

# **PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT**

**Sonoma County  
Local Coastal Plan**

## **APPENDIX B: PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN May 2022**



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## APPENDIX B: PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN

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**Note on “Status”:** A status of “Existing” includes both fully developed access points as well as access points that are in development but provide some level of public access or use while in development.

### THE SEA RANCH NORTH SUBAREA 1 (FIGURE C-PA-1A)

#### (A-1) Gualala River North Shore Access and Boat Launch

(2001 County LCP reference: page 119; Mendocino County General Plan Coastal Element (1991; Policies 4.12-19, -20, -21 on pages 8-10)

On the northwest side of the Gualala River Highway 1 Bridge in Mendocino County is a short gravel road that leads to an informal boat launch on the Gualala River Estuary. The road crosses private property, but the Coastal Commission requires that gates remain open. In addition to general use by the public, this access is used by commercial kayak/canoe rental operators. Additional informal access points exist on the north shore upstream of the Highway 1 Bridge. The Mendocino County Local Coastal Plan also supports protection of public access at this location.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Private
<b>Status:</b>	Proposed
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	II
<b>Development Priority:</b>	II
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	Unknown

#### Proposed Improvements and Programs:

1. Work with Mendocino County to encourage maximum public access for boat launching and extension of the river trail on the north shore of the Gualala River.  
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#### (A-2) California Coastal Trail: The Sea Ranch North SubArea

(2001 County LCP reference: pages 100 & 163; SB 908; AB 1396)

This section of the California Coastal Trail is a braided trail, including a north-south multiple use bikeway with a pedestrian-only trail closer to the ocean where feasible. There are several sections: the proposed Sea Ranch Bikeway, Gualala Point Regional Park, two public Sea Ranch Coastal Access Trails, and potentially additional routes unidentified at this time.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Public/Private
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	II
<b>Development Priority:</b>	II
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	Blufftop Trail, Walk-On Beach Trail, select trails in Gualala Point Regional Park

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Designate the proposed Class I Sea Ranch Bikeway, providing safe pedestrian and bicycle facilities across the Gualala River Bridge to the southerly boundary of The Sea Ranch, as the California Coastal Trail through this subarea. See A-6 for specific proposed improvements.
2. Identify the best route from State Highway 1 through the park, to the Blufftop Trail at the southwestern boundary of Gualala Point Regional Park. The trail should be separate from the park driveway. Designate this route as California Coastal Trail. See proposed improvements for Gualala Point Regional Park (A-3).
3. Designate the existing Blufftop, and Walk-On Beach Coastal Access Trails as the California Coastal Trail.
4. Work within the provisions of the California State Resources Code (Bane Bill), and with The Sea Ranch community and other stakeholders to identify a continuous California Coastal Trail between Walk-On Beach Access Trail and the southerly boundary of the subarea.

**(A-3) Gualala Point Regional Park**

(2001 County LCP reference: #1, page 70; #4 page 71; and page 95)

Gualala Point Regional Park is located adjacent to the Gualala River on the northern edge of Sonoma County and The Sea Ranch. The park provides access to the coast, coastal terrace, Gualala River and estuary. Steelhead and rock-fishing, boating, picnicking, nature study, and whale watching are popular activities.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Sonoma County Regional Parks
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	See A-4
<b>Development Priority:</b>	III
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	3.1-mile trail system, 21 vehicle and 8 walk-in campsites, informal picnic facilities, visitor center, restrooms, dump station, 104 day use parking stalls



**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Replace the Beach Restroom. The design should be consistent with the Visitor Center restroom.
2. Connect the park office and park residences to the existing park sewer system per existing Gualala Community Service District agreement when funding is available.
3. Upgrade the park office for accessibility per adopted Countywide ADA Transition Plan.
4. Study the feasibility of providing a paddle craft launch site to the Gualala River.
5. Identify the California Coastal Trail from State Highway 1 through the park to the Blufftop Trail. Develop new trail if needed to provide off-road connectivity and designate as California Coastal Trail once continuous. Install California Coastal Trail signage.

**(A-4) Gualala Point Regional Park Expansion**

(2001 County LCP reference: #4, page 71 & page 95; 2020 County General Plan)

Scenic redwood groves border the Gualala River from Gualala Point Regional Park and continuing towards upstream. Fishermen, boaters, and other day use visitors regularly use the existing informal trails on private property adjacent to the Gualala River. The Gualala River is one of the County’s three largest watersheds and supports critical fisheries and other critical natural resources. The proposed park expansion includes the “Forest Trail” and “Fishing Trail” as proposed in previous County and coastal plans and provides the launch and landing sites to support the water trail. In 2016, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District, Sonoma County Regional Parks, Sonoma Land Trust, Conservation Fund, and other agency and non-profit partners have collaborated on a high priority acquisition of the subject lands from the property owner, to in part support the proposed Gualala Point Regional Park Expansion and Gualala River Water Trail (A-5), but were unsuccessful.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Public/Private
<b>Status:</b>	Proposed
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	I
<b>Development Priority:</b>	II
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	Unknown

## **(A-5) Gualala River Water Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: #4, page 71 & page 95; 2020 County General Plan)

The Gualala River Water Trail is a water-based route for non-motorized recreational boating that is anchored by land based launch sites, camping, and picnicking facilities. Water trails provide educational and scenic experiences and are designed to accommodate boaters of all ages and abilities. With an integrated system of facilities and informational signs, good water trail programs encourage minimum-impact use and emphasize stewardship of the aquatic ecosystem and historic features.

The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District, Sonoma County Regional Parks, Sonoma Land Trust, Conservation Fund, and other agency and non-profit partners are collaborating on a high priority acquisition of the subject lands from the property owner, to in part support the proposed Gualala Point Regional Park Expansion (A-4) and Gualala River Water Trail.

**Owner/Manager:** Public/Private

**Status:** Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** I

**Development Priority:** II

**Existing Improvements:** Unknown

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Study the Gualala River Water Trail to identify an integrated system of facilities and programs to promote increased safe and responsible maximum public access to the Gualala River. Acquire easements or fee title from willing sellers along the main stem and South Fork of the Gualala River.
2. Amend the park master plan to address the water trail and expansion and support facilities. Depending upon the size and characteristics of the available land, camping opportunities should be evaluated.

## **(A-6) Sea Ranch Bikeway**

(2001 County LCP reference: pages 163 & 166; 2010 Bikeways Plan Project)

The proposed Class I Bikeway connects the Sea Ranch Coastal Access Trails, Gualala Point Regional Park, The Sea Ranch community, and the community of Gualala. The Class I Bikeway will improve circulation, recreational opportunities, and safety. The Sonoma County Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee voted on October 20, 2010 to include the project in this Local Coastal Plan.

The approximately 600-foot long Gualala River Highway 1 Bridge has a narrow walkway on the side and has no shoulder or striped bike lanes. The bridge is a necessary link in the California Coastal Trail and is Project 204 in the County Bikeways Plan.

**Owner/Manager:** Caltrans/Private

**Status:** Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** II

**Development Priority:** II

**Existing Improvements:** Unknown

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Require Caltrans to provide safe and accessible pedestrian and bicycle facilities by retrofit or during bridge replacement. The pedestrian and bicycle facilities should extend south to the intersection at Highway 1 at Gualala Point Regional Park and The Sea Ranch golf course.
2. Locate the Class I Bikeway within Caltrans right-of-way as much as feasible. Pursuant to the Bane Bill section of the Public Resources Code, acquire easements parallel to Highway 1 for the bikeway if needed and when funding is available.
3. Construct the bikeway. Consider designating it as the California Coastal Trail to provide an alternative route to the other public pedestrian-only trails closer to the ocean.

**(A-7) Coastal Ridge Trail**

(2003 Draft County ORP: Trail AB)

This multiple use trail begins at the Gualala Point Regional Park and the Gualala River and connects to the trail system at Salt Point State Park. The proposed trail would generally follow the ridge between the ocean and the South Fork of the Gualala River.

**Owner/Manager:** Private

**Status:** Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** III

**Development Priority:** III

**Existing Improvements:** Unknown

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Study the feasibility of the trail to determine if the project is viable. Work with willing sellers to acquire easement access rights where required. If necessary,

manage public access within timber production zones to ensure compatibility within the land use type.

### **(A-8) Blufftop Sea Ranch Access Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: #5, page 71)

Access to Blufftop Trail and Walk-On Beach includes a 30-foot wide vehicular accessway to a parking area in Unit 34-A of The Sea Ranch for 10 cars; a 15-foot wide pedestrian accessway from the parking area west to the Blufftop Trail; and a 15-foot wide pedestrian easement beginning at the southern boundary of Gualala Point Regional Park and continuing for approximately three miles in a southern direction to the sandy beach at the northern end of Unit 28 just north of Walk-On Beach, together with a 15-foot wide pedestrian easement to provide a connection to Walk-On Beach to the south.

Erosion closed the trail in 2003 just south of the intersection of Walk-On Beach and in 2004 a study was initiated to evaluate options to reopen the public access route. The County obtained a license agreement from The Sea Ranch for a temporary alignment in two places that uses existing private trails to bypass the eroded areas. The license agreements are revocable, and long-term options to protect public access should continue to be studied and pursued if feasible.

**Owner/Manager:** Sonoma County Regional Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** I  
**Existing Improvements:** 3-mile trail, restroom, 10 day use parking spaces

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Select alternatives for implementation in the Blufftop Coastal Access Trail Study.
2. Acquire easements or license agreements from willing sellers if needed.
3. Construct improvements to reopen trail.

### **(A-9) The Sea Ranch Recreation Facilities**

(The Sea Ranch Comprehensive Environmental Plan 2013)

The Sea Ranch North includes four undeveloped community recreation areas and the following developed community recreation areas: 1) Del Mar Center, which consists of a community hall, meeting rooms, kitchen, pool, tennis courts, sauna, community flower garden, and picnic area; 2) One-Eyed Jack's, which consists of a playground, picnic

tables, barbeque area, and volleyball and petanque courts; 3) Dog Park; and 4) Children's Play Park. These facilities are only available for use by The Sea Ranch Association residents and their guests and are not publicly accessible.

**Owner/Manager:** Private  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** III  
**Existing Improvements:** see description above

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Support development of a publicly accessible commercial area in the vicinity of the golf course clubhouse, as shown on the 1982 Amended Precise Development Plan.

**(A-10) Salal Sea Ranch Access Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: #2, page 70)

The trailhead is one-quarter mile from Gualala Point Regional Park, south on State Highway 1. The trail connects to the Blufftop Trail and to a limited pocket cove at the beach. The accessible beach area ranges from nearly non-existent to up to 500 feet in length at the lowest tide. Parking is available at The Sea Ranch Golf Course, which is publicly accessible. Erosion from surface drainage routinely damages the trail and increases the need for maintenance.

**Owner/Manager:** Sonoma County Regional Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** 0.75-mile trail, bridges

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Investigate options of continuing to provide a safe, low-maintenance trail to access the Bluff Top Trail.

**(A-11) Del Mar Landing Ecological Reserve**

(2001 County LCP reference: #3, page 70)

An access easement has been dedicated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to provide access to the Del Mar Ecological Reserve. The Reserve protects endangered

species and includes the tidelands and submerged lands near Del Mar Point. No formal trail has been developed, and access should remain limited due to the fragile nature of the Reserve. Due to low intensity use, the restroom and parking facilities for the Gualala Point Regional Park are sufficient to serve this informal trail.

**Owner/Manager:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** II

**Existing Improvements:** None

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Develop a public trail from Highway 1 to the Reserve. Due to low intensity use, restroom and parking facilities for the Salal Trail should be sufficient to serve this trail.
2. Develop a procedure for obtaining access permits.

**(A-12) Walk-On Beach Sea Ranch Access Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: #5, page 71)

This coastal access trail includes a parking area in Unit 34-A of The Sea Ranch west of State Highway 1, north of Leeward Way; and a 15-foot wide pedestrian trail over the common areas, crossing Leeward Road and continuing west to the Blufftop Sea Ranch Access Trail. Walk-On Beach is accessed by traveling south for approximately 500 feet on Blufftop Trail.

Erosion closed the trail in 2003 just south of the intersection of Walk-On Beach and Blufftop Trail. In 2004 a study was initiated to evaluate options to reopen the public access route. The County obtained a license agreement from The Sea Ranch Association for a temporary alignment in two places that uses existing private trails to bypass the eroded areas. The license agreements are revocable, and long-term options to protect the public access should continue to be studied.

**Owner/Manager:** Sonoma County Regional Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** None

**Existing Improvements:** 0.4-mile trail, 10-day use parking spaces, restroom

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. See Blufftop Sea Ranch Access Trail Proposed Improvements and Programs to reestablish access to Walk-On Beach.

## **THE SEA RANCH SOUTH SUBAREA 2 (FIGURE C-PA-1B)**

### **(B-1) California Coastal Trail: The Sea Ranch South SubArea**

(SB 908; AB 1396)

The California Coastal Trail does not currently exist through this SubArea. The Bane Bill prohibits requiring the dedication of land in The Sea Ranch for additional public access not identified in that legislation. Senate Bill 908, Assembly Bill 1396, and other legislation direct the state to develop the California Coastal Trail as a continuous trail primarily for pedestrians as close to the ocean as feasible.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Private
<b>Status:</b>	Proposed
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	III
<b>Development Priority:</b>	III
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	None

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Work within the provisions of the Bane Bill and with The Sea Ranch community and other stakeholders to identify a continuous California Coastal Trail through the entire The Sea Ranch South SubArea. Analyze the potential for designating The Sea Ranch Bikeway and offers to dedicate an easement at The Sea Ranch Lodge, as part of the California Coastal Trail.
2. If funding is available, acquire easements if needed and construct trail.

### **(B-2) Sea Ranch Bikeway**

(2001 County LCP reference: pages 163 &166, Bane Bill)

The proposed Class I Bikeway connects the Sea Ranch Coastal Access Trails, Gualala Point Regional Park, The Sea Ranch community, and the community of Gualala. The Class I Bikeway will improve circulation, recreational opportunities, and safety.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Public/Private
<b>Status:</b>	Proposed
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	II
<b>Development Priority:</b>	II
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	Unknown



**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Identify the best alignment for The Sea Ranch Bikeway, using Caltrans right-of-way as much as possible. If needed, pursuant to the Bane Bill, acquire easements parallel to Highway 1 for a Class I Bikeway, separated from motorized traffic, when funding is available.
2. Construct the bikeway. Consider designating it a multiple use route of the California Coastal Trail.

**(B-3) Coastal Ridge Trail**

(2003 Draft County ORP: Trail AB)

This multiple use trail begins at the Gualala River main stem and connects to the trail system at Salt Point State Park. The proposed trail would generally follow the ridge between the ocean and the South Fork of the Gualala River.

**Owner/Manager:** Private  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** III  
**Development Priority:** III  
**Existing Improvements:** Unknown

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Study the feasibility of the trail to determine if the project is viable. Work with willing sellers to acquire easement access rights where required. If necessary, manage public access within timber production zones to ensure compatibility within the land use type.

