

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES
(Action Items Displayed in Italics)
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024 — 6:00 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Gabbard.

II. ROLL CALL

Chair Shawver and Commissioners Diaz, Hanson, Warren, Jones, and Gabbard were present.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of public interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission and are not contained in tonight's agenda.

No comments were received from the public.

IV. PRESENTATION(S)

A. THE IRVINE MUSEUM CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION AND GRATITUDE

The Irvine Museum recently donated a collection of artwork to OC Parks that showcases examples of the picturesque landscapes of the County's past and promotes appreciation of California's artistic heritage. The Commission and OC Parks would like to present The Irvine Museum with a certificate of recognition and gratitude for this generous donation.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, provided information on this item and introduced James Irvine Swinden, The Irvine Museum President.

James Irvine Swinden, The Irvine Museum President, provided information on the Irvine Museum and the artwork donated to OC Parks.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A)

The following item(s) on the consent calendar will be approved by one motion unless a Commissioner requests to pull a specific item.

A. APPROVE COMMISSION MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 1, 2024 MEETING

Motion: Commissioner Jones

2nd: Commissioner Warren

Approved 5–0–1 (Commissioner Gabbard abstained)

VI. DISCUSSION CALENDAR (ITEM(S) A–C)

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A. TED CRAIG REGIONAL PARK LEASE

The County of Orange (County) leases approximately 91 acres of land behind Fullerton Dam from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) for use as Ted Craig Regional Park. The current lease expires on October 31, 2028 and the County has approached the ACOE to enter into a new lease to supersede the current one. Staff will present information on the lease and how it will benefit OC Parks and the County.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, introduced staff presenting on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Brian Kurnow, OC Parks Entitlement Division Manager, presented on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Ronald Inouye, CEO Real Estate – Real Estate Manager, answered the Commissioners' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Recommend that County staff persist in pursuing a 25-year lease with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to continue operation of Ted Craig Regional Park.

Motion: Commissioner Warren

2nd: Commissioner Diaz

Approved 6–0

B. SANTIAGO EQUESTRIAN CENTER LEASE EXTENSION

Southern Sierra Land & Cattle Company dba Santiago Equestrian Center currently leases property owned by the County near Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park. A 15-year lease extension is proposed to allow for further improvements to the Leased Premises. Staff will present information on the proposed lease extension and improvements.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, introduced staff presenting on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Brian Kurnow, OC Parks Entitlement Division Manager, presented on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

Ronald Inouye, CEO Real Estate – Real Estate Manager, answered the Commissioners' questions.

David Edgar, Santiago Equestrian Center Owner, answered the Commissioners' questions.

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RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Recommend that County staff persist in pursuing a lease extension with Southern Sierra Land & Cattle Company to continue operations of the Santiago Equestrian Center.

Motion: Commissioner Hanson

2nd: Commissioner Gabbard

Approved 6–0

C. OC PARKS TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER REAPPOINTMENT

The OC Parks Trails Subcommittee (Subcommittee) has one member whose term of membership has expired and she desires to continue her service on the Subcommittee. Staff therefore propose to have Virginia Webber reappointed to the Subcommittee for a third and final two-year term.

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, provided information on the item and answered the Commissioners' questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Reappoint Virginia Webber to serve as a member of the OC Parks Trails Subcommittee for a third and final two-year term, expiring on October 3, 2026.

Motion: Chair Shawver

2nd: Commissioner Jones

Approved 6–0

VII. OC PARKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Pam Passow, OC Parks Director, provided updates and answered the Commissioners' questions.

B. UPCOMING OC PARKS EVENTS

Prehistoric OC at Clark Park – Clark Regional Park – Saturday, October 12
– 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Enjoy fun and educational activities presented by OC Parks archaeologists and paleontologists along with exhibitors from local cultural, paleontological and geological organizations. Families can enjoy free educational entertainment through hands-on activities, programs and demonstrations. Event and parking are free.

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Fall-O-Ween – Heritage Hill Historic Park – Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 11 – 13 & 18 – 20 – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

- OC Parks' Fall-O-Ween at Heritage Hill Historical Park returns for its fourth year this fall! Tour the decorated historical grounds and take your pictures at a variety of Halloween and fall-themed photo opportunities during special park hours. Try to find your way through the straw maze and complete a scavenger hunt for ghoulish goodies at this family-friendly event.

