

**Revised Notice of Availability**  
**Preferred Alternative 2B, Additional Environmental Analysis, and EIR/EIS/EIS**  
**for the**  
**Upper Truckee River Restoration and Golf Course Reconfiguration Project**  
**(State Clearinghouse No. 2006082150)**

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) is pleased to announce an extended public review period for the Preferred Alternative 2B and Additional Environmental Analysis (PAAEA) and previously completed environmental impact report/environmental impact statement/environmental impact statement (EIR/EIS/EIS) for the Upper Truckee River Restoration and Golf Course Reconfiguration Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2006082150). In August 2010, State Parks published a joint EIR/EIS/EIS for the project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) Compact and Code of Ordinances. State Parks and the State Park and Recreation Commission certified the EIR and approved the project on January 27, 2012. A lawsuit challenging the adequacy of the EIR/EIS/EIS was filed in Alameda County Superior Court on February 29, 2012. The trial court granted the petition on four grounds:

- (1) The draft EIR/EIS/EIS did not identify a stable proposed project because it set forth a range of alternatives without designating a preferred alternative.
- (2) The final EIR/EIS/EIS did not sufficiently explain why the preferred alternative was substantially the same as Alternative 2 in the draft EIR/EIS/EIS.
- (3) The vegetation mapping in the final EIR/EIS/EIS differed from that included in the draft EIR/EIS/EIS and required recirculation of the final EIR/EIS/EIS.
- (4) The mitigation measures listed in the final EIR/EIS/EIS for protecting identified cultural sites, as well as fens and other wetlands, improperly deferred mitigation by failing to set a performance standard or to commit to further environmental review.

State Parks filed an appeal of the decision on June 29, 2015 (*Washoe Meadows Community v. Department of Parks and Recreation et al.*, First District Court of Appeal, Case No. A145576). On November 15, 2017, the Court of Appeal affirmed the trial court's judgment, for the following reasons:

- (1) Because the draft EIR/EIS/EIS did not specify a proposed project or preferred alternative, it did not present the public with an accurate, stable, and finite project.
- (2) Because the court of appeal held that the draft EIR/EIS/EIS did not designate a stable project, all other issues raised on appeal were rendered moot and thus not addressed.

State Parks responded to the decision of the trial court and affirmation of the appellate court by preparing a draft PAAEA, which describes the proposed project as Preferred Alternative 2B, including its relationship to Alternatives 2 and 2A as described in the joint EIR/EIS/EIS. The draft PAAEA addresses the deficiencies identified by the courts as follows:

- (1) The draft PAAEA specifies a proposed project, Preferred Alternative 2B. The proposed project consists of a reconfigured, reduced-footprint 18-hole regulation golf course and full ecosystem restoration. It reduces the footprint of the golf course by approximately 19 acres compared to Alternative 2 in the final EIR/EIS/EIS certified on January 27, 2012. The proposed project also serves as the "proposed action" under NEPA and the "proposed project" under CEQA and the TRPA Code of Ordinances.
- (2) The draft PAAEA presents a detailed description and analysis of the proposed project, which explicitly delineates how it varies from both existing conditions and Alternative 2 as described in the draft EIR/EIS/EIS.
- (3) The draft PAAEA recirculates for public review the vegetation mapping previously included in the 2012 final EIR/EIS/EIS, and provides a detailed comparison of the differences between the current mapping and the previously presented mapping. The PAAEA also includes the vegetation mapping presented in the final EIR/EIS/EIS in colors consistent with those presented in the draft EIR/EIS/EIS, to clarify the similarities in mapping. The draft PAAEA describes detailed performance criteria for State Parks' implementation of

mitigation measures designed to reduce potential environmental impacts on hydrologic resources such as fens or other wetlands.

- (4) The draft PAAEA describes detailed performance criteria for State Parks' implementation of mitigation measures designed to reduce potential environmental impacts on cultural resources.

On May 10, 2018, the Alameda County Superior Court issued a writ of mandate directing State Parks to rescind all prior approvals of the project. State Parks rescinded its prior approvals of the project on June 4, 2018, and is recirculating the EIR/EIS/EIS and draft PAAEA for an extended comment period. A draft PAAEA was previously circulated starting May 1, 2018. The only changes to the May draft PAAEA from are in Chapter 1 and are related to the comment period and the nature of comments accepted.

State Parks invites public comments on the issues listed above and on the project description presented in the EIR/EIS/EIS and further refined in the PAAEA.

### **Extended Public Review Period**

The extended public review period for the draft PAAEA and EIR/EIS/EIS begins on June 13, 2018, and ends on July 30, 2018. The document consists of six volumes: five volumes of the EIR/EIS/EIS and the draft PAAEA as Volume 6. Comments may be provided on the entire document; however, providing new comments on the draft PAAEA would be most important, because the PAAEA contains the refined proposed project description and all updated environmental information, the aspects of the EIR/EIS/EIS deemed insufficient by the court. All comments previously received on the EIR/EIS/EIS remain part of the administrative record and do not need to be submitted again. Responses to previous comments are also contained in the EIR/EIS/EIS.

Written comments must be postmarked or received by e-mail by State Parks no later than July 30, 2018.

Written comments submitted to State Parks by regular mail should be sent to the following address:

California Department of Parks and Recreation  
Sierra District  
Cyndie Walck, CEQA Coordinator  
P.O. Box 266  
Tahoma, CA 96142

For comments provided via e-mail, please use the following address and subject line:

E-mail to: [utproject@parks.ca.gov](mailto:utproject@parks.ca.gov)  
Subject Line: River-Golf Course PAAEA

Please attach comments in an MS Word document and include the commenter's U.S. Postal Service mailing address and e-mail address in MS Word.

The draft PAAEA and draft EIR/EIS/EIS are available electronically to review and download at State Parks' web page: [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=981](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=981) (click on "El Dorado County").

Copies of the draft PAAEA and draft EIR/EIS/EIS are available for public review during normal business hours at the following locations:

- State Parks' administrative office at Sugarpine Point State Park, 7360 West Lake Boulevard, Tahoma, CA 96142
- State Parks' Northern Service Center, One Capitol Mall, Suite 410, Sacramento, CA 95814
- South Lake Tahoe Library front desk, 1000 Rufus Allen Boulevard, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Paper copies can be printed for purchase at Fast Print, 808 Emerald Bay Road, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

Previous documents including the Lake Valley State Recreation Area General Plan and the Upper Truckee River Restoration and Golf Course Reconfiguration Project EIR/EIS/EIS are posted electronically for reference only at <http://www.restoreuppertruckee.net/index.htm>. CDs of the draft EIR/EIS/EIS and of this document are also available from State Parks upon request. Please submit requests to: [utproject@parks.ca.gov](mailto:utproject@parks.ca.gov).