**(B-4) Shell Beach Sea Ranch Access Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: #6, page 71)

The Shell Beach Sea Ranch Access Trail is a pedestrian trail that connects State Highway 1 to Shell Beach in Unit 24 of The Sea Ranch. A fifteen-foot wide trail easement connects to both the northern and southern portions of Shell Beach.

**Owner/Manager:** Sonoma County Regional Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** 0.5-mile trail, restroom, 6 day use parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

### **(B-5) Stengel Beach Sea Ranch Access Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: #7, page 72)

The Stengel Beach Sea Ranch Access Trail is a pedestrian trail on a 15-foot wide easement that connects Highway One with Stengel Beach at the intersection of Units 21 and 36A.

**Owner/Manager:** Sonoma County Regional Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** III

**Existing Improvements:** 0.2-mile trail, restroom, 10 day use parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Add accessible picnic tables at the top of the stairs.

### **(B-6) The Sea Ranch Recreation Facilities**

(The Sea Ranch Comprehensive Environmental Plan 2013)

The Sea Ranch South includes ten undeveloped community recreation areas and the following developed community recreation areas: 1) Moonraker Recreation Center, which consists of a pool, tennis court, and sauna; 2) Ohlson Ranch Center, which consists of meetings room, library, kitchen, pool, tennis courts, basketball and volleyball courts, sauna, picnic tables, and native plant demonstration garden; 3) Knipp-Stengel Bar, which consists of a meeting hall and theatre; 4) Hot Spot, a river swimming area with picnic tables and a barbeque area; 5) Equestrian Center for horse boarding including a riding ring, tack room, and pasture; and 6) Airstrip including private hangars. These facilities are only available for use by The Sea Ranch Association residents and their guests and are not publicly accessible.

**Owner/Manager:** Private

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** III

**Existing Improvements:** see description above

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Support development of a publicly accessible commercial area in the vicinity of the golf course clubhouse, as shown on the 1982 Amended Precise Development Plan.

**(B-7) Pebble Beach Sea Ranch Access Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: #8, page 72)

The Pebble Beach Sea Ranch Access Trail is a pedestrian trail on a 15-foot wide easement that connects Highway 1 in Unit 17 with Pebble Beach.

**Owner/Manager:** Sonoma County Regional Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** 0.3-mile trail, restroom, 4 day use parking spaces  
**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

**(B-8) Black Point Beach Sea Ranch Access Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: #9, page 73)

The Black Point Beach Sea Ranch Access Trail includes a parking area and a 15-foot wide pedestrian easement adjoining The Sea Ranch Lodge to Black Point Beach. A staircase to the beach provides access to the beach. The access trail and parking area will be relocated as part of an approved expansion of The Sea Ranch Lodge. As part of the Conditions of Approval, a connecting trail easement to Black Point was required. See B-9 for additional detail.

**Owner/Manager:** Sonoma County Regional Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** 0.2-mile trail, staircase, restroom, 10 day use parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Maintain scenic views from the existing or proposed relocated parking area and trail.
2. Require new leach fields to be set back from the relocated parking area and trail by a minimum of 50 feet.

3. Require adequate staff and visitor parking to avoid Sea Ranch Lodge guests from using the public access parking as overflow.
4. Create a new public parking area prior to closing the old parking area and trail.
5. Once the Black Point Loop Trail (B-9) is constructed, designate it and the Black Point Beach Sea Ranch Access Trail as the California Coastal Trail.

### **(B-9) Black Point Loop Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference Figure V-1: None, GP2020 reference Policy OSRC-17d)

In 2009 Sonoma County approved the expansion of The Sea Ranch Lodge. Article 73 of Conditions of Approval for PLP 08-0011 requires The Sea Ranch Lodge to dedicate an easement for a loop trail that extends from the existing Black Point Beach Access Trail to Black Point.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Public/Private
<b>Status:</b>	Proposed
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	I
<b>Development Priority:</b>	II
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	Informal trails

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Prior to the issuance of grading or building permits for the Meadow Cluster or North Cluster, the Applicant shall make an Offer of Dedication to the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department for a Black Point loop trail easement that is conceptually depicted in Attachment "K" of the Sea Ranch Lodge Expansion Initial Study. The Offer of Dedication shall be placed in escrow and released to Regional Parks simultaneously with the issuance of certificates of occupancy for the Meadow Cluster or North Cluster. Prior to occupancy of the North Cluster or Meadow Cluster, the Applicant shall cooperate with Regional Parks and the Kashia Pomo Tribe to make any needed field adjustments to the loop trail that provides safe access to the westernmost end of Black Point from the existing Black Point Trail Easement.
2. Construct the trail and provide signage.
3. Once complete, designate the Black Point Loop Trail and the Black Point Beach Sea Ranch Access Trail as the California Coastal Trail.

## **(B-10) Black Point Connector Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: None)

In 2009 the owner of Sea Ranch Lodge offered Coastwalk, a statewide nonprofit organization promoting the California Coastal Trail, an offer to dedicate a trail easement across The Sea Ranch Lodge property to a qualified government or nonprofit agency. The trail easement would connect the northern and southern boundary of the Sea Ranch Lodge property to provide a continuous California Coastal Trail. This offer is contingent on several conditions documented in an agreement before the trail easement can be recorded.

**Owner/Manager:** Public/Private

**Status:** Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** I

**Development Priority:** II

**Existing Improvements:** Informal trails

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Once the conditions of the agreement between The Sea Ranch Lodge and Coastwalk have been met, encourage an appropriate recreation provider to work with Coastwalk and the Sea Ranch Lodge to record a trail easement including provisions for realignment for coastal bluff retreat and temporary alignments due to Lodge events.
2. Construct the trail and provide signage.
3. Designate the continuous trail through Sea Ranch Lodge property as the trail as the California Coastal Trail.

## **STEWARTS POINT/HORSESHOE COVE SUBAREA 3 (FIGURE C-PA-1C)**

### **(C-1) California Coastal Trail: Sea Ranch to Salt Point State Park**

(SB 908; AB 1396)

The approximate 6-mile distance through this SubArea between the southerly terminus of Sea Ranch and the northerly boundary of Salt Point State Park has been identified as an important and highly scenic connection for the California Coastal Trail by the State Coastal Conservancy and other park and conservation agencies. This area includes stunning coastal views, pristine coves, unique rock formations, and historic features. An approximately 1-mile long public trail easement was acquired in 2015 along the 6-mile long area. (REGIONAL PARKS REVISED)

**Owner/Manager:** Public/Private

**Status:** Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** I

**Development Priority:** I

**Existing Improvements:** Unknown

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Work with willing land owners to acquire easements or fee title to locate the California Coastal Trail as a continuous trail, separate from motorized traffic, from the southerly boundary of Sea Ranch to the northerly boundary of the public trail easement on Stewarts Point Ranch.
2. Develop the Coastal Trail on the Stewarts Point Ranch Trail Easement. Dedicate as the Coastal Trail. See Proposed Improvements for Stewarts Point Ranch and Cove (C-3).
3. Work with willing land owners to acquire easements or fee title to locate the California Coastal Trail as a continuous trail, separate from motorized traffic, from the southerly boundary of Stewarts Point Ranch to the northerly boundary of the public trail easement on the Kashia Coastal Reserve.
4. Assess the need for trailhead and interpretive facilities at the time of dedication. Develop the trail.

## **(C-2) Coastal Ridge Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: none; 2003 Draft County ORP: Trail AB)

This multiple use trail begins at the Gualala River main stem and connects to the trail system at Salt Point State Park. The proposed trail would generally follow the ridge between the ocean and the South Fork of the Gualala River.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Private
<b>Status:</b>	Proposed
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	III
<b>Development Priority:</b>	III
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	Unknown

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Study the feasibility of the trail to determine if the project is viable. Work with willing sellers to acquire easement access rights where needed. If needed, mitigate public access within timber production zones including temporary trail reroutes to ensure compatibility within the land use type.

## **(C-3) Stewarts Point Ranch & Cove**

(2001 County LCP reference: #10, page 73)

The historic Stewarts Point Ranch includes the land between Sea Ranch and Salt Point State Park, much of the Stewarts Creek watershed, a portion of the South Fork Gualala River, and a very significant old growth redwood stand outside of the Coastal Zone. Many recreation and conservation entities have long identified the property as a priority location for recreation and conservation. This area has been one of the longest stretches of coast without any public access and a highly desirable destination for nature lovers and divers. The historic ranch is now in several different ownerships.

The Save the Redwoods League purchased 871 acres of the historic Stewarts Point Ranch, and in 2017 sold a conservation easement and public trail easement. They intend to sell the ranch to a private buyer while Sonoma County Regional Parks will develop the public access trail. The trail easement connects the north and south border of the property, and has a short connector trail to a small parking area.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Private
<b>Status:</b>	Proposed
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	None

**Development Priority:** I

**Existing Improvements:** Ranch roads, barns, private boat launch

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Plan and develop the California Coastal Trail and small staging area on the existing public trail easement from the northern edge of the historic Stewart’s Point townsite to the property boundary, approximately 0.8 miles to the north. Develop the Coastal Trail from the southern property boundary to the planned staging area. Develop the Coastal Trail from planned staging area to the northern property boundary once additional property rights are acquired from willing sellers to the north.
2. Identify the California Coastal Trail alignment through the historic ranch as a continuous trail to connect to the existing public access easement, separate from the motorized traffic and consistent with Coastal Commission’s Coastal Trail siting guidelines. Acquire easements from willing sellers and construct trail.
3. Encourage the retention of active timber management on the historic Stewart’s Point Ranch while providing for resource protection and maximum public access.
4. Encourage the retention of grazing in a manner that maximizes ecological health, supports the local agricultural economy, and provides for compatible recreation opportunities. Provide public education about recreation within grazing areas.

**(C-4) Northern Red Box Coastal Access Trail 1: Fisherman Bay**

(2001 County LCP reference: #11, page 74)

Located on very scenic private property on the historic Stewarts Point Ranch between The Sea Ranch and Horseshoe Cove, eight informal coastal access trails were closed to the public years ago due to the landowner’s concerns about insurance and liability. The “Red Boxes” were red boxes where day use visitors dropped 1-2 dollars into when they visited before crossing the fence and walking an informal trail to the coast. The northern group of these coastal access trails had five locations. Fisherman Bay is the most northern of the eight and contains a scenic double cove.

**Owner/Manager:** Private

**Status:** Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** II

**Development Priority:** II

**Existing Improvements:** None



**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Investigate the possibility of reestablishing public access to the coast at Fisherman Bay through purchase of fee title or easement from a willing property owner.
2. Assess the need for related facilities at the time of dedication. Provide maximum public access in a manner compatible with retaining grazing to maximize ecological health, supports the local agricultural economy, and provides for compatible recreation opportunities. Provide public education about recreation within grazing areas.

**(C-5) Northern Red Box Vertical Coastal Access Trail 2 & 3: Sandy Point**

(2001 County LCP reference: #11, page 74)

Located on very scenic private property on the historic Stewarts Point Ranch between The Sea Ranch and Horseshoe Cove, eight informal coastal access trails were closed to the public years ago due to the landowner’s concerns about insurance and liability. The “Red Boxes” were red boxes that day use visitors dropped 1-2 dollars into when they visited before crossing the fence and walking an informal trail to the coast. The northern group of these coastal access trails had five locations. The second and third most northern red box access trail was located near Sandy Point.

**Owner/Manager:** Private  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** II  
**Development Priority:** II  
**Existing Improvements:** None

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Investigate the possibility of reestablishing public access to the coast at Sand Point through purchase of fee title or an easement from willing property owners.
2. Assess the need for related facilities at the time of dedication. Provide maximum public access in a manner compatible with retaining grazing to maximize ecological health, supports the local agricultural economy, and provides for compatible recreation opportunities. Provide public education about recreation within grazing areas.

### **(C-6) Northern Red Box Coastal Access Trail 4: Unnamed Access Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: #11, page 74)

Located on very scenic private property on the historic Stewarts Point Ranch between The Sea Ranch and Horseshoe Cove, eight informal coastal access trails were closed to the public years ago due to the landowner's concerns about insurance and liability. The "Red Boxes" were red boxes that day use visitors dropped one to two dollars into when they visited before crossing the fence and walking an informal trail to the coast. The northern group of these coastal access trails had five locations. The fourth most northern red box access trail was located approximately a quarter mile south of Sandy Point and a quarter mile north of an unnamed gulch.

**Owner/Manager:** Private  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** II  
**Development Priority:** II  
**Existing Improvements:** Unknown

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Investigate the possibility of reestablishing public access to the coast at the coastline halfway between Sandy Point and an unnamed gulch to the south through purchase of fee title or easements from willing sellers.
2. Assess the need for related facilities at the time of dedication. Provide maximum public access in a manner compatible with grazing to maximize ecological health and to support the local agricultural economy. Provide public education about recreation in grazing areas.

### **(C-7) Northern Red Box Coastal Access Trail 5: Unnamed Gulch**

(2001 County LCP reference: #11, page 74)

Located on very scenic private property on the historic Stewarts Point Ranch between The Sea Ranch and Horseshoe Cove, eight informal coastal access trails were closed to the public years ago due to the landowner's concerns about insurance and liability. The "Red Boxes" were red boxes that day use visitors dropped 1-2 dollars into when they visited before crossing the fence and walking an informal trail to the coast. The fifth most northern red box coastal access trail was located at an unnamed gulch at the south end of a broad sandy cove, approximately half of a mile south of Sandy Point.

**Owner/Manager:** Private  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** II  
**Development Priority:** II  
**Existing Improvements:** Unknown

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Investigate the possibility of reestablishing public access to the unnamed gulch at the Sandy Cove coast at the coastline halfway between Sandy Point and an unnamed gulch to the south through purchase of fee title or easements from willing sellers.
2. Assess the need for related facilities at the time of dedication. Provide maximum public access in a manner compatible with grazing to maximize ecological health and support the local agricultural economy. Provide public education about recreation in grazing areas.

**(C-8) Southern Red Box Coastal Access Trail 1: Mac's Cove**

(2001 County LCP reference: #11, page 74)

Located on very scenic private property on the historic Stewarts Point Ranch between Sea Ranch and Horseshoe Cove, eight informal coastal access trails were closed to the public years ago due to the landowner's concerns about insurance and liability. The "Red Boxes" were red boxes that day use visitors dropped 1-2 dollars into when they visited before crossing the fence and walking an informal trail to the coast. The southern group of these coastal access trails had three locations. The northerly red box coastal access trail in the southern group was located at Mac's Cove, a third of a mile long cove just north of Rocky Point.

**Owner/Manager:** Private  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** II  
**Development Priority:** II  
**Existing Improvements:** Unknown

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Investigate the possibility of reestablishing public access to Rocky Point through purchase of fee title or easement from a willing seller.
2. Assess the need for related facilities at the time of dedication.