Boo at the Oaks – Santiago Oaks Regional Park – Friday, October 18 – 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

- Visit Santiago Oaks Regional Park after dark to discover which critters call this canyon home. The night will include fun activities like nature stations, creative crafts, a scavenger hunt for prizes and guided night hikes throughout the evening!

Wilderness Access Day: Red Rock Wilderness – Irvine Ranch Open Space – Saturday, October 19 – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

- Red Rock Wilderness features more than eight miles of new trails for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding along with a scenic overlook that offers 360-degree views of the nearby iconic red rocks, Black Star Canyon Wilderness, Irvine Lake, Santiago Canyon and beyond. Three miles of multi-use trails within Loma Ridge Nature Preserve, part of OC Parks' Irvine Ranch Open Space, will also be accessible for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding.

Halloween Zoo-Tacular at the OC Zoo – OC Zoo – Saturday, October 26 – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- Join us for Halloween fun at the OC Zoo! Activities include a scavenger hunt, trick-or-treating, and spooky crafts for kids! Come see the zoo animals receive treat-filled pumpkins throughout the day!

Boo at the Bay: Family Halloween Party – Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve – Saturday, October 26 – 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Join us at the Peter and Mary Muth Interpretive Center for a fun family Halloween party! We will read spooky stories, make creepy crafts, conduct weird science experiments, meet bizarre animals and play hair-raising games. All children who attend in costume will receive ghoulish door prizes. The event will also feature booths and exhibits from nature-minded community partners.

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VIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORT

At this time Commissioners may comment on agenda or non-agenda matters, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law.

IX. ADJOURNMENT *7:11 p.m.*



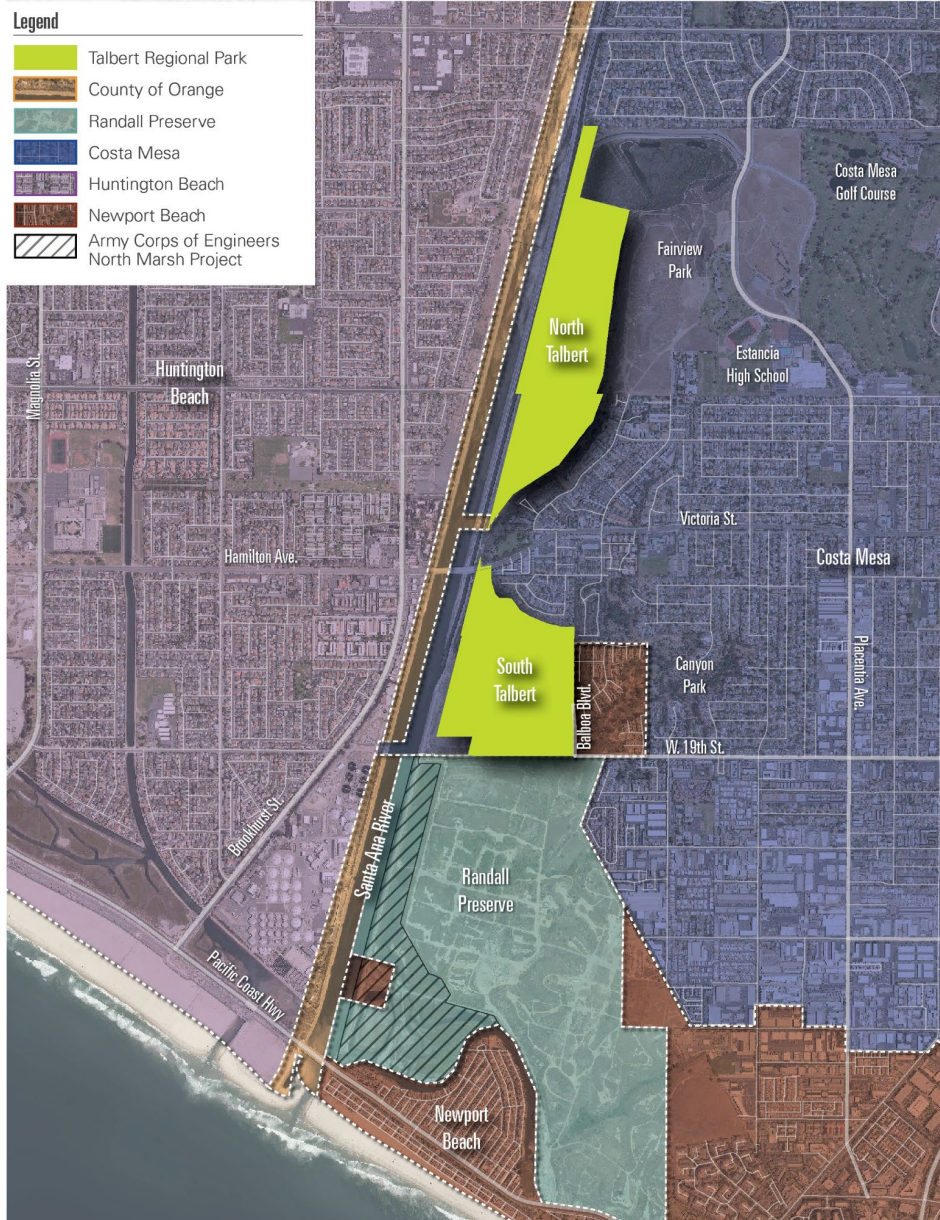
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INTRODUCTION

