOS



Visioning Workshop

General Plan Project

October 15, 2025





Introductions

1. California State Parks
2. PlaceWorks (Planning)

AGENDA

- Visioning Objectives and Icebreaker
- Presentation, Part I – Project Overview and Existing Conditions
- Questions and Answers
- Presentation, Part II – Small Group Discussion Overview
- Small Group Discussion
- Reports Back
- Next Steps and Adjourn



VISIONING OUTREACH OBJECTIVES

- To understand public preferences for future activities, educational programs, and experiences at Dos Rios.
- To establish a foundation for future planning.
- To create an opportunity for meaningful community engagement.



ICEBREAKER ACTIVITY

1. Question #1: How familiar are you with Dos Rios?

- » I have visited the Dos Rios property
- » I am familiar with Dos Rios, but I have not visited the property
- » I am not familiar with Dos Rios

2. Question #2: If you have visited, what activities have you participated in at Dos Rios?

- » Walking, hiking, jogging, or running on the trails ☑
- » Fishing
- » Observing Nature (including birdwatching)
- » Picnicking
- » Kayaking
- » Guided Tours
- » Gather with friends, family, or community
- » Other
- » Not applicable



About Dos Rios



REGIONAL LOCATION

- 1,600 acre property
- ~8 miles west of Modesto
- Confluence of Tuolumne and San Joaquin Rivers