3. Provide maximum public access in a manner compatible with grazing to maximize ecological health and support the local agricultural economy. Provide public education about recreation in grazing areas.

### **(C-9) Southern Red Box Coastal Access Trail 2: Rocky Point**

(2001 County LCP reference: #12, page 74)

Located on very scenic private property on the historic Stewarts Point Ranch between Sea Ranch and Horseshoe Cove, eight informal coastal access trails were closed to the public years ago due to the landowner's concerns about insurance and liability. The "Red Boxes" were red boxes that day use visitors dropped 1-2 dollars into when they visited before crossing the fence and walking an informal trail to the coast. The southern group of these coastal access trails had three locations. The middle coastal access trail of this group was located at Rocky Point, a scenic promontory.

**Owner/Manager:** Private  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** II  
**Development Priority:** II  
**Existing Improvements:** Unknown

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Investigate the possibility of reestablishing public access to Rocky Point through purchase of fee title or easement from willing sellers.
2. Assess the need for related facilities at the time of dedication. Provide maximum public access in a manner compatible with grazing to maximize ecological health and support the local agricultural economy. Provide public education about recreation in grazing areas.

### **(C-10) Southern Red Box Coastal Access Trail 3: Small Cove**

(2001 County LCP reference: #12, page 74)

Located on very scenic private property on the historic Stewarts Point Ranch between Sea Ranch and Horseshoe Cove, eight informal coastal access trails were closed to the public years ago due to the landowner's concerns about insurance and liability. The "Red Boxes" were red boxes that day use visitors dropped one to two dollars into when they visited before crossing the fence and walking an informal trail to the coast. The southern group of these coastal access trails had three locations. The southerly-most

red box coastal access trail was located at a sheltered, unnamed small cove, on the south side of Rocky Point.

**Owner/Manager:** Private  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** II  
**Development Priority:** II  
**Existing Improvements:** Unknown

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Investigate the possibility of reestablishing public access to the unnamed small cove through purchase of fee title or easement from willing sellers.
2. Assess the need for related facilities at the time of dedication. Provide maximum public access in a manner compatible with retaining grazing to maximize ecological health, supports the local agricultural economy, and provides for compatible recreation opportunities. Provide public education about recreation within grazing areas.

## **SALT POINT SUBAREA 4 (FIGURE C-PA-1D)**

### **(D-1) California Coastal Trail: Kashia Coastal Reserve to Ocean Cove**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 100 & #56-58, page 107; 2020 County General Plan; SB 908; AB 1396)

The Coastal Trail through the Salt Point SubArea consists of an approximately 1-mile trail easement held by Sonoma County Regional Parks on the Kashia Coastal Reserve. Salt Point State Park has over 9 miles coastline. The California Coastal Trail is partially identified and developed, although informal trails connect the majority of the length.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	California State Parks
<b>Status:</b>	Proposed
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	None
<b>Development Priority:</b>	I
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	Several trails, restrooms, and parking areas

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Complete plans to align the California Coastal Trail as a continuous trail through the entire length of Salt Point SubArea. Dedicate as the Coastal Trail. See Proposed Improvements for Kashia Coastal Reserve Coastal Trail (D-2) and Salt Point State Park Unit (D-3). Develop the trail.

### **(D-2) Kashia Coastal Reserve Coastal Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: #13, page 74)

In 2016, the Trust for Public Lands acquired a 688-acre ranch adjacent to Salt Point State Park which includes Northern Horseshoe Cove. The land is the ancestral home of the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria. The purchase restores ownership of coastal lands to the Kashia which will manage the property. Public access to a future section of the California Coastal Trail was a condition of the acquisition. Sonoma County Regional Parks holds a trail easement along the western side of Highway 1 from Salt Point State Park to the ranch boundary, approximately 1 mile to the north. The trail easement includes a small parking area. The property contains vital coastal habitat, including forest and riparian woodlands, coastal meadows, and tide pools.

**Owner/Manager:** Kashia Band of Pomos / Sonoma County Regional Parks  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** I  
**Existing Improvements:** None

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Work with the Kashia Band of Pomos and other stakeholders to plan, develop, and open the Kashia Coastal Reserve section of California Coastal Trail. Work with Caltrans to secure an encroachment permit to locate the Coastal Trail within the Highway 1 right of way only where bluff erosion and a deep ravine provides no other option.
2. Work with the Kashia Band of Pomos and other stakeholders to create interpretive signage and programs.
3. Work with California State Parks and Caltrans to connect the Kashia Coastal Reserve Coastal Trail to the planned State Park staging area approximately a quarter mile south of the Salt Point State Park boundary.

**(D-3) Salt Point State Park Unit**

(2001 County LCP reference: #7, page 72)

The 5,684-acre Salt Point State Park has over six miles of coastline, rocky promontories, panoramic views, kelp-dotted coves, unique geologic formations, broad coastal prairies terraces, forested hills, and pygmy forests. Popular activities include picnicking, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, fishing, skin and scuba diving, and camping.

The General Plan for Salt Point State Park was adopted in 1976.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** III  
**Existing Improvements:** 20 miles of trail, 109 vehicle campsites, 1 group campsite, 10 hiker-biker campsites, 20 walk-in campsites, restrooms, day use parking

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Update the park's 1976 General Plan. Evaluate the need for additional camping facilities.

2. Implement the planned trail realignment and related improvements for the California Coastal Trail and trailhead support facilities through Salt Point State Park.
3. Consider restoration or relocation of the environmental campground that was destroyed by fire.
4. Encourage the expansion of Salt Point State Park to the northeast and east to expand recreational opportunities and support resource protection.
5. Consider designation of a portion of the area to the east of Highway 1 as a State wilderness.
6. See individual proposed improvements for specific improvements such as parking, restrooms, and trails.

#### **(D-4) Salt Point State Park – Horseshoe Cove and Horseshoe Point**

(2001 County LCP reference: #14, page 74)

Two steep trails lead to the southern half of Horseshoe Cove, and one trail leads to Horseshoe Point on the coastal terrace.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** III

**Existing Improvements:** Informal trails

##### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Develop a day use parking area and a trailhead for the California Coastal Trail. Provide trail connections to the north and south.
2. Improve access to the cove if feasible.

#### **(D-5) Salt Point State Park – Deadman Gulch**

(2001 County LCP reference: #15, page 75)

Coastal access along Deadman Gulch is available, and a mid-terrace trail connects this coastal access trail to Highway 1 near Fisk Mill Cove.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None



**Development Priority:** III  
**Existing Improvements:** 2-mile trail

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Develop other interconnecting trails and shoreline access between Horseshoe Cove and Fisk Mill Cove. Construct bridge crossing for the California Coastal Trail.

**(D-6) Salt Point State Park – Kruse Ranch Buildings**

(2001 County LCP reference: #19, page 104)

The historic Kruse Ranch buildings include the Kruse Barn, old Wells Fargo office, hotel and store and are adjacent to Highway 1. There is currently no public access.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** III  
**Existing Improvements:** Historic structures

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Reconstruct the historic Kruse Barn, Wells Fargo office, hotel, and store structures subject to research on authenticity. Pursue adaptive reuse of these structures for interpretive facility or as a youth hostel. Relocate the trailer out of sight at the proposed park support service area to the south; or relocate it out of view of Highway 1 and use it as a park residence.
2. Develop trail connections within State lands from the historic structures to existing trails to the north, south and east.

**(D-7) Salt Point State Park – Fisk Mill Cove**

(2001 County LCP reference: #16, page 75)

A vertical coastal access trail from Highway 1 through a forested area leads to the rocky Fisk Mill Cove. The trail also connects to a Salt Point State Park blufftop trail that is part of the California Coastal Trail, and leads to Stump Beach to the south.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** III

**Existing Improvements:** Barbeques, picnic tables, restrooms, potable water, vista overlook, 30+ day use parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Realign and reconstruct the vertical access trails to the beach, and develop a fully accessible trail that connects to the existing Salt Point State Park Blufftop Trail as part of the California Coastal Trail. Relocate and reconstruct bridge crossings for the Coastal Trail.

**(D-8) Kruse Rhododendron State Natural Reserve**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 96)

Established in 1933, the 317-acre Kruse Rhododendron State Natural Reserve contains second-growth redwood, Douglas fir, grand firs, tanoaks, and an abundance of rhododendrons. Over the last several decades, Salt Point State Park has expanded to the western and southern boundaries of Kruse Rhododendron State Natural Reserve.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** None

**Existing Improvements:** 5-mile pedestrian and equestrian trail, 10 day use parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Manage the vegetation succession to promote spring time Rhododendron displays.

**(D-9) Salt Point State Park – Stump Beach**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 96)

A coastal access trail from State Highway 1 through a forested area leads to Stump Beach, a popular sandy beach. The trail also connects to a Salt Point State Park Blufftop Trail that is part of the California Coastal Trail.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** None

**Existing Improvements:** 0.5-mile trail, picnic tables, restroom, day use parking

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

**(D-10) Salt Point State Park – Gerstle Cove**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 96)

Gerstle Cove is the largest use area within the park. Gerstle Cove provides access to the Gerstle Cove Marine Reserve, the first underwater park established in California for the complete protection of marine resources.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** None

**Existing Improvements:** Visitor center, boat launch, day use parking

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

## **TIMBER COVE/ FORT ROSS SUBAREA 5 (FIGURE C-PA-1E)**

### **(E-1) California Coastal Trail: Ocean Cove to Fort Ross State Historic Park**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 100, #56-58, page 107; 2020 County General Plan; SB 908; AB 1396)

The California Coastal Trail is undefined through the north portion of this SubArea. California State Parks is planning a realignment of the Coastal Trail through Fort Ross State Historic Park. The environmental document for the project has been adopted, and project permits will be applied for when funding becomes available.

**Owner/Manager:** Public/Private

**Status:** Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** I

**Development Priority:** II

**Existing Improvements:** Informal trails

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Complete the realignment and improvements to the California Coastal Trail through Fort Ross State Historic Park including new trailheads, new trail, boardwalks, bridges, restoration, signage, and restrooms.
2. Complete the Timber Cove Coastal Trail Feasibility Study which seeks to identify the California Coastal Trail in the northern half of this SubArea. Acquire easements if needed and construct trail or braided trails.

### **(E-2) Ocean Cove Coastal Access & Boat Launch**

(2001 County LCP reference: #18, pages 75-76)

Access to Ocean Cove for pedestrians and for launching small watercraft is available for a small fee. Vehicular access to the blufftop and parking near the bluff are provided. A road from the bluff to a beach on the cove provides access. Approvals associated with coastal development at this location required offers to dedicate access and trail easements and other improvements to parking, but these agreements remain in dispute.

**Owner/Manager:** Private

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** I

**Development Priority:** III

**Existing Improvements:** Private campground, boat launch, store

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Continue to provide maximum public access to the shoreline including the boat launch
2. Require the Offer to Dedicate a trail easement for pedestrians and bicyclists to connect Highway 1 with Stillwater Cove Regional Park through the campground.
3. Require the Offer to Dedicate for the boat launch to stipulate that in the event that the boat launch closes to the public, the County can exercise their easement and re-open the facility for public use.

**(E-3) Bluff Trail: Ocean Cove to Stillwater Cove**

(2001 County LCP reference: #19, page 76)

An existing bluff trail extends from Highway 1 at the Ocean Cove Campground south to Stillwater Cove Regional Park and crosses the private campground and four parcels owned by California State Parks. Sonoma County Regional Parks manages the four parcels as part of Stillwater Cove Regional Park under a management agreement with the State. The trail provides spectacular views and connects to two vertical access trails to the shoreline.

**Owner/Manager:** Public/Private

**Status:** Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** I

**Development Priority:** II

**Existing Improvements:** Informal trails

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Record the Trail Easement Offer to Dedicate required by Coastal Permit CPH00-0009. Include provisions for signage, relocating the easement due to bluff erosion, and year round hours of operation.
2. Add signage identifying the public trail, improve disabled access, and consider realigning across the trail on the State-owned parcels to reduce erosion. Connect trail to Stillwater Cove.
3. Consider designating part or the entire trail as the California Coastal Trail.
4. Use the existing restroom and parking facilities at Stillwater Cove Regional Park and Ocean Cove until use levels necessitates constructing additional facilities.

## **(E-4) Stillwater Cove Regional Park**

(2001 County LCP reference #21, page 76 & page 96)

Stillwater Cove Regional Park offers a beautiful rocky shore, coastal terrace, and a sheltered beach well used for ocean based activities. Trails connect the lush Stockoff Creek canyon, scenic redwood groves, and the campground. There is a life estate covering 221 acres.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Sonoma County Regional Parks
<b>Existing Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	I
<b>Development Priority:</b>	III
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	3-miles of trail, picnic tables, restrooms, day use parking, 23 campsites, 1 walk-in/hike/bike campsites, fish cleaning station, cove suitable for boat access, ranger residence, park office

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Master Plan the life estate to the east of the existing park.
2. Expand Stillwater Cove County Park to include the additional undeveloped land in the Stockoff Creek canyon. Extend the Stockoff Creek Trail to connect with Salt Point State Park.
3. Evaluate options for a long-term potable water supply.
4. Restore historic Fort Ross School when funding becomes available. Provide additional interpretation.
5. Replace three trail bridges over Stockoff Creek on the Creek Trail.
6. Evaluate options to renovate and enhance the day use parking area, damaged timber stairs to Highway 1, and picnic area to improve the user experience, provide additional amenities, signage, and picnic facilities.
7. Evaluate visitor opportunities for low-cost coastal accommodations options in accordance with the Coastal Conservancy program.
8. Identify the best continuous route for the California Coastal Trail through the park. Construct improvements.

### **(E-5) Stillwater Cove Regional Park – North Terrace & Coastal Access Trails**

(2001 County LCP reference: #20, page 76)

These 4 parcels are across Stillwater Ranch, between Stillwater Cove and the Ocean Cove campground. Several turnouts with informal connecting trails provide access from the Highway to the bluff and the shoreline.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks/Sonoma County Regional Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** III

**Existing Improvements:** Informal trails, 5-7 turnout parking spaces

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Develop safe trails connecting the Bluff Trail at Ocean Cove to Stillwater Cove (E-4) and the shoreline.
2. Consider constructing additional trails, including the Coastal Trail, to vistas on interior meadows and rock outcrops, and parking improvements. Use existing restroom and parking facilities at Stillwater Cove Regional Park until overcrowding necessitates constructing additional facilities.

### **(E-6) Stillwater Cove Regional Park – Stillwater Cove Coastal Access and Boat Launch**

(2001 County LCP reference: #21, page 76 & page 97)

Stillwater Cove is a sheltered cove popular for diving, boating, fishing, tidepooling, and picnicking. The Stockoff Creek Trail on the east side of the Highway connects the cove with the campground and other trails.

**Owner/Manager:** Sonoma County Regional Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** I

**Development Priority:** III

**Existing Improvements:** Paved vehicle loading area and trail, restrooms, rescue craft building, picnic tables, fish cleaning station.