Site Location

- 182 acres acquired in 1973 as a nature preserve
- Includes North and South Talbert
- Bounded by Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, and Huntington Beach
- Part of a larger open space area:
 - North of The Randall Preserve
 - Southwest of Fairview Park
 - Adjacent to Santa Ana River Trail





INTRODUCTION

Master Plan Driven by Two Factors:

1. Environmental Regulations

- NCCP / HCP – Central / Coastal Subregion Conservation Easements: passive area
- South Talbert in Coastal Zone: California Coastal Act, California Coastal Commission

2. Stakeholder Preferences

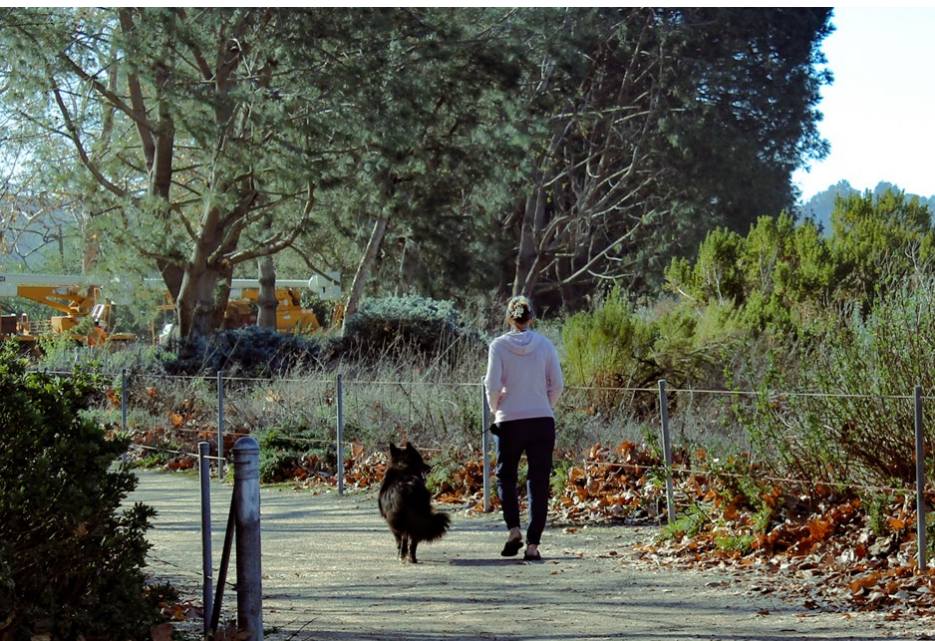
- Outreach Meetings in January and October
 - Sought input on access, parking, and other elements
 - Public response indicated a preference for preservation / habitat restoration



EXISTING CONDITIONS

North Talbert

- Open grassy areas
- Picnic tables
- Restroom
- Watering station / horse corral
- Well maintained trails
 - Trails are unnamed currently
 - No trail markers
- No onsite parking
- Access from Fairview Park to the north



