

Attachment A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
California Department of Parks and Recreation and Parks California
Shared Priority Initiatives

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) and Parks California entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in November 2018 that sets forth the roles, responsibilities, and processes for developing and implementing projects and programs in California Parks. As the first step in implementing projects under the MOU, Section C of the MOU requires the Department and Parks California to select shared priority initiatives that reflect the highest priority needs for the Department and State Park System and fulfill the express purposes of the MOU.

Following are the initial shared priority initiatives (Initiatives) selected by the Department and Parks California to advance the Department's mission, improve park access for all Californians, and enhance the experience for park visitors, as required under the MOU. State, local, and philanthropic funding is expected to support these efforts.

- **Transportation.** Many communities, particularly disadvantaged communities, lack affordable and easy access to our state parks. Transportation programs that provide disadvantaged communities ready access to our state parks and beaches is a top priority for the Department and Parks California. The Department and Parks California seek to develop and pilot transportation programs with cities, counties, and local park districts, transportation providers, and nonprofits that could involve free or discounted transportation services or other mechanisms, including buses, ride-shares, and bike-shares.
- **Low Cost Accommodations.** The Department, legislators, and Parks Forward commissioners, park partners, and environmental justice groups have identified the need for more low-cost overnight accommodations (LCOAs) in state parks in order to attract more diverse park visitors. The Department is collaborating with the State Coastal Conservancy on its development of the "Explore the Coast Overnight" report which will identify the best places within state and local parks along the coast to develop LCOAs. The Department also has undertaken internal assessment of LCOAs project opportunities statewide.
- **Other Park Capital Projects and Relevancy Programs.** Consistent with the purposes of the MOU, the Department, and Parks California will develop projects that enhance the visitor experience through educational and cultural programming and promote public health connections with parks. The Department and Parks California also will work to complete priority capital projects that have lagged in implementation due to funding and capacity issues.