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Evaluate options for additional picnic facilities at the cove.
2. Develop a safe trail to connect the cove to the northern portions of the park.

### **(E-7) Stillwater Cove Regional Park Expansion – Pocket Cove**

(2001 County LCP reference: #22, page 76)

A 10-acre parcel contains coastal terrace and rocky coastline adjacent to Stillwater Cove Regional Park. The Coastal Commission, County Regional Parks Department, and Sonoma Land Trust have identified this 10-acre parcel adjacent to the southern boundary of Stillwater Cove Regional Park known as “Pocket Cove” as a key potential addition to the park. In 1979 the Coastal Commission required the property developer to dedicate at least two acres adjacent to the existing park including Pocket Cove and provide Highway 1 frontage for a future trail connection to the south. The property was subsequently sold and has not been developed.

The Sonoma Land Trust identified the parcel as a “Tier One Opportunity” in its May 2002 *Russian River/North Coast Parcel Analysis*. As an expansion to Stillwater Cove Regional Park, it would provide access to the southern coastal terrace, spectacular views from the unnamed point, and shoreline access to Stillwater Cove. A recorded offer to dedicate is adjacent to the south side of the Pocket Cove parcel.

**Owner/Manager:** Private  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** I  
**Development Priority:** III  
**Existing Improvements:** Informal trails

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Pursue one of the following: a) require dedication of a public access easement with any development approval, b) purchase an access easement, or c) acquire the property.
2. Provide connecting trails between the existing Stillwater Cove Regional Park, the blufftop and shoreline. Consider designating a part as a link of the California Coastal Trail.
3. Use the existing restroom and parking facilities in Stillwater Cove County Park until use necessitates examining facility development.



## **(E-8) Timber Cove Access Easements**

(2001 County LCP reference: none; numerous Coastal Permits)

Eight Offers to Dedicate have been accepted at locations within the Timber Cove Subdivision by Sonoma County Regional Parks. Although they are not contiguous, they may support the eventual connection and development of the California Coastal Trail as well as a potential connection to the beach.

**Owner/Manager:** Sonoma County Regional Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** III

**Existing Improvements:** None

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Complete the Timber Cove Coastal Trail Feasibility Study to identify the preferred alignment of the Coastal Trail through Timber Cove, using the Timber Cove access easements where feasible.

## **(E-9) Timber Cove Connection Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: #23, page 77)

This trail will connect an existing coastal access trail on the southern part of Ninive Drive to a coastal access trail at Timber Cove Inn. It will run from Cormorant Point along the southern end of Ninive Drive, to the west of Highway 1, to the blufftop adjacent to the Timber Cove Inn where it will connect with the Timber Cove Inn Coastal Access.

**Owner/Manager:** Private

**Status:** Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** II

**Development Priority:** II

**Existing Improvements:** Informal trails

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Acquire access as a condition of approval for new development or through purchase of easement or fee title.
2. Develop a trail from the southern end of Ninive Drive to the Timber Cove Inn to connect the coastal access trails and provide bluff access. Consider designating portions or all the California Coastal Trail.

### **(E-10) Timber Cove Inn Coastal Access**

(2001 County LCP reference: #24, page 77)

Several private trails lead from the Timber Cove Inn property to the coastline. Local Coastal Plan policy limits expansion at the Timber Cove Inn to improved parking facilities and coastal access. Vertical and lateral access supporting a continuous California Coastal Trail shall be a condition of approval for renovating the Inn.

**Owner/Manager:** Private  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** II  
**Development Priority:** II  
**Existing Improvements:** Developed and informal trails

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Acquire vertical access and link with Timber Cove Connection Trail (E-9).
2. Provide public parking and restrooms either combined with or separate from the Inn.

### **(E-11) Timber Cove Inn – Bufano Statue**

(2001 County LCP reference: none)

The State Department of Parks and Recreation owns the parcel containing the Benny Bufano statue located in the surroundings of the Timber Cove Inn. The State also owns an undeveloped trail easement and a partially developed parking easement intended to access the statue. An informal trail for viewing the ocean and statue leads from the Timber Cove Inn parking lot across the bluff to the statue.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** II  
**Existing Improvements:** Statue, informal trails and parking area

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Develop a trail route from the parking area to the Bufano Statue that meets accessibility guidelines. If necessary, relocate the existing trail and parking easement to follow the existing or an improved trail alignment and parking area.

2. Connect the statue to the Timber Cove Bluff Connection Trail when the bluff trail is established.
3. Install signage on Highway 1 identifying "Coastal Access" to the Bufano Statue as a State Park facility.

### **(E-12) Timber Cove Boat Landing & Campground**

(2001 County LCP reference: #20, page 76)

A private campground south of Timber Cove Inn provides boat launching, camping, and a road to the beach. Extensively used by divers, the boat launch is particularly important.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Private
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	None
<b>Development Priority:</b>	None
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	Access road to boat launch, campground office, campsites

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Continue beach access and boat launching under private ownership. If the property owner closes the access, consider acquisition of the boat launch facility.

### **(E-13) Fort Ross Area – Offers to Dedicate**

The State Coastal Conservancy accepted five Offers to Dedicate north of Fort Ross State Historical Park. Although they are not all contiguous, several are important as future links of the California Coastal Trail. The State Coastal Conservancy will eventually transfer the Offers to Dedicate to California State Parks or Sonoma County Regional Parks.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Public/Private
<b>Status:</b>	Proposed
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	None
<b>Development Priority:</b>	III
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	None

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Complete the Timber Cove Coastal Trail Feasibility Study to identify which of the five Offers to Dedicate can be useful to provide coastal access or to support the California Coastal Trail.

## **(E-14) Fort Ross State Historic Park Unit**

(2001 County LCP reference: #26-31, pages 77-79 & page 105)

Fort Ross State Historic Park has over 4 miles of shoreline, 3,300 acres, multiple access points and a trail network that provides access to the coastal terrace and shoreline. The historic structures from the Russian settlement, trails, campsites, and almost all amenities are located west of the highway. Most of the property is to the east of Highway 1 and is undeveloped.

The Sonoma Land Trust identifies an expansion of Fort Ross State Historic Park as a “Tier Two Opportunity” in its May 2002 *Russian River/North Coast Parcel Analysis*.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	California State Parks
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	III
<b>Development Priority:</b>	II
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	Visitor center, historic buildings, interpretive exhibits, 21 campsites, restrooms, picnic facilities, day use parking

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Encourage continued restoration of the historic structures.
2. Realign and improve the California Coastal Trail to provide improved access and protection of natural and cultural resources. Trail improvements include boardwalks to protect wetlands, and bridges for crossing drainages.
3. Develop cultural interpretive trail focusing on Kashia Pomo culture, and integrate cultural trail with the California Coastal Trail.
4. Update the park General Plan to include the parkland on the east side of Highway 1. Consider additional trails and camping opportunities on the east side of the State Highway. Evaluate the need for additional camping, including group camping facilities and environmental campsites.
5. Acquire additional acreage in the Fort Ross Creek watershed to expand recreational opportunities and support resource protection.
6. Construct restrooms and improve parking areas at Fort Ross Terrace, Windermere Point, and Kolmer Gulch.

### **(E-15) Fort Ross State Historic Park Unit – Windermere Point**

(2001 County LCP reference: #26, page 78)

The site is a former lumber mill. It is used for vehicular access, parking, and pedestrian access to the coastline. It is physically degraded and in need of restoration, but provides for a significant amount of recreational use.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** II  
**Existing Improvements:** Informal day use parking

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Develop parking and restroom facilities to serve both Windermere Point and Kolmer Gulch.
2. Develop the California Coastal Trail to connect Kolmer Gulch and Windermere Point

### **(E-16) Fort Ross State Historic Park Unit – Kolmer Gulch**

(2001 County LCP reference: #27, page 78)

The beach at Kolmer Gulch is relatively large, sandy, attractive, and popular. Access to the beach is from informal trails leading from turnouts on State Highway 1.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** I  
**Existing Improvements:** None

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Develop parking and restroom facilities to serve both Windermere Point and Kolmer Gulch.
2. Develop a trail connecting Kolmer Gulch with Windermere Point to the north and the bluff tops to the south.

### **(E-17) Fort Ross State Historic Park Unit – Call Ranch**

(2001 County LCP reference: #28, page 78)

The Call Ranch stretches from Fort Ross north almost to Kolmer Gulch and was acquired as an expansion of Fort Ross State Historic Park. The coastline is rocky and has a small beach area at low tide; and there is vertical access down a steep path at Sandy Cove.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** III  
**Existing Improvements:** Historical structures, interpretive exhibits, trails

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Develop an accessible trail from the Call House to the Fort Ross Visitor Center
2. Improve existing trail access to North Cove and extend trail east to the Call House

### **(E-18) Fort Ross State Historic Park Unit – Reef Campground**

(2001 County LCP reference: #29, page 79)

A road to the northern boundary and a parking area provide access to the cove to the south, the cove to the north, and a bluff trail to the beach at Fort Ross State Historic Park. The middle bluff road and parking area lead to two steep shoreline trails.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** 21 campsites, restrooms, day use parking

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Extend the California Coastal Trail to the south to connect with the Fort Ross Terrace parking area.

### **(E-19) Fort Ross State Historic Park Unit – South Reef**

(2001 County LCP reference: #30, page 79)

This coastal access trail provides access to the Fort Ross Reef area and is popular with abalone divers and fishermen.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	California State Parks
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	None
<b>Development Priority:</b>	II
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	Informal access trails, day use parking

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Improve and expand existing parking area.
2. Develop Coastal Trail Trailhead signing at the parking area.
3. Develop bridge crossing to extend Coastal Trail to the south. Improve existing beach access trail to the south of unnamed drainage.

### **(E-20) Fort Ross State Historic Park Unit – Cardiacs Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: #31, page 79)

This access point is the most southerly access point at Fort Ross State Historic Park. A steep trail leads to a long narrow beach at the mouth of Timber Gulch.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	California State Parks
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	None
<b>Development Priority:</b>	III
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	0.3-mile trail, day use parking

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Improve vehicular access to the trailhead.
2. Provide trail connections to the north.

## **THE HIGH CLIFFS/MUNIZ/JENNER SUBAREA 6 (FIGURE C-PA-1F)**

### **(F-1) California Coastal Trail: Fort Ross State Historic Park to Bridgehaven**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 100 & #56-58, page 107; 2020 County General Plan; SB 908; AB 1396)

This section of the Sonoma County coastline is extremely rugged and steep, making it a challenge for locating a trail. The California Coastal Trail is unidentified and undeveloped in this area, although informal trails connect short sections north and south of Russian Gulch. Long sandy and rocky beaches become exposed at low tides, but these areas can be dangerous.

The Coastal Trail route through the High Cliffs/Muniz/Jenner SubArea connects Fort Ross State Historic Park, Vista Trail, Russian Gulch, Jenner Headlands Preserve, Russian River Bridge, and Bridgehaven. The route should either directly connect with Jenner or have a connector trail.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Public/Private
<b>Status:</b>	Proposed
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	I
<b>Development Priority:</b>	I
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	Existing trails and parking areas may be incorporated into alignment

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Study off-road trail alignments between Fort Ross State Historic Park and Bridgehaven and select the most appropriate route or routes for the California Coastal Trail. The study will be based on the Coastal Commission's Guidelines for Siting the California Coastal Trail. The feasibility study should include a water taxi between Jenner River Access and Goat Rock River Access.
2. Modify the Russian River Bridge south of Jenner to provide safe pedestrian access for the Coastal Trail including a barrier or other separation between trail users and motorized vehicle traffic.
3. If needed, work with Caltrans and willing land owners to acquire land or easements for a safe off-road trail alignment. The California Coastal Trail should be separate from roads with motorized traffic.
4. Construct the trail in phases as funding becomes available.



## **(F-2) Sonoma Coast State Park Unit**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 106)

The Sonoma Coast State Park spans almost the entire coastline through this subarea and contains numerous coastal access points, trails, and other facilities. Hiking, ocean and freshwater fishing, sea kayaking, seal and whale watching, tidepooling, surfing, and scuba diving are popular activities.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	California State Parks
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	See specific access points
<b>Development Priority:</b>	See specific access points
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	Russian Gulch - day use beach access, restroom, and 30 parking spaces; Goat Rock - day use beach and river access, 2 restrooms, picnic sites, and 230 parking spaces (Blind Beach – 20, Arched View – 32; Goat Rock North – 68, Goat Rock South – 110); Campground – 12 campsites, river access, restroom, and 20 parking spaces; and State Highway 1 - numerous roadside turnouts

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Continue deferred maintenance, rehabilitations, and upgrades as opportunities allow.
2. See recommendations for specific access points.

## **(F-3) Sonoma Coast State Park – Vista Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: #32, page 79)

The Vista Trail was acquired and developed by California State Parks as an accessible scenic interpretive facility. It is the northernmost developed part of the Sonoma Coast State Park. The view extends from Jenner to Point Reyes and captures most of the southern Sonoma Coast.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	California State Parks
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	None
<b>Development Priority:</b>	None

**Existing Improvements:** 1-mile paved loop accessible trail, picnic tables, restroom, and 15 day use parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Include the Vista Trail in the alignment of the California Coastal Trail if determined feasible.

**(F-4) Russian Gulch – Northern Access Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: #33, page 80)

An informal trail leads from Russian Gulch over the hill to the cove to the north. At low tides it is possible to connect with Fort Ross State Historical Park, but the beach route can be dangerous. A gap in State ownership on the western side of State Highway 1 remains between the southern edge of Fort Ross State Historical Park and the northern edge of Sonoma Coast State Park.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** I

**Development Priority:** I

**Existing Improvements:** Informal trails

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Acquire remainder of the trail corridor to connect Russian Gulch and Vista Trail with Fort Ross State Historic Park. Study trail alignment alternatives for a safe, continuous trail as the California Coastal Trail. Evaluate both west and east sides of Highway 1.
2. Realign the existing informal trails to reduce erosion, protect resources, and provide safer and increased public access.

**(F-5) Sonoma Coast State Park – Russian Gulch**

(2001 County LCP reference: #34, page 80)

Russian Gulch has a large, accessible, attractive, and heavily used beach.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** III

**Existing Improvements:** Picnic tables, restrooms, 60 day use parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Include Russian Gulch in the alignment of the California Coastal Trail if determined feasible.
2. Improve the parking area and restrooms.
3. Develop a trail connecting Russian Gulch with the Jenner Headlands Preserve.

**(F-6) Sonoma Coast State Park – North Jenner Beach**

(2001 County LCP reference: #35, page 80 and #35-36, page 105)

Several turn-outs along State Highway 1 provide access to an informal trail network. The trails lead to the top of the bluff and in some cases the shoreline. There are excellent vistas to the mouth of the Russian River and north.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** II

**Development Priority:** II

**Existing Improvements:** Informal trails and about 29 parking spaces in six turnouts on State Highway 1

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Construct restrooms and one parking area between Jenner and Russian Gulch. Evaluate all locations, including east of State Highway 1 not on State property.
2. Prevent vehicle access to the bluffs while providing safe turnout parking to the north and south of Manni Gulch. Evaluate and implement appropriate trail connections between North Jenner Beach and the proposed parking lot on Jenner Headlands Preserve (see F-7 below).
3. Construct a trail that includes safe shoreline access to the double cove from the parking area to No Dog Beach.