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EXISTING CONDITIONS

South Talbert

- Victoria Pond – popular scenic area
- Many pedestrian trails
 - Trail drainage problems
 - Access blocked during rainy season
- Difficult pedestrian access
- No onsite parking
- On-going habitat restoration
 - Removal of invasive species
 - Native plantings in progress

EXISTING CONDITIONS



TALBERT REGIONAL PARK

MASTER PLAN

Draft: October 2024



PROPOSED PLAN

Talbert Regional Park Master Plan

- 1st Public Meeting: January 3, 2024 outreach event
- 2nd Meeting: October 29, 2024 Master Plan preview
- Preview linked on the Talbert Master Plan web site:

<https://www.ocparks.com/parks-trails/talbert-regional-park/master-plan>



- 1st Draft – Late Fall 2024
- Completion – Spring 2025
- Certification by California Coastal Commission – Spring 2026

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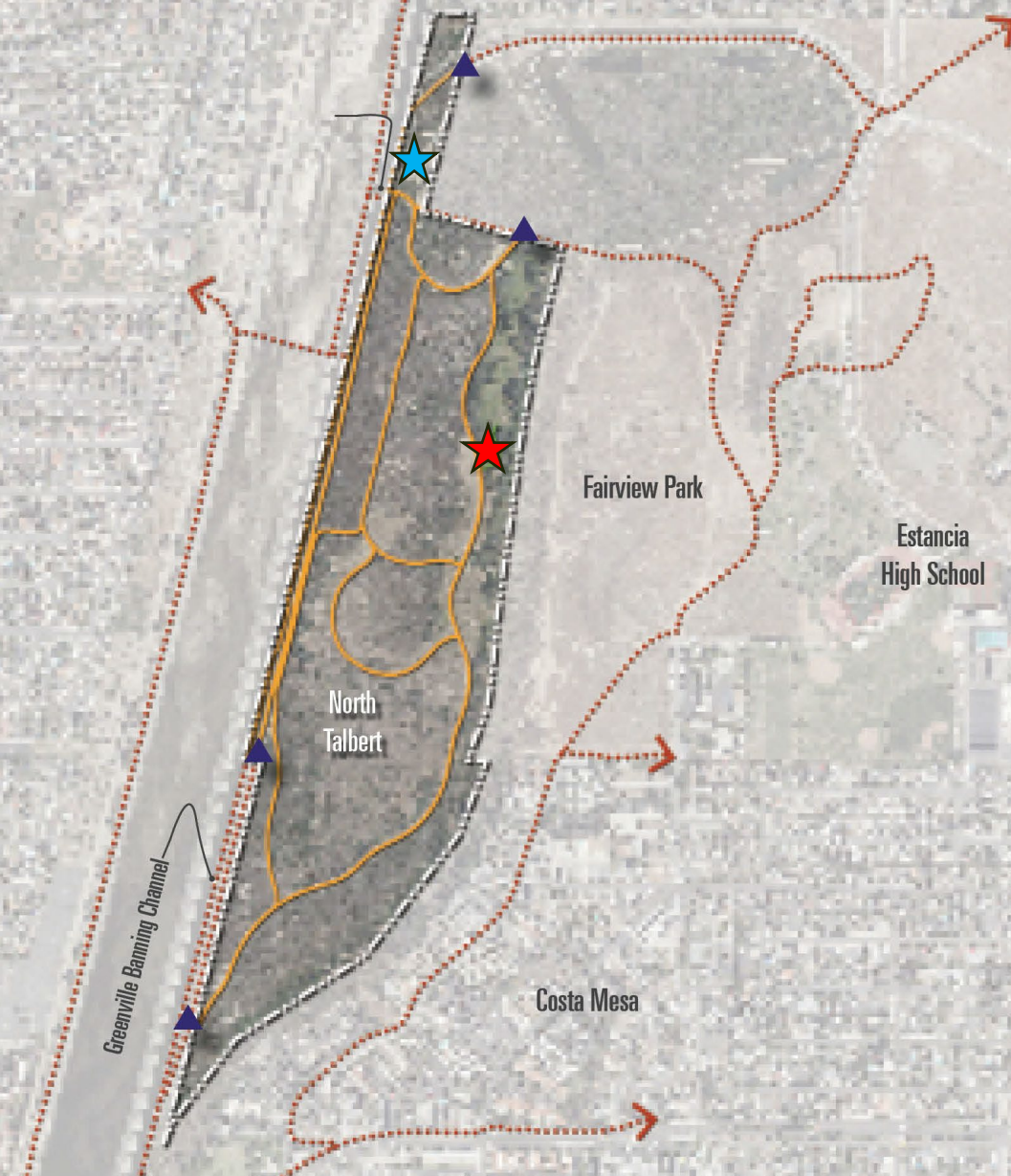
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PROPOSED PLAN