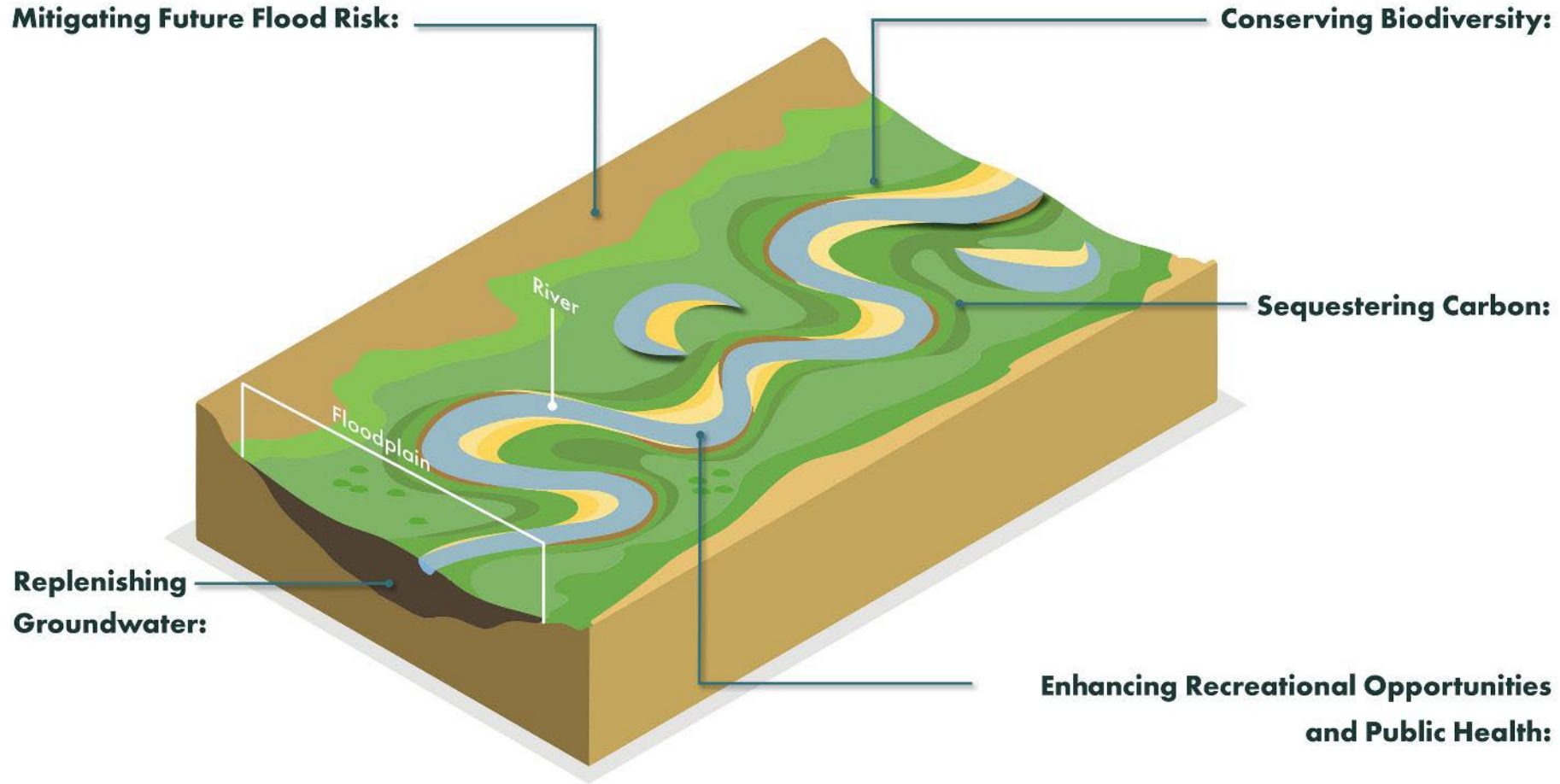
PARK HISTORY

- 2002 – Tuolumne River Trust launches outreach with landowners along the Tuolumne River for a conservation project.
- 2003 – California State Parks launches Central Valley Vision
- 2004 – Lyons family (previous owners) express support to sell ranch
- 2006 – River Partners and Tuolumne River Trust prepare restoration plan
- 2009 – California State Parks identifies Dos Rios as high priority State Park
- 2012 – River Partners and Tuolumne River Trust purchase property
- 2023 – Restoration of 1,600 acres, along 8 miles of the San Joaquin and Tuolumne rivers
- 2024 – California State Parks opens Dos Rios

How Dos Rios Became a Park



FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION



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Project Overview



DOS RIOS PLANNING PROCESS

Dos Rios Planning Process

(We are here!)



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PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

Outreach Phase	Timing
Visioning: Online Survey - Virtual Workshop - Public Workshop	Fall 2025
EIR Scoping: Email comments - Public scoping meeting	Winter 2026
Concept Alternatives: Public Workshop	Spring 2026
Draft Concept: Online Activity - Public Workshop	Summer/Fall 2026
Draft General Plan: Online Review Forum	Summer 2027
Draft and Final EIR: Public Hearings	2026/2027

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YOUR IDEAS

- What should the park be named?

Natural Resources



VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

Aquatic Habitats



Habitats that are characterized by standing or running water.

Developed Habitats



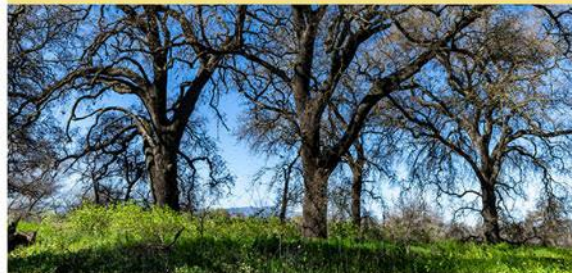
Habitats that have been developed by humans for various purposes.

Grassland/Wetland Habitats



Herbaceous habitats at Dos Rios include grasslands and wetlands.

Tree Dominated Habitat



This habitat is generally covered by trees with an understory shrub layer.

Woody Species



Valley Oak



Black Willow



Blue Elderberry



Sandbar Willow



California Rose

Herbaceous Species



Creeping Wildrye



Evening Primrose



Milkweed



Gumplant



Stinging Nettle

WILDLIFE



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Cultural Resources



CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICANS

- Tribes in the Dos Rios region
- Tribal Consultation
- 3-acre Native Use Garden
 - » Planted for Indigenous basketry and other cultural uses

Gathering



Fishing



Hunting



Native Use Garden at Dos Rios



HISTORIC WAY OF LIFE

- Land used by indigenous tribes before European exploration
- Part of Alta California
 - » 35,466-acre Rancho Pescadero Land Grant (1843)
- Farming and Agriculture
 - » Dos Rios Ranch (1930's)
 - » Barn, silos, dairy barn, pole barns
- Leisure-uses throughout history
 - » Fishing and canoeing
 - » Latino and Indigenous cultures