**(F-7) Jenner Headlands Preserve**

(2001 County LCP reference: parking lot only: #36, page 80)

The headlands above the town of Jenner include coastal bluffs and Jenner Gulch, a stream with steelhead trout that is the sole domestic water source for the town. The Sonoma Land Trust acquired 5,630 acres of the Jenner Headlands in 2009 using funding from both private and public sources and has since transferred the property to

The Wildlands Conservancy, a non-profit organization that acquires and operates a network of preserves that provide public education and public access. The acquisition grants require that public access be provided on some portions of the property.

The Wildlands Conservancy and their partners developed an Integrated Resource Management Plan that includes public access with short and long-term public access improvements and programs for facilities. Approximately 12 miles of former ranch roads have been converted to public access trails. Two parking lots include public restrooms and provide parking for 30 vehicles, 2 ADA parking spaces, and 2 spaces for buses.

**Owner/Manager:** The Wildlands Conservancy (Private)  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** I  
**Development Priority:** I  
**Existing Improvements:** 34 parking spaces, restroom, 12 miles of trails

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Provide maximum public access that is compatible with the preserve's conservation goals. Study public access and recreation facilities including multiple use trails, overnight facilities including camping and backpacking, and environmental education facilities.
2. Locate the California Coastal Trail on the western portion of the property with coastal views to connect Russian Gulch with the Jenner area.
3. Implement the permitted access plan for a trailhead, trail, restroom, and associated amenities at Manni Gulch on Highway 1.
4. Provide maximum public access to the Preserve at a variety of access points in order to maximize connections and to disperse use. Study trail connections between Sonoma Coast State Park, State Highway 1, Jenner, and areas to the east. Pursue if compatible with conservation goals.
5. Encourage expansion of the Preserve to the north, east, and south to provide greater resource protection and recreation opportunities.
6. Encourage the retention of agriculture for ecological health and reducing fire danger. Manage the forest to promote maximum ecological, old growth forest characteristics, and reduce fire danger. A Non-Industrial Timber Harvest Plan may be required.

### **(F-8) River's End**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 101)

River's End is a small private restaurant and resort facility located on the north side of the mouth of the Russian River in Jenner. Day use of the beach is possible. Cabins, a restaurant, and bar are also located on the property.

**Owner/Manager:** Private  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** III  
**Development Priority:** III  
**Existing Improvements:** Trail to beach

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Continue day use access to the beach.

### **(F-9) Russian River Water Trail I**

(2001 County LCP reference page 100)

The Russian River Water Trail is a water-based route for non-motorized recreational boating that are anchored by land based launch sites, camping, and picnicking facilities. Water trails provide educational and scenic experiences and are designed to accommodate boaters of all ages and abilities. With an integrated system of facilities, 'trail' guides and access site informational signage, good water trail programs encourage minimum-impact use and emphasize stewardship of the aquatic ecosystems, and historical features.

**Owner/Manager:** Public/Private  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** I  
**Development Priority:** I  
**Existing Improvements:** Various

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Study the Russian River Water Trail to identify an integrated system of facilities and programs to promote increased safe and responsible public access to the Russian River.
2. See specific river access facility proposed improvements in this plan.

## **(F-10) Jenner River Access**

(2001 County LCP reference: #36, pages 80 & 105)

Located at the mouth of the Russian River, this facility includes a popular small boat launch ramp and a small visitor center. The building was damaged by floods and was closed in the mid-1990s, but is now open to the public on a seasonal basis and is being renovated.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	California State Parks
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	None
<b>Development Priority:</b>	III
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	Visitor center building, restroom, boat ramp, and 8 day use parking spaces

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Provide structural improvements to the visitor center, including raising the building above flood levels.
2. Continue to partner with the Sonoma County Water Agency in management of the Russian River estuary.
3. Continue to operate the boat ramp, restroom, and visitor center as a coastal public information center.
4. Provide deferred maintenance to ensure viability of the visitor center.
5. Study the feasibility of acquiring adjacent properties to provide additional parking spaces for the visitor center and river access.

## **(F-11) South Jenner Vista Points**

(2001 County LCP reference: #37, page 80)

Several turnouts are located within the right-of-way along State Highway 1 between Jenner and the Russian River Highway 1 Bridge that provide visual access to the Russian River, Penny Island, and Jenner Pond. Jenner Pond is a freshwater wetland located near the intersection of State Highway 116 and State Highway 1. The Sonoma Land Trust identified the pond as a "Tier Two Opportunity" in its May 2002 *Russian River/North Coast Parcel Analysis*.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Public/Private
<b>Status:</b>	Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** III  
**Development Priority:** III  
**Existing Improvements:** Informal turnouts

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Designate a minimum of two turnouts as highway vista points, one for northbound traffic and one for southbound traffic. Provide directional road signs to notify the public about the vista points. Develop interpretive signs. Expand existing turnouts as necessary to provide safe access.
2. Encourage conservation agencies to acquire fee title or a conservation easement protecting Jenner Pond.

**(F-12) Russian River Access from Highway 1 Bridge to Sawmill Gulch**

(2001 County LCP reference: #38, page 80)

Several turnouts along State Highway 116 provide parking for informal trails across public and private property to the Russian River. The most desirable destination is the cove at the mouth of Sawmill Gulch, but no developed parking is available. California State Parks owns an undeveloped ten-acre riverside parcel provides access to the River. Additional access points would offer canoers and kayakers access to the lower five miles of the river. The Sonoma Land Trust identifies this area as a "Tier Two Opportunity" in its May 2002 *Russian River/North Coast Parcel Analysis*.

**Owner/Manager:** Public/Private  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** III  
**Development Priority:** III  
**Existing Improvements:** Informal trails

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Work with property owners to allow public use of existing informal access.
2. Pursue acquisition of easements or fee title for river access between Jenner and Duncans Mills. Assess the need for related facilities at the time of dedication.
3. Develop a trail and parking area for the property owned by California State Parks.

## **(G-1) Russian River Water Trail II**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 100)

The Russian River Water Trail is a water-based route for non-motorized recreational boating that is anchored by land based launch sites, camping, and picnicking facilities. Water trails provide educational and scenic experiences and are designed to accommodate boaters of all ages and abilities. With an integrated system of facilities, access site informational signage, good water trail programs encourage minimum-impact use and emphasize stewardship of the aquatic ecosystems, and historical features.

**Owner/Manager:** Public/Private (onshore only)  
**Existing Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** II  
**Development Priority:** II  
**Existing Improvements:** See individual proposed improvements

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Study the Russian River Water Trail to identify an integrated system of facilities and programs to promote increased safe and responsible public access to the Russian River.
2. See specific river access facility proposed improvements in this plan.

## **(G-2) Riccioli Ranch**

(2001 County LCP reference: #39, page 81)

A long, wide beach borders the Riccioli Ranch property on the Russian River but there is no overland public access.

**Owner/Manager:** Private  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** II  
**Development Priority:** II  
**Existing Improvements:** Unknown

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Work with the property owner to establish day use public access to the Russian River beach area. Manage agriculture and public access to ensure mutual compatibility. Assess the need for related facilities at the time of dedication.



### **(G-3) Duncans Mills Campground**

(2001 County LCP reference: #40, page 81; page 102; #62-63, page 107)

Duncans Mills Campground is a resort on the north bank of the Russian River, with a sandy beach and dense riparian vegetation open to camp club members and the public on occasion. Fishing, boating, hiking, picnicking, and horseback riding (including rentals), are common activities. Access to the Russian River was allowed for a small day use fee, but is now available only for private use by camp club members.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Private
<b>Status:</b>	Proposed
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	III
<b>Development Priority:</b>	III
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	125 campsites, restrooms with showers, recreational vehicle sanitation facilities, boat launch, playground, basketball, volleyball, recreation center

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Work with the property owner to re-establish day use public access to the Russian River. (CCC REVISED)
2. Require dedication of a public access easement as a condition of approval for expanding the campground.

### **(G-4) Casini Family Ranch Campground**

(2001 County LCP reference: #41, page 107)

Access to the Russian River is allowed for a small day use fee when the campground is not full.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Private
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	III
<b>Development Priority:</b>	III
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	225 campsites, restrooms, cabins, recreational vehicle waste disposal facilities, boat launch, playground, recreation center, sports fields

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Continue public day use, including day use parking.

2. Require a Coastal Development Permit for discontinuance of existing fee-based day use public access. (CCC REVISED)
3. Require day use public access as a condition of approval for expansion of the existing campground.
4. Encourage development of additional campsites and camper services. Any development plans should include prohibiting camping between the river and the riparian vegetation on the beach.

### **(G-5) Steelhead Boulevard River Access**

(2001 County LCP reference: None)

Steelhead Boulevard right-of-way extends to the Russian River's mean high water in at least one location.

**Owner/Manager:** Sonoma County Department of Transportation & Public Works

**Status:** Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** III

**Development Priority:** III

**Existing Improvements:** Informal trail

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Determine extent of public lands. Develop access on public right-of-way. Pursue acquisition of additional property from willing sellers if needed to support access.

### **(G-6) Rancho del Paradiso Subdivision/Freezeout Road River Access**

(2001 County LCP reference: #42, page 82)

A beach is located adjacent to the Rancho del Paradiso Subdivision along the Russian River and connects to Freezeout Road via several roads, trails, and rights of way. Some of these routes have never been cleared, and others have been closed by physical barriers and overgrown vegetation. The Sonoma Land Trust and the County own several parcels and rights-of-way in the subdivision that may be able to provide public access from Freezeout Road.

**Owner/Manager:** Public/Private

**Status:** Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** III

**Development Priority:** III

**Existing Improvements:** Unknown

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Evaluate easements and rights of way recorded on the Rancho del Paradiso Subdivision to determine if the map or subsequent dedications provides public access to the Russian River.
2. Study the feasibility of providing maximum public access to the river using the existing County rights of way and Sonoma Land Trust parcels. Assess the need for support facilities, including parking management.
3. Clear Beach Drive and open it for pedestrian access. Consider constructing a parking area if adequate public right of way exists.

**(G-7) Sonoma Coast State Park – Willow Creek – Freezeout Access**

Located to the southwest of Duncans Mills, the Freezeout Access trailhead provides access to the eastern area of the Willow Creek Area of Sonoma Coast State Park.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** I

**Existing Improvements:** Freezeout Creek watershed - about 8.8 miles of multi-use trails; Freezeout Access trailhead – 20 undeveloped day use parking spaces and equestrian trailer access.

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Improve the trailhead facility and access road to reduce erosion and provide parking definition.
2. Include the Freezeout Creek watershed in the Willow Creek roads and trails plan as recommended under (H-9) Sonoma Coast State Park - Willow Creek Area.
3. Include Freezeout Creek area in the watershed and stream restoration projects as recommended under (H-9) Sonoma Coast State Park - Willow Creek Area.

### **(G-8) Duncans Mills River Access**

(2001 County LCP reference: None)

Moscow Road crosses the Russian River adjacent to Duncans Mills, but no public access is currently available at this crossing. Extent of public right of way has not been determined.

**Owner/Manager:** Public  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** III  
**Development Priority:** III  
**Existing Improvements:** Unknown

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Study the feasibility of providing maximum public access at or near the Moscow Road Bridge at Duncans Mills within the existing public right-of-way. Acquire additional right of way if needed from adjoining property owners.

### **(G-9) Monte Rio – Willow Creek Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 99; 2010 Bikeways Plan Project #209)

The Monte Rio - Willow Creek Trail is a proposed Class I Bikeway to provide access between Monte Rio, the Russian River, and the Coast. This facility may pass through the Duncans Mills SubArea. Sonoma County Regional Parks and partners have received state funding and local funding to complete a feasibility study of a Class 1 Bikeway from Forestville to Highway 1 which includes this section in the Coastal Zone.

**Owner/Manager:** Public/Private  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** III  
**Development Priority:** III  
**Existing Improvements:** Unknown

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Study the trail to identify the best alignment. Address flooding issues through trail alignment, design, and management.
2. Acquire property for the trail from willing sellers if needed.
3. Construct the trail.

## **PACIFIC VIEW/WILLOW CREEK SUBAREA 8 (FIGURE C-PA-1H)**

### **(H-1) Russian River Water Trail III**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 100)

The Russian River Water Trail is a water-based route for non-motorized recreational boating that are anchored by land based launch sites, camping, and picnicking facilities. Water trails provide educational and scenic experiences and are designed to accommodate boaters of all ages and abilities. With an integrated system of facilities, 'trail' guides and access site informational signage, good water trail programs encourage minimum-impact use and emphasize stewardship of the aquatic ecosystems, and historical features.

**Owner/Manager:** Public/Private

**Status:** Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** III

**Development Priority:** III

**Existing Improvements:** Various

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Study the Russian River Water Trail to identify an integrated system of facilities and programs to promote increased safe and responsible public access to the Russian River.
2. See specific river access facility proposed improvements in this plan until a Russian River Water Trail Plan has been completed.

### **(H-2) Sonoma Coast State Park Unit**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 106)

The Pacific View Area consists primarily of coastal terrace lands west of State Highway 1. There are 10 day use access points providing trail access to the beach. The Kortum Trail provides lateral trail access along the coastal terrace.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** II

**Existing Improvements:** Day use parking lots, roadside turnouts, restrooms, and beach access trails; Wrights Beach Campground – 23 campsites, restroom, and day use beach access

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Implement projects identified in the Sonoma Coast State Park General Plan, including development of a reliable water source for public facilities at Wrights Beach.

**(H-3) Sonoma Coast State Park – Penny Island**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 105)

Penny Island is accessible only by water craft. The island contains remnants of dairy ranch buildings and is popular with day use explorers.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** I

**Existing Improvements:** Historic structures

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Designate Penny Island and the marsh at Goat Rock as a State Reserve or State Natural Reserve.
2. Stabilize and preserve the existing milking barn and install interpretive signing.