North Talbert Improvements

- Maintenance yard enhancements (marked with blue star)
- Pedestrian trail connections
 - 4' connecting trail (marked with red star)
 - Grassy area to major trail system
- Enhanced signage / wayfinding system throughout park
 - Entry point arrival signs
 - Markings for all trails
 - Directional signage in picnic area



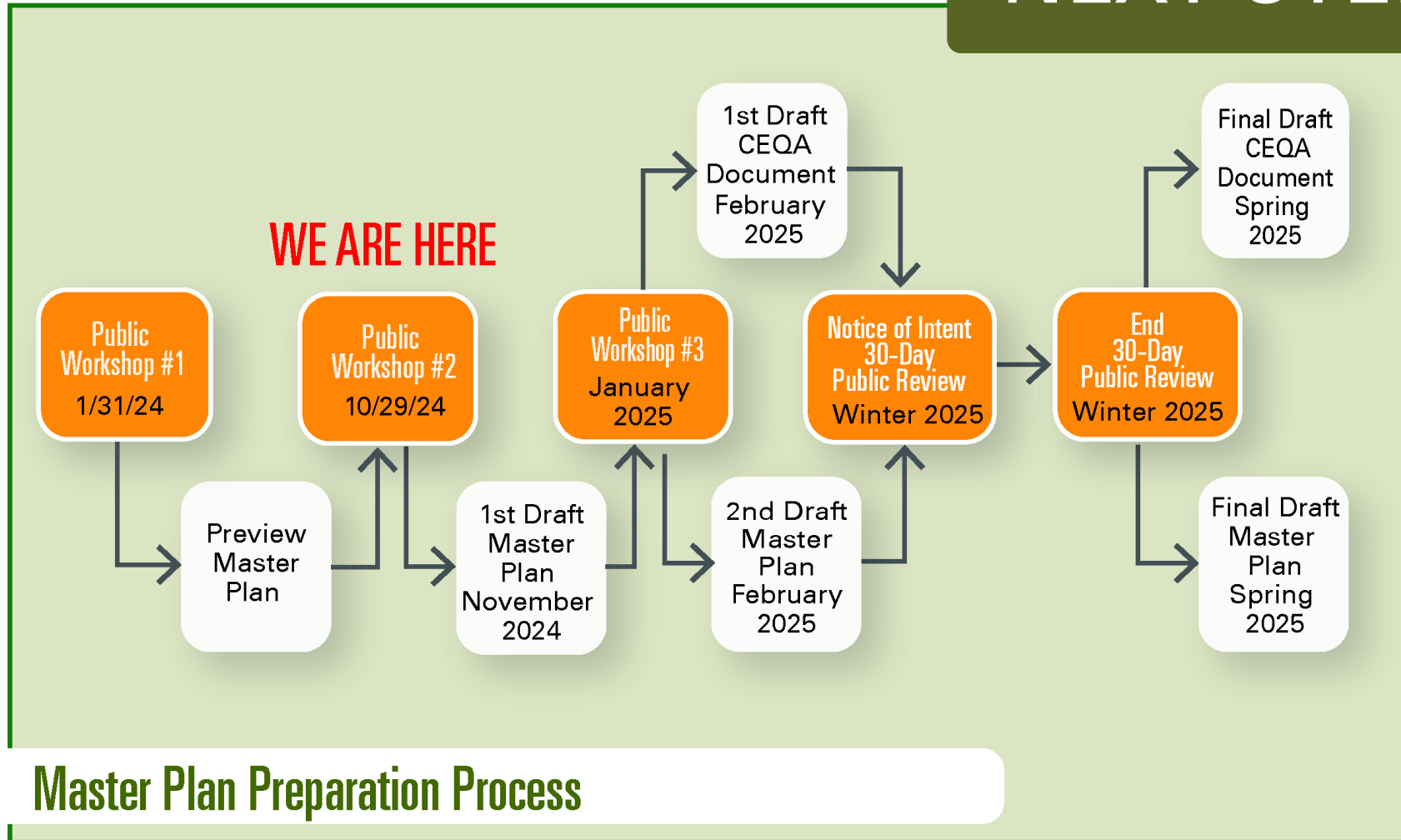


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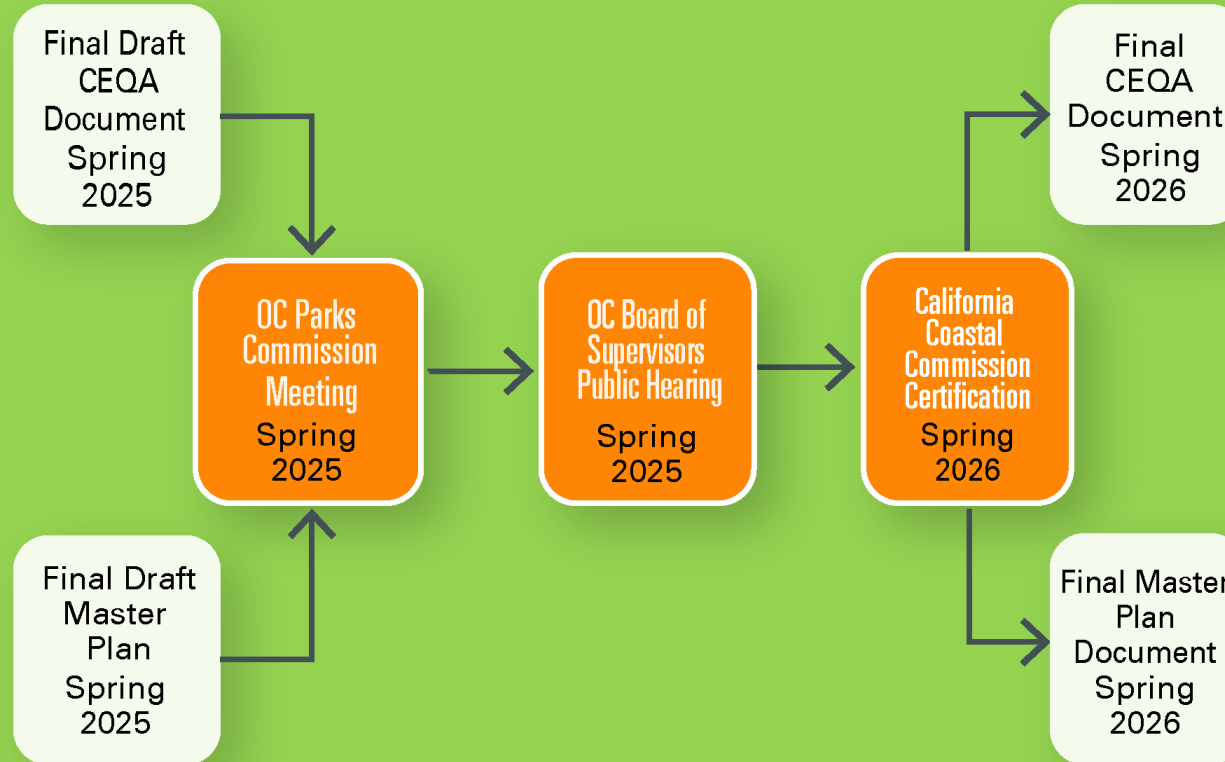
South Talbert Improvements

- Trails raised 18" for drainage
- New Balboa Boulevard emergency vehicle access
- Victoria Street Staging Area (marked with red star)
 - New vehicular entry from Victoria Street
 - Potential parking based upon community feedback
 - Walkway to trail / Victoria underpass
- Future connection to The Randall Preserve
- New connection to Banning Channel Bikeway

NEXT STEPS



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Master Plan Approval Process

NEXT STEPS

3rd Public Outreach
Meeting –
Tentative Date:
January 2025

More information to
come.....

Please Join Us!



Talbert Regional Park Master Plan Outreach Meeting





THANK YOU

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