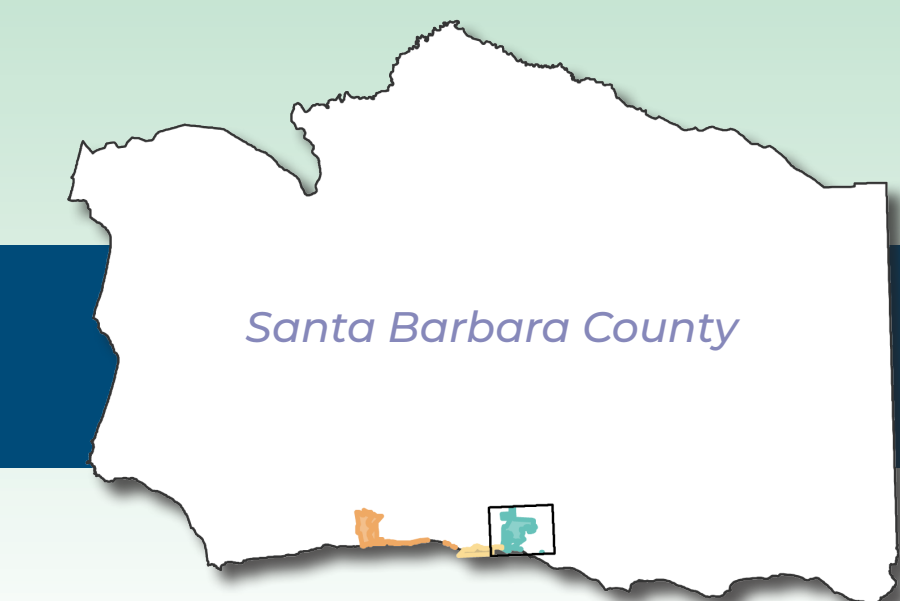




# STATE PARKS GENERAL PLAN UPDATE: EL CAPITAN, REFUGIO, AND GAVIOTA



## DRAFT EL CAPITAN STATE BEACH DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

The purpose of El Capitán State Beach is to **sustainably manage and interpret the diverse natural, cultural, scenic, and recreational resources** of the greater Gaviota Coast. The park’s coastal landscape supports a **wide range of species, habitats, and recreational opportunities** from the shoreline to the broad coastal plain and into the foothills of the Santa Ynez Mountains.

With its sweeping **ocean views, celebrated surf breaks**, rolling foothills, and cultural significance, El Capitán SB offers **opportunities for recreation including camping, hiking, and ocean-based activities**, all within a setting that encourages **connection to nature and environmental stewardship**. The park also contains **historic and cultural resources with interpretive potential**. El Capitán SB provides opportunities for potential expansion of climate-adapted recreation along the Gaviota Coast.

*Rate the following statement:*

**“The draft El Capitán Declaration of Purpose reflects my values and interests for the park’s future.”**

**1**  
Strongly Disagree

**2**  
Disagree

**3**  
Neither Agree nor Disagree

**4**  
Agree

**5**  
Strongly Agree