**(H-4) Sonoma Coast State Park – Russian River Access**

(2001 County LCP reference: #43, page 82)

The beach at the mouth of the Russian River is accessible from the Goat Rock parking area at Sonoma Coast State Park.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** None

**Existing Improvements:** 68 day use parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

### **(H-5) Sonoma Coast State Park – Goat Rock Ocean Access**

(2001 County LCP reference: #46, page 82)

Four coastal access trails are available from Goat Rock Road within the Goat Rock Beach Unit.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** 4 trails, restrooms, 110 parking spaces  
**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

### **(H-6) Sonoma Coast State Park – Blind Beach**

(2001 County LCP reference: #46, page 82)

A steep trail provides access to the ocean within the Goat Rock Beach Unit. The parking area is also the northern trailhead for the Kortum Trail.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** 0.25-mile trail, restrooms, 20 day use parking spaces  
**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

### **(H-7) California Coastal Trail: Bridgehaven to Carmet**

(2001 County LCP reference: #47, page 83; page 100; #56-58, page 107; 2020 County General Plan; SB 908; AB 1396)

The California Coastal Trail is partially developed through this subarea and includes the spectacular Kortum Trail from Blind Beach parking area to Wright's Beach. Recent upgrades to the Kortum Trail include boardwalks, bridges, gravel and asphalt surfacing to provide an accessible trail and to avoid damage to wetlands and coastal prairie. A new trailhead for the Kortum Trail was constructed at Wright's Beach.

**Owner/Manager:** Public  
**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** I  
**Development Priority:** I  
**Existing Improvements:** Kortum Trail, 3.8-mile trail, including 0.5 mile paved accessible trail, parking areas

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Modify the Russian River Bridge south of Jenner to provide safe pedestrian access for the Coastal Trail including a barrier or other separation between trail users and motorized vehicle traffic.
2. Study potential safe, off-road alignments for the Coastal Trail between Bridgehaven and the Kortum Trail including routes to the east and west of State Highway 1. If needed, acquire easements from willing sellers. Construct the trail.
3. Designate a portion of the Kortum Trail as the California Coastal Trail. Designate a route through the campground, across Wright’s Beach, and up the Duncan’s Landing Access Trail as the California Coastal Trail.
4. Study potential safe, off-road alignments for the Coastal Trail between Duncan’s Landing and Carmet including routes to the east and west of State Highway 1. If needed, acquire easements or fee title from willing sellers and collaborate with Caltrans Highway 1 Gleason Beach realignment project to develop the trail.

**(H-8) Bridgehaven Trailer Park – Boat Launch**

(2001 County LCP reference: #44, page 82)

Fee-based boat launching was available at the trailer park but is now available only to occupants of the trailer park.

**Owner/Manager:** Private  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** III  
**Development Priority:** III  
**Existing Improvements:** Boat launch

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Construct a new public access to the river beneath the bridge on Caltrans right-of-way if feasible.
2. Work with property owner to reestablish fee-based public use of the boat launch.
3. Pursue acquisition of an access easement to the river. Assess the need for related facilities at the time of dedication.



## **(H-9) Sonoma Coast State Park – Willow Creek Area**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 106)

The inland Willow Creek Area consists of the lower and a majority of the upper watershed of Willow Creek and portions of the watershed of Freezeout Creek. The total area is about 4800 acres. Only the lower area of these watersheds support developed facilities. Access to the area is provided in four locations - upper and lower Willow Creek Road, Freezeout Creek Access, and Coleman Valley Road Access.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	California State Parks
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	None
<b>Development Priority:</b>	I
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	Pomo Campground - 22 walk-in campsites; Willow Creek Environmental Campground – 12 campsites with river access; trailhead – 30 parking spaces and pit toilets; primitive roads serving as trail access; Willow Creek watershed – about 14 miles of trail; and administrative facility for maintenance

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Restore and expand the Willow Creek ranch buildings as a hostel, administrative facility, and/or environmental education facility. Development should reflect the historic character of the existing structures.
2. Continue negotiations with the owner of the property in the eastern portion of the Willow Creek watershed to acquire fee title and/or conservation easements for improved access and recreation opportunities.
3. Develop a roads and trail plan for Willow Creek to identify trailhead access points, and provide a recreational trails network linking Willow Creek to lands east, west, and south. Based on an approved roads and trails plan, identify and construct trail improvement projects.
4. Conduct watershed and stream restoration projects that include realigning, renovating, or removing problematic roads or other facilities identified as a significant source of sediment.

### **(H-10) Willow Creek Road Russian River Access**

(2001 County LCP reference: none)

Access to the Russian River is available from an informal launch site on the side of Willow Creek Road, near the borrow pit, approximately ¼ mile before the Willow Creek Environmental Campground access trail.

**Owner/Manager:** Sonoma County Transportation & Public Works/California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** I

**Existing Improvements:** Informal boat launch, roadside parking

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Provide improved parking, signage, and boat launching at this location.

### **(H-11) Willow Creek Environmental Campground - Russian River Access**

(2001 County LCP reference: #45, page 82)

Access to the Russian River is available from an access road that leads from Willow Creek Road to the walkway in the Willow Creek Environmental Campground.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** II

**Existing Improvements:** Hike or paddle-in environmental campground – 20 campsites with river access, 20 day use and overnight parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Explore the feasibility of additional environmental campsites in the meadow.

## **(H-12) Monte Rio – Willow Creek Trail**

(2010 Bikeways Plan Project #209)

The Monte Rio - Willow Creek Trail is a proposed Class I Bikeway to provide access between Monte Rio, the Russian River, and the Coast. Sonoma County Regional Parks and partners have received state funding and local funding to complete a feasibility study of a Class 1 Bikeway from Forestville to Highway 1 which includes this section in the Coastal Zone.

**Owner/Manager:** Public/Private

**Existing Status:** Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** III

**Development Priority:** III

**Existing Improvements:** Unknown

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Study the trail to identify the best alignment. Address flooding issues through trail alignment, design, and management.
2. Acquire property for the trail from willing sellers if needed.
3. Construct the trail.

## **(H-13) Sonoma Coast State Park – Dr. Joseph Memorial Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: none)

The Dr. Joseph Memorial Trail, also known as the Pomo Canyon Trail, connects the Pomo Campground to the Shell Beach parking area on State Highway 1. An additional 1.25-mile loop trail has been developed on the Red Hill property to the south.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** I

**Existing Improvements:** 3.5-mile trail

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Provide trail connections between the Dr. Joseph Memorial Trail and Red Hill Trail to Wright Hill Ranch Preserve.

### **(H-14) Wright Hill Ranch Preserve**

This 1,235-acre property was acquired from the Poff Family by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District in 2005 to provide resource protection and compatible recreation. It is bordered by Sonoma Coast State Park to the north and west. In 2017 the District adopted the Wright Hill Ranch Preserve Management Plan – Natural and Cultural Resources, which guides management decisions. The Management Plan does not include public access use or development.

**Owner/Manager:** County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District

**Status:** Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** I

**Existing Improvements:** Ranch roads, historic structures

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Transfer the property to Sonoma County Regional Parks or California State Parks to complete a management plan inclusive of public access in order to expand recreational opportunities, integrate public access with natural resource management goals, and provide for natural and historic interpretation.
2. Consider retaining agriculture for grassland management objectives.
3. Evaluate preservation and public access options for the historic cabin complex.
4. Reuse existing roads and/or construct trails within the property and to connect the property with Red Hill, Wrights Beach area, and other areas if feasible.

### **(H-15) Sonoma Coast State Park – Shell Beach**

(2001 County LCP reference: #48, page 83)

Shell Beach provides safe access to the shore. The Kortum Trail connects Shell Beach to the Blind Beach trailhead on the north and to the Wright's Beach area on the south. The parking area also serves as the trailhead for the Dr. Joseph Memorial Trail that connects to the Pomo Campground in Willow Creek.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** None

**Existing Improvements:** 7 miles of trail, restrooms, 40 vehicle parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Continue improvements on the connecting trails to protect wetlands, reduce erosion, and protect other sensitive areas.

**(H-16) Sonoma Coast State Park – Furlong Gulch**

(2001 County LCP reference: #49, page 83)

This property was proposed for subdivision in the late 1970s, but was acquired by California State Parks and added to the State Park. A paved road, Grille Way, was developed prior to the acquisition and now provides access to the Kortum Trail at the northern and southern ends of the site.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** III

**Existing Improvements:** day use parking

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Construct restrooms.

**(H-17) Sonoma Coast State Park – Carlevaro Way**

(2001 County LCP reference: None)

This property was proposed for subdivision in the late 1970s, but was acquired by the State Department of Parks and Recreation and added to the State Park. A paved road, Carlevaro Way, was developed prior to the acquisition and now provides access to the Kortum Trail at the northern and southern ends of the site.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** None

**Existing Improvements:** Day use parking

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

## **(H-18) Sonoma Coast State Park – Wright’s Beach**

(2001 County LCP reference: #50, pages 83-84)

Wright’s Beach contains the only public campground on the coast between the Russian River and the Bodega Dunes and as such is a major use area. An accessible trail with parking has been developed adjacent to Wright’s Beach on the southern end of the Kortum Trail.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** I  
**Existing Improvements:** Trail, restroom, day use parking

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Designate a route for the California Coastal Trail through Wright’s Beach Campground to connect the Kortum Trail with the beach. Separate pedestrians from motorized vehicles to the extent feasible. Provide signage.

## **(H-19) Sonoma Coast State Park – Duncan’s Landing**

(2001 County LCP reference: #51, page 84)

Duncan’s Landing is a peninsula with a loop road that provides views to Death Rock, and to the north and south. A trail provides access to Wright’s Beach to the north.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** Trail, restroom, 45 day use parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

## **(H-20) Sonoma Coast State Park – Duncan’s Cove**

(2001 County LCP reference: #52, page 84)

Duncan’s Cove is on the south side of Duncan’s Landing. There are two trails to the cove, the primary trail begins at the Duncan’s Cove parking lot and the secondary trail begins at the Duncan’s Landing parking lot.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** 2 trails, 25 day use parking spaces  
**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

### **(H-21) Sonoma Coast State Park – Rock Point**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 161)

This blufftop parking area adjacent to State Highway 1 has two turnouts that provide visual access to the shoreline.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** Picnic table, 15 day use parking spaces  
**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

### **(H-22) Sonoma Coast State Park – Gleason Beach Vista**

(2001 County LCP reference: #53, page 84)

This bluff top vista provides visual access to the shoreline and parking.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** 10 day use parking spaces  
**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Maintain access and parking at the Gleason Beach vista point. Provide for no net loss of existing facilities during the realignment of State Highway 1 through this area.

## **(H-23) Sonoma Coast State Park – Scotty’s Creek – Gleason Beach Access**

(2001 County LCP reference: #54, page 84)

This access point to Gleason Beach is where the sandy beach reaches State Highway 1 at Scotty’s Creek. Caltrans is pursuing relocating Highway 1 due to bluff failure. An agreement between Caltrans, Coastal Commission, and the County is being negotiated.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Sonoma County Regional Parks
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	I
<b>Development Priority:</b>	I
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	Informal roadside parking for 20 vehicles. Caltrans constructing permanent parking improvements and California Coastal Trail segment.

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Require Caltrans to provide off-road continuous Coastal Trail access to the north and south of the project limits, parking, and sufficient provisions for future modifications that may be needed due to sea level rise and additional bluff retreat.
2. Provide universal access to the beach to the degree feasible.
3. Evaluate additional potential adjacent acquisitions to either mitigate the impacts of the highway relocation or to enhance the public access at Scotty Creek Gleason Beach Access. Acquisitions could support additional parking, a restroom, vistas, removal of debris and other benefits.

## **(H-24) Sonoma Coast State Park – Scotty’s Creek Vista Point**

This is an existing bluff-top turnout between Scotty’s Creek and Calle de Sol subdivision that provides visual access north to Scotty’s Creek and Gleason Beach and south towards North Portuguese Beach.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	California State Parks
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	I
<b>Development Priority:</b>	I
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	8 day use parking spaces

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**



1. Install signage identifying the boundary between the existing State Park lands and the adjacent residence.
2. Evaluate acquisition opportunities to expand or enhance public access at the Gleason Beach area and to restore the bluff to its natural condition.

### **(H-25) Sonoma Coast State Park – North Portuguese Beach**

(2001 County LCP reference: #55, page 85)

This access point consists of two coastal access trails and parking areas.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** Two trails, 12 day use parking spaces in two areas  
**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

### **(H-26) Sonoma Coast State Park – Portuguese Beach**

(2001 County LCP reference: #55, page 85)

This is a major access point to a large sandy beach.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** Trail, 68 day use parking spaces  
**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

## **BODEGA BAY SUBAREA 9 (FIGURES C-PA-1I AND C-PA-1J)**

### **(I-1) Sonoma Coast State Park Unit**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 106)

The Sonoma Coast State Park spans most of the coastline of this SubArea, including Bodega Dunes Campground and day use areas and Bodega Head. Additional recreation facilities provided by the County include Doran Park and Spud Point Marina.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	California State Parks
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	II
<b>Development Priority:</b>	I
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	98 campsites; about 9 miles of trail, including an all access loop trail around Bodega Head; coastal access; 40 day use parking spaces; restrooms

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Encourage development of a multi-agency visitor center in the vicinity of Salmon Creek, Bodega Bay, or the Bodega Dunes Campground.
2. Encourage development of a nature trail west of State Highway 1 at the Salmon Creek Marsh.
3. Develop the California Coastal Trail from Keefe Avenue to Bay Flat Road.
4. Encourage partnerships with the U.C. Davis Bodega Bay Marine Lab and local conservation organizations in the restoration and management of natural dunes systems.
5. Develop concession agreements for the operation of equestrian trail rides.
6. Develop a planning and feasibility analysis for acquisition needs and route planning for completion of missing segments of the California Coastal Trail.

### **(I-2) California Coastal Trail – Carmet to Salmon Creek**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 100 & #56-58, page 107; 2020 County General Plan; SB 908; AB 1396)

The California Coastal Trail is unidentified from Carmet to Marshall Gulch, with steep cliffs preventing continuous access, and residential development complicating bluff access. From Marshall Gulch, the Coastal Trail route heads east of State Highway 1 onto the Carrington Ranch Preserve, currently owned by the Sonoma County Agricultural

Preservation & Open Space District. The proposed Coastal Trail crosses Salmon Creek at the highway bridge.

**Owner/Manager:** State, To Be Determined

**Status:** Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** I

**Development Priority:** I

**Existing Improvements:** None

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Study the feasibility of connecting Carmet with Marshall Gulch. Routes west and east of Highway 1 should be evaluated. Acquire property from willing sellers if needed.
2. Develop the Coastal Trail from Marshall Gulch to the Salmon Creek State Highway 1 bridge as illustrated in the Carrington Ranch Immediate Public Use Facilities Plan completed by California State Parks or successor plan.
3. Develop a trail separated from motorized vehicles across the Salmon Creek State Highway 1 Bridge.

