1. LOCATION AND CONTEXT
2. OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS
3. COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES FOR THE PARK
4. PUBLIC OUTREACH TO DATE
5. RECOMMENDED PARK DESIGN
6. NEXT STEPS
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EXISTING SITE

Tunitas Creek Open Space Preserve
Highway 1
Top-Bluff
Mid-Bluff
Existing Residence
Tunitas Creek
Pacific Ocean
Beach
CORE VALUES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
The project improves the environment and leads to enhanced stewardship.

EQUITY AND INCLUSION
Diverse and non-traditional communities are involved during project development.

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS
History and nature knowledge are made accessible through meaningful interpretation.

OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES
A variety of recreational experiences are available, from vista point to extended stays.
SUMMARY OF OUTREACH

ONGOING GENERAL SURVEY
Posted May 2020: Online survey with 350+ responses

PHASE 1 OUTREACH - INTRODUCTION AND ALTERNATIVES ASSESSMENT
June and July, 2020: Online presentation and survey with 366 responses
2,100+ video views

PHASE 2 OUTREACH - ALTERNATIVES REFINEMENT
October 21 and 22, 2020: Online public meetings in English and Spanish
October and November, 2020: Online presentation and survey with 519 responses
(364 English and 155 Spanish)

PHASE 3 OUTREACH - PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE
December, 2020 and January, 2021: Online presentation
January 27, 2021: Online public meeting in English and Spanish
- Nearly **900 total responses**

- Few responses to the Spanish-language survey in Phase 1, but the project team's partnership with Jose Aguirre of the Community Alliance to Revitalize Our Neighborhood (CARON) led to **150+ Spanish responses in Phase 2**.

- People come to Tunitas to **walk, relax, picnic, and enjoy views**.

- Main priorities for improving the Tunitas Creek Beach experience centered on **land/wildlife preservation and restoration, public restrooms, accessibility, and overnight security**.

- Respondents would largely like to **keep the site natural** but do see potential for improved accessibility, safer trails, and historical educational about the site.

- Many respondents were excited to see opportunities for **community stewardship programs, wildlife viewing programs, and indigenous peoples cultural events**.
Respondents are more comfortable with development at the top of the bluff rather than closer to the beach. The design team is using the above gradient to approach the updated design moving forward.
In addition to public input, the team needed to consider the following factors when revising the Preferred Conceptual Design:

- **Feasibility and cost** of implementation and management of proposed improvements
- **Time** needed to construct the improvements
- Impacts on **user experience**
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PREFERRED CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

Landslide-prone slopes

Tunitas Creek

Ranger station and restroom

Ranger residence and nature walk

Parking and overlook point

Pedestrian pathway to mid-bluff with rest stops

Existing residence removed and replanted; mid-bluff tiered seating and overlook created

Beach entrance: 8 to 12 minute walk depending on user

Snowy plover habitation protection zone

Beach boardwalk

Tunitas Creek Open Space Preserve

Pacific Ocean

Top-Bluff

Mid-Bluff

Beach

Southern beach entrance

Future connection to Ohlone-Portolá Heritage Trail

Loop trail with rest stops and overlook

Closure of existing social trails, enhanced erosion control, and native plant restoration
PARKING CONDITION

- **Pedestrian loading/unloading zone with paratransit vehicle space**
- **Highway planting buffer**
- **Paved Parking Lot:**
  - 60 Regular stalls (3 bays)
  - 5 ADA stalls
  - 3 Car drop-Off
  - 20 Potential overflow spaces
- **ADA parking stalls**
- **Exit and turnaround**
- **Stormwater quality buffer planting**
- **Overlook Point (see next slide for more)**
- **Existing utility poles and wires to be undergrounded or relocated**
- **Overflow Parking**
- **Potential paratransit parking**
- **Secondary overlook point**
- **Closure of existing social trails, enhanced erosion control, and native plant restoration**
- **Potential future expansion lot (existing dirt area)**
- **Loop trail**
- **Key Map**

** Located near Highway 1.
TOP-OF-BLUFF OVERLOOK POINT

Indigenous Peoples land acknowledgment plaque
Seating areas
Existing planting to remain
Paved walkway
Pedestrian access to mid-bluff
ADA Parking
Existing utility poles and wires to be undergrounded or relocated

Existing Site Conditions
PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

- **Service road to mid-bluff for rangers and emergency vehicles**
- **Pedestrian loading/unloading zone with paratransit vehicle space**
- **Pedestrian connection to drop-off**
- **Connection to overlook point**
- **Rest stops with seating along path to the mid-bluff**
- **ADA accessible pedestrian path to the mid-bluff (~1,300’ long and ~5 to 8 minute walk)**

**Key Map**
MID-BLUFF FEATURES

1. ADA accessible pedestrian path to the mid-bluff
2. Overlook to beach and southern bluffs
3. Tiered seating space, interpretive panels, and overlook point
4. Picnic Area
5. Grove and seating area with interpretive panels
6. Access driveway for rangers and emergency vehicles
7. Ranger station and storage area
8. Public restroom
9. Restored native planting
10. Access to beach

Existing Mid-Bluff Conditions
**MID-BLUFF FEATURES**

1. Overlook to beach and southern bluffs
2. Interpretive panels and overlook point
3. Tiered seating
4. Picnic area

Existing Mid-Bluff Conditions
TRAIL SEATING AND OVERLOOK

Full Loop Trail Around Tunitas Creek Beach
Next steps for the Tunitas Creek Beach Improvement Project:

**SPRING AND SUMMER 2021**
Prepare environmental document consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act

**FALL AND WINTER 2021**
Complete final design and permitting, including additional outreach

**WINTER 2021 AND SPRING 2022**
Contract bidding, award, and commence construction

**SUMMER 2022**
Construction

**SPRING 2023**
Park Opens