

0304.2.5 Natural Preserve

Natural Preserves [PRC § 5019.71] are distinct areas of outstanding natural or scientific significance established within the boundaries of other State Park System units.

The purpose of Natural Preserves shall be to preserve such features as rare or endangered plant and animal species and their supporting ecosystems, representative examples of plant or animal communities existing in California prior to the impact of Euro-American modifications, geological features illustrative of geological processes, significant fossil occurrences or geological features of cultural or economic interest, or topographic features illustrative of representative or unique biogeographical patterns.

Natural Preserves shall be managed to allow natural dynamics of ecological interaction to continue without interference, where possible. Habitat manipulation shall be permitted only in those areas found by scientific analysis to require manipulation to preserve the species or associations that constitute the basis for the establishment of the Natural Preserve. Motor vehicle use is prohibited in Natural Preserves (see DOM Section 0304.5.2).

5001.65. Commercial exploitation of **resources** in units of the state park system is prohibited. However, slant or directional drilling for oil or gas with the intent of extracting deposits underlying the Tule Elk State Reserve in Kern County is permissible in accordance with Section 6854. Commercial fishing is permissible, unless otherwise restricted, in state marine conservation areas, state marine cultural preservation areas, and state marine recreational management areas.

Qualified institutions and individuals shall be encouraged to conduct nondestructive forms of scientific investigation within state park system units, upon receiving prior approval of the director.

The taking of mineral specimens for recreational purposes from state beaches, state recreation areas, or state vehicular recreation areas is permitted upon receiving prior approval of the director.

5001.8. (a) The use of motor vehicles in units of the state park system is subject to the following limitations:

(1) In state wildernesses, natural preserves, and cultural preserves, use is prohibited.

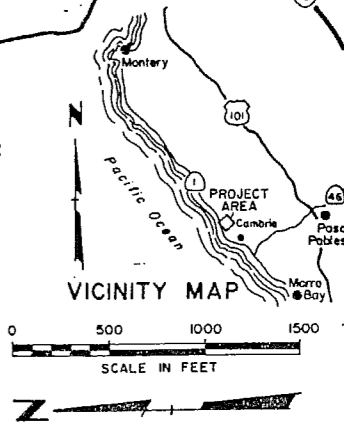
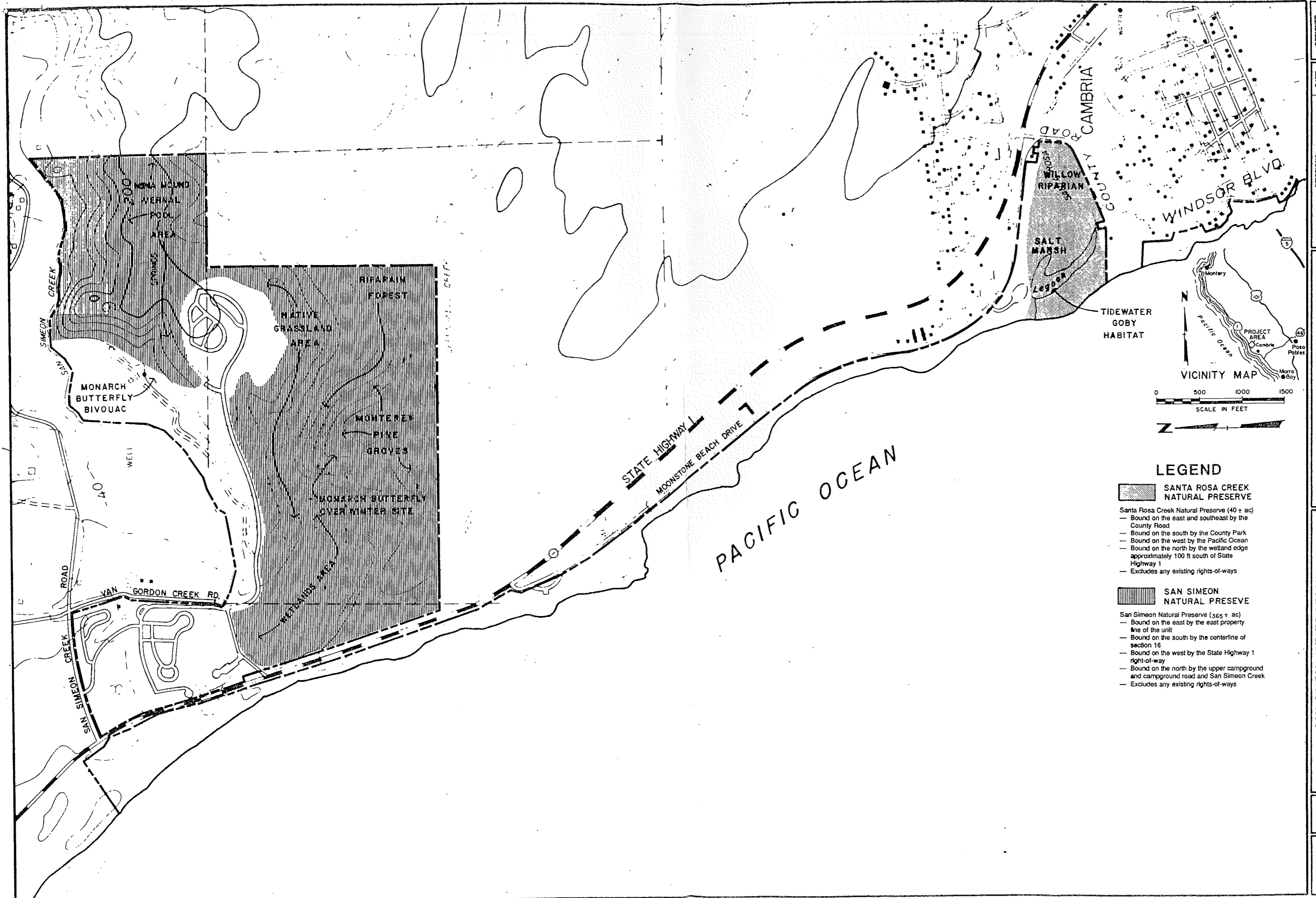
(2) In state parks, state reserves, state beaches, wayside campgrounds, and historical units, use is confined to paved areas and other areas specifically designated and maintained for normal ingress, egress, and parking.

(3) In state recreation areas, use is confined to specifically designated and maintained roads and trails.

(b) The use of motor vehicles on lands in the state vehicular recreation areas is confined to areas and routes designated for that purpose.

5001.9. (a) Any improvement existing within the state park system as of January 1, 1979, which fails to comply with the provisions of former Section 5001.5 as they read immediately prior to January 1, 1979, or Article 1.7 (commencing with Section 5019.50) of this chapter shall not be expanded.

(b) No new facility may be developed in any unit of the state park system unless it is compatible with the classification of the unit.



- LEGEND**
- SANTA ROSA CREEK NATURAL PRESERVE**
 Santa Rosa Creek Natural Preserve (40+ ac)
 - Bound on the east and southeast by the County Road
 - Bound on the south by the County Park
 - Bound on the west by the Pacific Ocean
 - Bound on the north by the wetland edge approximately 100 ft south of State Highway 1
 - Excludes any existing rights-of-ways
 - SAN SIMEON NATURAL PRESEVE**
 San Simeon Natural Preserve (365+ ac)
 - Bound on the east by the east property line of the unit
 - Bound on the south by the centerline of section 16
 - Bound on the west by the State Highway 1 right-of-way
 - Bound on the north by the upper campground and campground road and San Simeon Creek
 - Excludes any existing rights-of-ways

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