**(I-3) Sonoma Coast State Park – Schoolhouse Beach**

(2001 County LCP reference: # 56, page 85 and #11, page 161)

This is a major access point to a large sandy beach towards the north end of Carmet.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** None

**Existing Improvements:** Trail, 79 day use parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

**(I-4) Sonoma Coast State Park – North and South Carmet Beach**

(2001 County LCP reference: #10, page 160)

This access point consists of one large parking turnout that serves two trails to two sandy beaches at the south end of Carmet.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** 2 trails, 57 day use parking spaces  
**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

### **(I-5) Sonoma Coast State Park – Marshall Gulch**

(2001 County LCP reference: #9, page 160)

This access point consists of a short trail to a beach.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** Trail, 8 day use parking spaces  
**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

### **(I-6) Carrington Ranch**

(2001 County LCP reference: None)

The Carrington Ranch was acquired by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District for transfer to California State Parks as an addition to Sonoma Coast State Park. The 330-acre property contains a historic ranch house and out buildings and is located entirely east of Highway 1. Coleman Valley Road bisects the property and provides access to the north and south. California State Parks incorporated the Carrington Ranch into the Sonoma Coast State Park General Plan and subsequently prepared a focused plan to provide public use and guidance for stabilization of historic structures. However, California State Parks is unable to accept the property, and Sonoma County Regional Parks will accept the property and will update and implement the Carrington Ranch Immediate Public Use Plan.

**Owner/Manager:** Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District/Sonoma County Regional Parks  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** I

**Existing Improvements:** Historic Building, informal parking areas

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Update and implement the Carrington Property Immediate Public Use Plan, including stabilizing historic structures, two parking areas with a total of 30 spaces, access improvements, restrooms, 3 miles of trail, picnic sites, and caretaker residence improvements.
2. Develop the California Coastal Trail from Marshall Gulch to Salmon Creek Bridge, as generally illustrated in the Carrington Ranch Immediate Public Use Plan.
3. Develop trail connections to properties to the east via trail easements and as conservation easements permit.
4. Complete and implement a Master Plan when resources allow.

**(I-7) Sonoma Coast State Park – Arched Rock Vista**

(2001 County LCP reference: #56, page 85)

This turnout on State Highway 1 immediately to the north of Coleman Valley Road provides spectacular views of Arched Rock and other sea stacks. There is currently no access to Arched Rock Beach from the Arched Rock Vista parking area.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** Trail, 34 day use parking spaces  
**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

**(I-8) Sonoma Coast State Park – Coleman Beach**

(2001 County LCP reference: #56, page 85)

This turnout on Highway 1 immediately south of Coleman Valley Road provides spectacular views of Arched Rock and other sea stacks. The access to Coleman Beach washed out preventing access from the parking area.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** II

**Existing Improvements:** Trail, 26 day use parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Restore access to Coleman Beach if determined to be feasible.

**(I-9) Sonoma Coast State Park – Miwok Beach**

(2001 County LCP reference: #56, page 85)

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** None

**Existing Improvements:** Trail, 5 day use parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

**(I-10) Sonoma Coast State Park – No-Name Beach**

(2001 County LCP reference: #56, page 85)

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** None

**Existing Improvements:** Trail, day use parking

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

**(I-11) Sonoma Coast State Park – Rabbit Ears Beach**

(2001 County LCP reference: #56, page 85)

Two sea stacks appear as rabbit ears when viewed from this parking area.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** None

**Existing Improvements:** Trail, 5 day use parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

### **(I-12) Sonoma Coast State Park – North Salmon Creek Beach**

(2001 County LCP reference: #56, page 85)

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** Trail, 40 day use parking spaces  
**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

### **(I-13) Sonoma Coast State Park – Bodega Bay to Sebastopol Trail**

(2003 Draft County ORP: Trail AA)

This proposed trail begins at Bodega Bay by Salmon Creek and ends at the West County Trail, north of Sebastopol. The trail connects Bodega Bay, Salmon Creek Beach, Carrington Ranch and other trail easements and the West County Trail north of Sebastopol. The existing West County Trail continues south into Sebastopol. The western portion of this proposed trail is in the Coastal Zone.

**Owner/Manager:** Public / Private  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** II  
**Development Priority:** III  
**Existing Improvements:** None

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Study the feasibility of trail alignments between existing trail easements, and public road right of way, and Sebastopol.
2. If feasible, develop offer-to-dedicate trail easements after public parking at Carrington Ranch has been established.

### **(I-14) Salmon Creek Trail**

(2003 Draft County ORP: Trail BG)

This proposed trail begins at the Pacific Ocean and ends at Occidental. The portion of the alignment in the Coastal Zone is unidentified. The portion of the Salmon Creek Trail from Bodega to Occidental is proposed as a Class I Bikeway, Project 207 in the Sonoma County Bikeways Plan.

**Owner/Manager:** Private  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** III  
**Development Priority:** III  
**Existing Improvements:** Unknown

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Study the feasibility to identify the most appropriate alignment. If needed, acquire easements or fee title from willing sellers. Develop trail.

**(I-15) California Coastal Trail: Salmon Creek to Bodega Harbor Subdivision**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 100 & #56-58, page 107; 2020 County General Plan; SB 908; AB 1396)

The California Coastal Trail is a braided trail through this area and consists of two routes serving two purposes. The coastal route follows the western side of the Bodega peninsula and along Doran Beach. This route provides a coastal experience through State and County parkland to pedestrians, equestrians, and partially to bicyclists. The inland route generally parallels State Highway 1 along boardwalks, Class I Bikeways, and multiple use trails. This route connects the community and provides an important transportation corridor. The inland route the Class I segments of the Bodega Bay Pedestrian & Bicycle Trail. From Salmon Creek, the western route includes South Salmon Creek Beach, Bodega Dunes Trail (Lower/Upper?), Bodega Marine Life Refuge, Bodega Head Loop Trail and Doran Beach.

**Owner/Manager:** Public/Private  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** See Table C-PA-1 below  
**Development Priority:** See Table C-PA-1 below  
**Existing Improvements:** None

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Modify the Salmon Creek Bridge to provide safe pedestrian access including a barrier or other separation between trail users and motorized vehicle traffic on the eastern side to connect with the Coastal Trail on the Carrington Ranch addition to the State Park. Cross Highway 1 to the south of Salmon Creek and connect with the Bodega Bay Pedestrian & Bicycle Trail.



2. The following Class I Bikeway segments in the Bodega Bay Pedestrian & Bicycle Trail Study are designated as the California Coastal Trail: 1B, 1C, 2B, 3A, 3B-2, 3D-1, 3D-2, 5B, 6B, 6C, I, and J. Acquire and develop the designated California Coastal Trail segments of the Bodega Bay Pedestrian & Bicycle Trail Plan according to the priorities identified in the Bikeways Plan.
3. Designate the existing Lower Dunes Trail, the Overlook Trail, and the Bodega Head Trail as the California Coastal Trail.
4. Develop a trail from the Bodega Head Loop Trail to Campbell Cove to separate hikers from motorized traffic.
5. Study the feasibility of providing a water taxi from Campbell Cove to Doran Regional Park and pursue if feasible to connect the Class I Bikeway on Doran (section I and J).
6. Install the California Coastal Trail signage along all designated sections.

**Table C-PA-1: Segments of the Bodega Bay Bicycle & Pedestrian Trail Plan Which Are Part of the California Coastal Trail**

North to South	Sonoma Co. Bikeways Plan Project #	Bodega Bay Pedestrian & Bicycle Trail Plan Segment	Acquisition Priority	Development Priority	Notes
1	None	None	I	I	Salmon Creek Bridge Pedestrian Upgrade
2	None	None	I	I	Inland Route East of Highway 1, crosses Highway to join 1B
3	197f	1B, 1C, 2B	I	I	Inland Route. 1B and 1C are Existing.
4	197e	3A, 3B-2	I	I	Inland Route. Only the portion north of Porto Bodega SFC of 3A is designated California Coastal Trail
5	197g	3D-1, 3D-2	I	I	Inland Route
6	197c	5B, 6B	I	I	Inland Route
7	197c	6C	Existing	Existing	Inland Route
8	197a	I, J	None	II	Coastal Route

## **(I-16) Sonoma Coast State Park – South Salmon Creek Beach**

(2001 County LCP reference: #57, page 85)

South Salmon Creek is one of the most important and heavily used beach access points on the Sonoma County Coast. Existing parking for 20 cars is inadequate, and roadside parking is incompatible with residential uses. Heavy use of the area has damaged and destabilized the dunes such that the parking area has periodically been covered by drifting sand. California State Parks has undertaken a dune stabilization and revegetation project in selected areas, for which temporary closure of the parking area was necessary. Closure of the parking area may be necessary in the future for revegetation and dune stabilization.

The South Salmon Creek parking lot is usually inadequate on weekends, and overflow parking ends up on Bean Avenue, the road that provides access to the parking lot; and on private roads in the Salmon Creek Subdivision. Access along these narrow roads is very constrained.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	California State Parks
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	None
<b>Development Priority:</b>	II
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	40 day use parking spaces

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Continue revegetation and dune stabilization.
2. Parking improvements for South Salmon Creek Beach identified by California State Parks include: 1) expanding the South Salmon Creek parking lot; 2) constructing new parking lots further south along State Highway 1 and developing an alternative access to those lots; 3) moving the California State Parks headquarters and using that area for parking and beach access; and 4) providing signs at both the Bean Avenue entrance to the South Salmon Creek parking lot and at the entrance to the Dunes Campground directing vehicles to an existing parking lot at the Dunes kiosk for overflow parking.

## **(I-17) Sonoma Coast State Park – Bodega Dunes Campground**

(2001 County LCP reference: #58, page 85)

Direct access to the beach is available from several areas of the Bodega Dunes Campground.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** 98 campsites, restrooms, showers, RV dump station

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Acquire the five parcels near the Roppolo Well to protect the dunes from development.
2. Consider providing a hostel or other alternative overnight facilities to serve the South Coast.

**(I-18) Bodega Coastal Prairie Trail Property**

(2001 County LCP reference: None)

This 34-acre property hosts the multi-purpose community center building, the Nicholas Green Bell Tower, and trails. Community groups lease the community center building for various activities, and the parking area is used for a farmer’s market. The first of several phases of the Community Center has been developed.

**Owner/Manager:** County  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** II  
**Existing Improvements:** Community center, memorial sculpture, 0.5-mile trail, day use parking

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Extend the Coastal Prairie Trail, a segment of the Bodega Bay Pedestrian & Bike Trail and the California Coastal Trail, to Bayflat Road.
2. Study the feasibility of using the area with the building and access road for expanded recreational and/or educational purposes. Address Caltrans’ egress safety concerns and pursue them if feasible.
3. Consider additional trail connections across the property and interpretive features.

## **(I-19) Bodega Marine Reserve and Laboratory**

(2001 County LCP reference: #59, page 85)

The 362-acre Bodega Marine Reserve and Laboratory are owned by the University of California Davis and has limited public access. The Overlook Trail is a public pedestrian trail that traverses the Reserve and provides views of Horseshoe Cove. The trail connects with the Osprey Trail in the southern portion of the South Salmon Creek Beach and Bodega Dunes area. Although the remainder of the Reserve is closed to the public due to ongoing research, the University provides facility tours on a weekly basis and for special events.

**Owner/Manager:** University of California at Davis  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** None  
**Existing Improvements:** 0.8-mile trail  
**Proposed Improvements and Programs:** None

## **(I-20) Sonoma Coast State Park – Bodega Head**

(2001 County LCP reference: #60, page 86)

Bodega Head is a heavily used area for hiking, sunset viewing, photography, fishing, and other ocean-based activities. The Overlook Trail extends from this site across the dunes to the Bodega Dunes Campground.

**Owner/Manager:** California State Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** III  
**Existing Improvements:** 2.1 miles of trail, restrooms, day use parking areas  
**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Limit recreational development to passive day use activities to minimize conflicts with the Bodega Marine Reserve. Limit development to improving existing parking areas, restrooms, trails, and picnic facilities.
2. Develop an off-road trail from the existing Overlook Trail to Campbell Cove to provide a safe connection for the California Coastal Trail.

## **(I-21) Sonoma Coast State Park – Campbell Cove**

(2001 County LCP reference: None)

Campbell Cove is on the north side of Bodega Head at the entrance to Bodega Harbor and is popular with fishermen, sightseers, bird watchers, and other visitors. Campbell Cove was the site of “The Hole in the Head” where Pacific Gas and Electric Company started to excavate for a nuclear power plant in the 1950s.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	California State Parks
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	None
<b>Development Priority:</b>	III
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	Interpretive signage, trail/boardwalk, picnic tables, day use parking

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Connect Campbell Cove and Bodega Head by an off-road trail.
2. Enhance the site’s accessibility, visitor amenities, interpretative signage, and resource protection.

## **(I-22) Westside Regional Park**

(2001 County LCP reference: #61, page 86)

Located on the west side of Bodega Harbor, Westside Regional Park provides camping and harbor access. In 2006 Regional Parks completed the connection of the restrooms to public sewer. In 2016 Regional Parks completed the renovation and expansion of the boat launching facilities, including 3 lane launch, docks, ADA kayak launch, fish cleaning station, and accessibility upgrades.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Sonoma County Regional Parks
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	None
<b>Development Priority:</b>	II
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	47 campsites, day use picnic area, fish cleaning station, boat rinsing station, RV dump station, 76 boat trailer spaces, and 31 day use parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Renovate the campground to improved experience, functionality, sustainability, and aesthetics.
2. Connect the park's boat washing facility and fish cleaning station to either a holding tank or public sewer.
3. Construct a trail separated from the road from Westside Regional Park south to West Side Trail at Sonoma Coast State Park to connect the campground to the greater trail system.

**(I-23) Spud Point Marina**

(2001 County LCP reference: pages 117-123 and #5 & #7, page 123)

Spud Point Marina was developed by the County in 1986 to accommodate commercial and recreational fishermen. A pier allows public access to view the bay as well as access to the harbor. Slips can accommodate boats up to 148 feet in length. The decline of the fishing industry and other factors has impacted the financial stability of the facility.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Sonoma County Regional Parks
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	None
<b>Development Priority:</b>	I
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	Marina, 244 slips with electrical service, fuel dock, laundry facilities, waste pump-out station, restrooms, showers, fishing pier, parking area

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Complete disabled access improvements to the berths and gangways.
2. Develop a master plan for the Marina and immediate environment to maximize public use for commercial and recreational fishing and boating related activities and provides for stable finances.

**(I-24) Mason's Marina**

(2001 County LCP reference: None)

Mason's Marina is owned by the County and was leased to a private marina operator since the 1960s. The lease expired in 2012, and the County resumed management. The marina needs extensive repairs to the docks, buildings, restrooms, wharfs/ piers and other facilities. Recently completed reports inventory the necessary repairs and the shift

from a commercial focus to a mixed use focus of commercial, recreational, and educational uses.

**Owner/Manager:** Sonoma County General Services / Sonoma County Regional Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** I

**Existing Improvements:** Marina, 120 slips, electrical service, fuel dock, restrooms, showers, dry storage, parking area

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Complete disabled access improvements to the berths and gangways.
2. Complete a feasibility study for the Marina and immediate environment to study the potential to support appropriate commercial, educational, and recreational fishing and boating related activities. If feasible, obtain funding and implement the plan.

**(I-25) Bodega Bay Sport Fishing Center**

(2001 County LCP reference: none)

The County enters into a license agreement with sport fishing boat operators to allow them use the Bodega Bay Sport Fishing Center for party boats for fishing, whale watching, pelagic bird watching, and sightseeing.