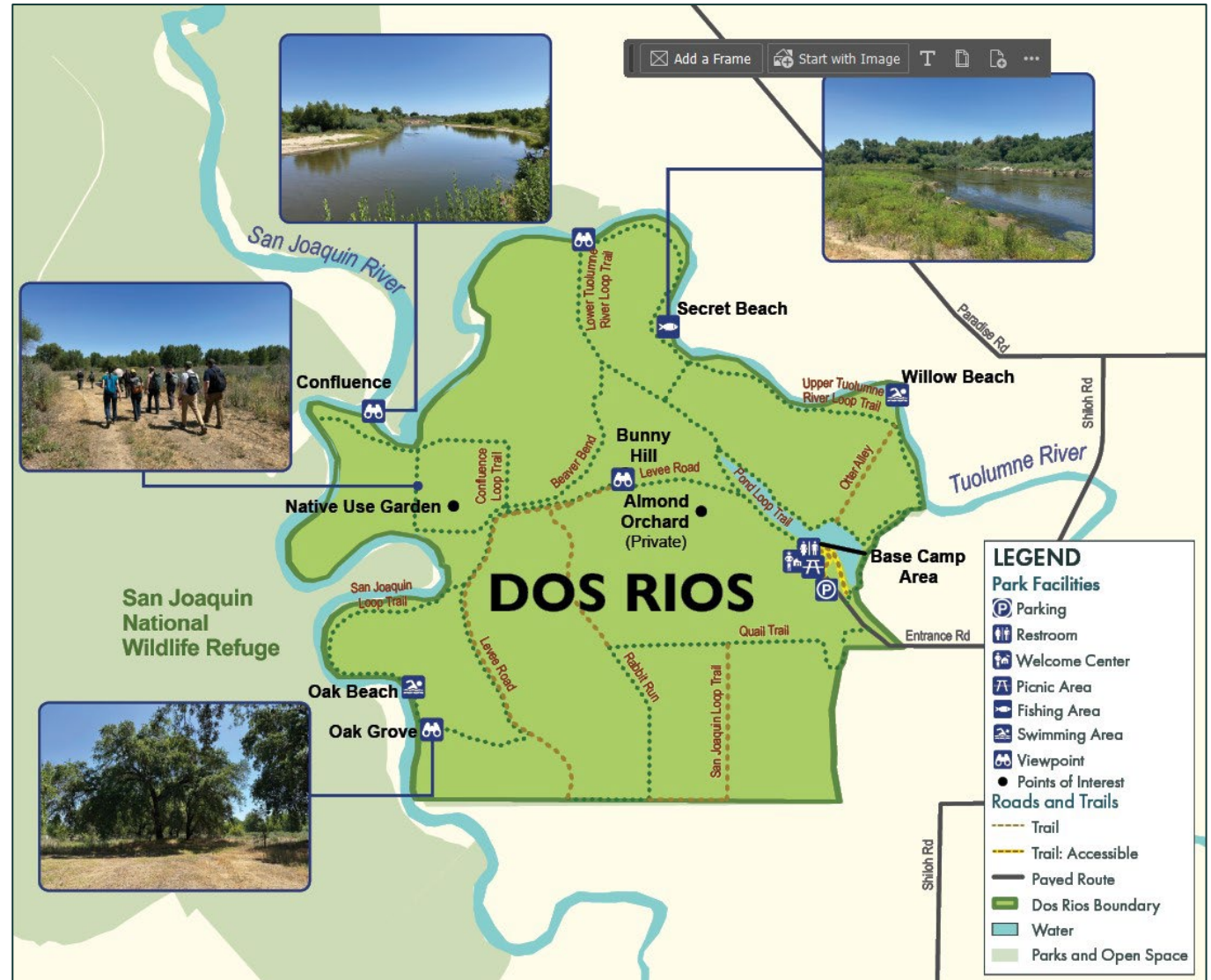


Recreational Opportunities



THINGS TO DO

- 15 miles of hiking/walking trails
- Interpretive talks or events
- Bird watching/observing nature
- Boating
- Swimming
- Camping
- Picnicking



FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS

- Potential improvements could include:
 - » Camping
 - » Fishing
 - » Swimming
 - » Boating
 - » Additional Trails
 - » Biking Trails
 - » Wildlife Observation Areas
 - » Guided Activities



We want to hear your ideas tonight!

YOUR IDEAS

- What future facilities and amenities do you want to see at Dos Rios?
- Which of these programs, information, and events would you like to see at Dos Rios?

