

A photograph of a person with long brown hair, wearing a purple long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans, riding a brown horse on a dirt trail. The horse is facing right. In the background, there is a blue lake, green hills, and mountains under a clear blue sky. A green wooden bench with the number 17 on its backrest is in the foreground on the right. A wire fence runs across the middle ground.

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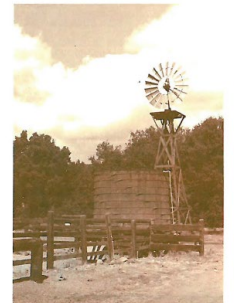
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What Are Master Plans?



Definition

- Comprehensive, long-term guiding documents for parks
- **Master Plan:** May refer generally to long-term management and planning efforts, or specifically to a formal document that combines a General Development Plan and a Resource Management Plan
 - **General Development Plan (GDP):** The big-picture blueprint for the park, guiding how the park will be developed, managed, and used over the long term
 - **Resource Management Plan (RMP):** How land and resources are cared for over time. Required for Natural Communities Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (NCCP/HCP) facilities
 - **Interim Operations Plan (IOP):** A short- to medium-term document that provides direction for park development and operations until a long-term master plan is established



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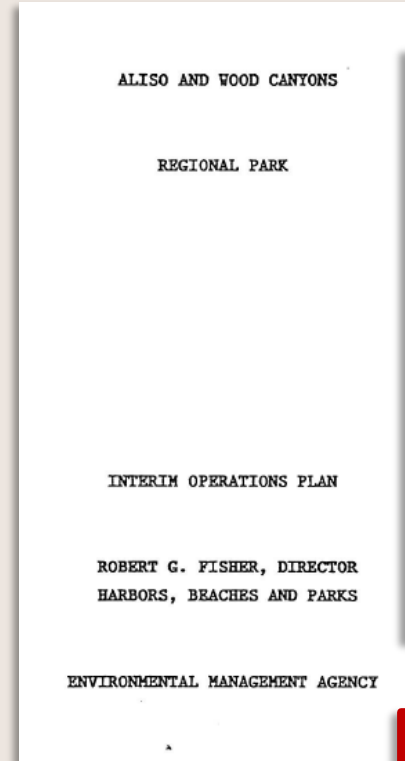


Why do Master Plans Exist?



Purpose of Master Plans

- Master Plan typically required before park opening
- IOP may serve as a placeholder
- Aligns with Board-approved vision and County General Plan
- Consistent with 2018 OC Parks Strategic Plan - Goals and Objectives



ENSURE RESPONSIBLE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION

- Prepare or update plans for OC Parks overall and specific park sites
- Develop and implement criteria for acquisition and reallocation of park assets

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Purpose of Master Plans

- Roadmap for balancing recreation, infrastructure, and resources
- Inventory of natural, cultural, and built assets
- Identify needs: trails, restoration, amenities, and infrastructure
- Support regulatory review of potential impacts



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How Are Master Plans Developed?



When Are Master Plans Implemented?

- Initiated with new land or before public opening
- May begin with IOP
- IOPs can remain in effect as needed



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Which Parks Receive Master Plans First?

- Prioritized according to the County's goals & conservation needs
- Parks under IOP
- Parks with regulatory mandates (e.g., NCCP/HCP)
- May be driven by grant funding requirements



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Process of Development

- Creating a Master Plan requires:
 - ✓ Biological and cultural surveys
 - ✓ Infrastructure inventory
 - ✓ Public engagement
 - ✓ Alignment with conservation plans & regulations
 - ✓ Board and regulatory review (e.g., CEQA)
- Result:
 - ✓ Long-term investment shaping park management for decades



Public Participation is a critical part of plan development

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Post-Adoption Implementation

- Phased improvements programmed into the County's 7-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and annual budgets
- Grant funding pursued and management actions implemented
- Adaptive management applied, adjusting details to real-world conditions while preserving overall intent



Current and Ongoing Work



Recent Developments



Talbert Regional Park

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Thank You

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