**Owner/Manager:** Sonoma County General Services / Sonoma County Regional Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** I

**Existing Improvements:** Dock, berths, parking area

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Complete disabled access renovations of the Parking, gangway consistent with the County wide ADA Transition plan.
2. Maintain the breakwater, pontoons, and gangways.
3. Consider paving parking lot to delineate spaces for safety and to accommodate use levels.
4. Consider moving the Sport Fishing Center activities to Mason's Marina to improve the amenities, accessibility, and consolidate the management of the County's

marinas. Evaluate coastal dependent reuse options for the tidelands lease area now occupied for the Sport Fishing Center.

### **(I-26) Taylor Tract Trail**

(2010 Bikeways Plan & Bodega Bay Pedestrian & Bicycle Trail: south portion of Trail 3A & 3B-1)

This Class I Bikeway follows the one-way portion of Bay Flat Road and provides an important connection between the businesses on State Highway 1 with the residences, businesses, Porto Bodega Sport Fishing Center, and the California Coastal Trail. This route begins at the intersection of Bay Flat Road and East Shore Road and continues to Taylor Street. This is the southern half of segment 3A and all of 3B-1 in the Bodega Bay Pedestrian & Bicycle Trail Plan or Projects 197E in the Bikeways Plan.

In 1984 a landslide removed Bay Flat Road's western travel lane and the remaining lane was designated as a one-way road. This proposed Class I Bikeway is contingent upon repairing and stabilizing the slope and may require retaining walls and other measures.

**Owner/Manager:** Public

**Status:** Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** I

**Development Priority:** I

**Existing Improvements:** None

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Acquire easements if needed.
2. Construct Class I trail including retaining walls, safety barriers, switchbacks, and other measures necessary to provide safe access.

### **(I-27) Central Bodega Bay Commercial Access**

(2001 County LCP reference: #62, page 86)

Existing commercial uses such as The Tides, Lucas Wharf, and Diekmann's Store provide physical and visual access to the harbor. The Coastal Conservancy purchased other parcels in the town to prohibit development, and these parcels also provide visual access. The proposed Bodega Bay Pedestrian & Bicycle Trail alignment is proposed through along the Central Bodega Bay Commercial area. Additional access opportunities may be possible.

**Owner/Manager:** Public / Private



**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** III  
**Existing Improvements:** Boardwalks, parking areas

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Require that permits for expansion of existing uses, changing existing uses, establishment of new uses, and renewal of tideland leases with the County include a condition of approval for providing public access to Bodega Harbor, including the Proposed Improvements and Programs of the Bodega Bay Pedestrian & Bicycle Trails Plan.

**(I-28) Bodega Harbor Yacht Club**

(2001 County LCP reference: #63, page 86 and #9, page 123)

The Bodega Harbor Homeowners' Association leases the Yacht Club property from the County. The permit to operate should include provisions for public access to the parking area and pier. The Yacht Club is considered one of the best wind-sailing launch sites for Bodega Harbor, however closed gates and private signage prevents public access to Bodega Harbor at this county facility.

**Owner/Manager:** Public  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** II  
**Existing Improvements:** Boat launch, day use parking area

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. The County should work with the tenants to improve public access to the parking area and pier. Install signage notifying the public of access to Bodega Harbor.

**(I-29) Birdwalk Coastal Access Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: #64, page 86)

The property previously known as the Old Airport Site has been used as a disposal site for dredge spoils. The Birdwalk Coastal Access Trail was constructed on the reclaimed perimeter berm of the disposal site, on the eastern side of Bodega Harbor. The site is still available for dredge spoil disposal and a 2003 Army Corps of Engineer Study identified the capacity of approximately 100,000 cubic yards.

In 2008 Regional Parks constructed a section of the California Coastal Trail from Birdwalk Coastal Access to Doran Regional Park over Cheney Gulch. The Bodega Bay Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan identified continuing the Coastal Trail from the levee to Smith Brothers Road and beyond (Project #197c, 6B).

**Owner/Manager:** Sonoma County Regional Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** I  
**Existing Improvements:** 1.2-mile trail, picnic tables, restroom, 10 day use parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Reclaim and revegetate the site when the disposal of dredge spoils is complete.
2. Construct a Class I Bikeway from the north property boundary of the Birdwalk Coastal Access property to the existing levee trail on the levee, approximately 0.3 miles.

**(I-30) Doran Beach Regional Park**

(2001 County LCP reference: #66, page 69; #65, page 86; page 93; page 100; page 103; #54-55, page 107)

Doran County Park provides public access to Doran Beach, Doran Pond, Bodega Harbor, and Bodega Bay. Boat launching, clamming, crabbing, fishing, diving, picnicking, nature observation, bird watching, and surfing are all popular activities at this heavily used park. The Bodega Bay Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan identified a Class I Bikeway along the length of the park (Project #197a, Sections I, J).

**Owner/Manager:** Sonoma County Regional Parks  
**Status:** Existing  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** II  
**Existing Improvements:** 323 day use parking spaces, 138 camp sites, 1 group camp sites, 3 restrooms with showers, 4 restrooms without showers, boat launch with dock, fish cleaning station, RV dump station, boardwalk, monuments, other amenities.

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Develop a restroom by the Gull and Shell Camp areas.
2. Develop an accessible ramp to the beach at the Jetty Day Use Area.
3. Complete boat launch improvements which include a new floating dock, accessibility upgrades, and armoring.
4. Study replacing pit toilets with new restrooms to improve water quality and accessibility.
5. Expand boardwalk, interpretive displays, and native dune grass restoration.
6. Study expanded day use parking.
7. Construct a Class I Bikeway along the length of the park.
8. Complete accessibility upgrades consistent with the County Transition Plan.
9. Develop a small visitor center to better provide visitor information and services.

**(I-31) Links at Bodega Harbour Golf Course**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 108)

Designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr., the Links at Bodega Harbour Golf Course is an 18-hole golf course with clubhouse and other facilities available to owners of property in the Bodega Harbour Subdivision. The back nine greens were opened in 1978, and the front nine greens were added in 1987. Renovations to the golf course were completed in 2008, in which over 96 bunkers were re-constructed and bentgrass was installed on all 18 greens. In 2012 the pro shop was moved outside the clubhouse to the opposite end of the parking lot.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Private
<b>Status:</b>	Existing
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	None
<b>Development Priority:</b>	III
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	18-hole golf course, clubhouse, pro shop, golf warm-up facility, swimming pool, tennis courts, 89 parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Expand and upgrade the clubhouse and parking.
2. Construct a building for parking golf carts.

## **(I-32) California Coastal Trail: Bodega Harbor Subdivision to Marin County**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 100 and #56-58, page 107; 2020 County General Plan; SB 908; AB 1396)

The California Coastal Trail is a braided trail through this area and consists of two primary routes. The coastal and inland routes of the California Coastal Trail from Bodega Harbor to Marin County are intertwined with both the Bodega Bay and Valley Ford SubAreas.

The coastal route follows the shoreline of the Bodega Harbor subdivision from Doran Regional Park to the Marin County line at the Estero Americano. This pedestrian only route is limited to use during low tides, although portions can be accessed anytime from Doran Beach, Pinnacle Gulch Trail, and Short Tail Gulch Trail.

The inland route generally follows Highway 1 and Valley Ford Estero Road from the entrance of the Bodega Harbor subdivision to the Marin County line. Highway 1 is very steep through this area.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Public/Private
<b>Status:</b>	Proposed
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	I
<b>Development Priority:</b>	I
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	See individual access points

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Study the long-term inland route alignment to provide a multi-use trail connecting Bodega Harbor with Marin County.
2. Designate the Highway 1 right-of-way as an alternative trail route until a continuous alignment consistent with Coastal Commission siting goals can be identified. Work with Caltrans to improve pedestrian and bicycle access.
3. Work with Marin County and other partners to connect the coastal route in Marin County.
4. Provide improved signage to existing Pinnacle Gulch and Short Trail Gulch Trails.

### **(I-33) Pinnacle Gulch Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: #66, page 86)

Dedicating and developing a coastal access trail along Pinnacle Gulch was required as a condition of approval of the Bodega Harbor Subdivision. The narrow access easement has experienced numerous landslides.

**Owner/Manager:** Sonoma County Regional Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** None

**Existing Improvements:** 0.5-mile trail, restrooms, 18 day use parking spaces

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Maintain the trail and improve eroded sections.
2. If erosion persists, study options of relocating easements to more stable land.

### **(I-34) Short-Tail Gulch Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: #67, page 87)

An Offer of Dedication of a coastal access trail at the southern end of Bodega Harbor along Short-Tail Gulch was required as a condition of approval for the Bodega Harbour Subdivision. The trail was developed from Osprey Drive to the beach, which is less than a mile north of the mouth of the Estero Americano. Parking is available approximately ½ mile away at Pinnacle Gulch as well as on the public streets near the Short-Tail Gulch trailhead located approximately 150 feet north of the intersection of Osprey Drive and Owl Court. It is possible to walk along the beach from the Estero Americano to Doran Beach at low tide. (REGIONAL PARKS REVISED)

**Owner/Manager:** Sonoma County Regional Parks

**Status:** Existing

**Acquisition Priority:** None

**Development Priority:** I

**Existing Improvements:** 0.5-mile trail

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Provide improved directional signage indicating public access trail and public parking locations from Highway 1 to Short Tail Gulch trailhead.

## **(I-34) Estero Ranch**

(2001 County LCP reference: none)

In 2015 The Wildlands Conservancy acquired a 547-acre preserve at the mouth of the Estero Americano and ocean. The acquisition secured a conservation easement that included public funding and the requirement for public access. Road access is limited by easement restrictions that prohibit public use of Estero Lane, which is the only road connecting Estero Ranch to the public road network. Trail access is either via the California Coastal Trail segment between Bodega Harbour and the mouth of the Estero Americano running along the Pacific Ocean. Future trail access may connect Short-Tail Gulch Trail to Estero Ranch. A management plan under development will balance appropriate public access to the bluff, estuary, and coast with ecological protection.

**Owner/Manager:** Private  
**Status:** Proposed  
**Acquisition Priority:** None  
**Development Priority:** I

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Plan and develop appropriate public access, education, and research compatible with the site's fragile ecosystem.
2. Maintain agriculture and related infrastructure on the preserve to support grassland health.

## **VALLEY FORD SUBAREA 10 (FIGURE C-PA-1K)**

### **(K-1) California Coastal Trail: Bodega Harbor Subdivision to Marin County**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 100 & #56-58, page 107; 2020 County General Plan; SB 908; AB 1396

The California Coastal Trail is a braided trail through this area and consists of two primary routes. The coastal and inland routes of the California Coastal Trail from Bodega Harbor to Marin County are intertwined with both the Bodega Bay and Valley Ford SubAreas.

The coastal route follows the shoreline of the Bodega Harbor subdivision from Doran Regional Park to the Marin County line at the Estero Americano. This pedestrian only route is limited to use during low tides, although portions can be accessed anytime from Doran Beach, Pinnacle Gulch Trail, and Short Tail Gulch Trail. The 2016 acquisition of the Estero Ranch by The Wildlands Conservancy may support additional Coastal Trail routes. The inland route generally follows Highway 1 and Valley Ford Estero Road from the entrance of the Bodega Harbor subdivision to the Marin County line. Highway 1 is very steep through this area and bicyclists have trouble negotiating the severe grades.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Public
<b>Status:</b>	Proposed
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	I
<b>Development Priority:</b>	I
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	See individual access points

#### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Study the long-term inland route alignment to provide a multi-use trail connecting Bodega Harbor with Marin County.
2. Designate the Highway 1 right-of-way as an alternative trail route until a continuous alignment consistent with Coastal Commission siting goals can be identified. Work with Caltrans to improve pedestrian and bicycle access.
3. Work with Marin County and other partners to connect the Coastal Trail in Marin County.
4. Provide improved signage to Pinnacle Gulch and Short Trail Gulch Trails.

## **(K-2) Estero Americano Preserve**

(2001 County LCP reference: #68, page 88)

The Sonoma Land Trust owns a 127 acre preserve off Estero Lane that provides limited guided hikes and limited guided canoe/kayak access to the Estero Americano. Access is only through infrequent scheduled guided outings available to the public. Road access is limited by easement restrictions that prohibit public use of Estero Lane, which is the only road connecting Estero Americano Preserve to the public road network. The preserve hosts a variety of research projects on water, wildlife, and coastal grassland management. School groups occasionally visit the Preserve to learn about the unique and fragile ecosystem of the Estero Americano.

The Sonoma Land Trust identified additional property in the lower half of the Estero as a "Secondary Conservation Target" for protecting the watershed, biotic resources, and visual access to the ocean in its November 1999 *Sonoma County Coastal Parcel Study*.

<b>Owner/Manager:</b>	Private
<b>Status:</b>	Proposed
<b>Acquisition Priority:</b>	III
<b>Development Priority:</b>	III
<b>Existing Improvements:</b>	20 informal parking spaces

### **Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Encourage additional low-impact support facilities to enhance nature education and interpretation.
2. Work with adjacent landowners to allow public to access the Estero American Preserve using Estero Lane.
3. Pursue acquisition of additional conservation and/or access easements to the Estero Americano from willing sellers.
4. Maintain agriculture and related infrastructure on the preserve to maximize grassland health and address fuel load management.

## **(K-3) Estero Americano Water Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: page 119)

The Estero Americano is a navigable waterway for at least six miles and as such, the areas below mean high tide are legally available to the public. From Valley Ford Estero Road to the Pacific Ocean, the Estero Americano is part of the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary. The waterway has become popular with paddlers, including



bird watchers and hunters because of the exceptional scenic and wildlife attributes. There is no developed access facility, and currently there is no identified agency that manages public access at the Estero Americano. As recreational use levels have risen, conflicts between adjacent property owners and people paddling on the Estero Americano have increased, demonstrating a need for public agency management of access and use of the Estero Americano. Public access is currently restricted to the mouth of the Estero via public trust lands at the Pacific Ocean outfall.

**Owner/Manager:** Public / Private

**Status:** Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** III

**Development Priority:** III

**Existing Improvements:** None

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Create a maximum public access plan that manages the existing right to access the navigable waterway and protects the Estero and private property. The plan should protect the sensitive natural resources from overuse and prevent visitor impacts to private property and agricultural operations.

**(K-4) Estero Trail**

(2001 County LCP reference: none)

The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District acquired a conservation easement and trail easement over the Bordessa Ranch, which remains in private ownership. The State Coastal Conservancy required a trail access plan be developed as part of the easement acquisition.

**Owner/Manager:** Public / Private

**Status:** Proposed

**Acquisition Priority:** Easement Acquired

**Development Priority:** II

**Proposed Improvements and Programs:**

1. Complete the trail plan, including locating trails and parking areas consistent with the recorded easements.
2. Implement the plan in phases to allow adaptive management techniques to be fine-tuned to prevent impacts to grazing and natural resources.