Vision Overview



A Vision for Dos Rios

- Informed by:
 - » Public input
 - » California State Parks input



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EXAMPLE VISION

- **Vision Statement**

» *“Big Basin Redwoods State Park endures as one of California’s most iconic natural landscapes. In the aftermath of the CZU Lightning Complex Fire that burned much of the park and destroyed nearly all facilities, the long-standing commitment to protecting old growth and stewarding natural lands will be reinvigorated. Park stewardship, based on scientific and Indigenous knowledge, will foster forest health and create opportunities to connect visitors of all backgrounds and abilities with redwood forests for generations to come....”*



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Supports Vision
- Additional guidance for the planning and design and operations of the park



Prioritize Forest Health



Provide Equitable, Diverse, and Evocative Visitor Experiences



Diversify Transportation and Access Opportunities



Practice Land Stewardship



Include Indigenous Perspective



Foster Landscape Connectivity



Design with Reverence and Resilience



Engage the Park Community and Build Partnerships

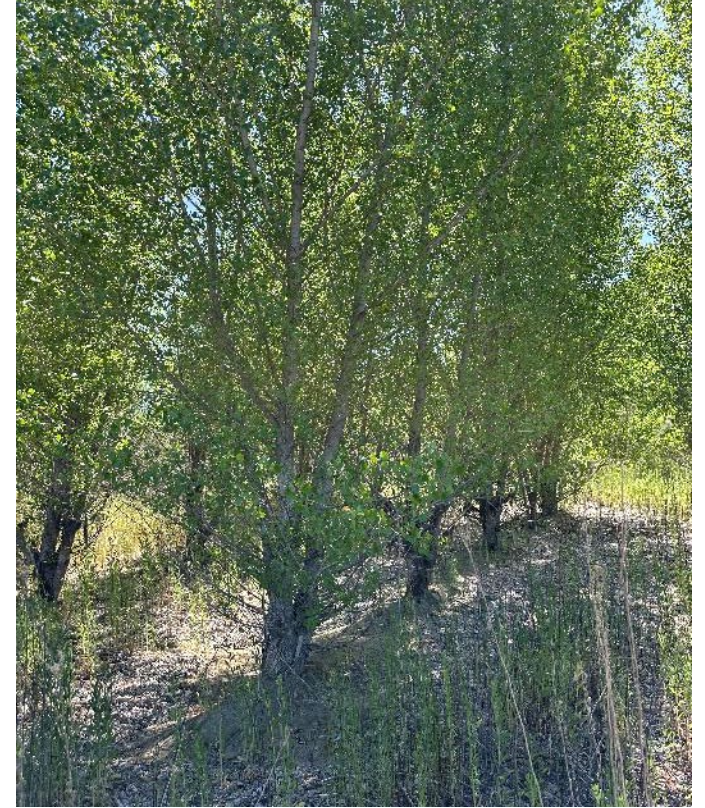
*From Guiding Principles -
Reimagining Big Basin Redwoods State Park*

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VISIONING OUTCOMES

- To guide the development of concept alternatives and draft concept plan
- To be shared at future engagement events
- To be included in the General Plan



Questions and Answers



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Questions?
- You can ask by sending your question in the chat to “Questions – Carey” and we will read it aloud to the group.
- We have 10 minutes for Q&A.



Small Group Discussion



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION AGENDA

- All small groups will have a facilitator and notetaker.

Agenda	Minutes
Group Introductions (Name & Affiliation)	5
Discussion Overview	5
Question 1: What do you love about Dos Rios?	10
Question 2: What key issues do we need to address?	10
Question 3: What is your vision for the park's future?	10
Recap/Identify Spokesperson	5
Total	45 minutes

Wrap-up



Have More Thoughts to Share?

- Take the Visioning Online Survey
 - » <https://bit.ly/dosriosvision>
 - » Open through November 1, 2025



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Stay Involved!

- Sign up for the email list at www.PlanDosRios.org
 - » Learn about future outreach opportunities.
 - » Receive updates about project progress.



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What's Next?

- Fall 2025 - Complete initial outreach
 - » Online Survey – closes November 1
- Fall 2025 - Prepare draft vision and guiding principles
- Winter to Spring 2026 – Develop concept alternatives



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Thank you

