California State Parks’ Central Valley Vision

Public Outreach Meeting
California State Parks’ Central Valley Vision:

1. Project overview
2. Outreach efforts
3. What the Department is hearing
4. Discussion
State Parks is challenged to provide a long-term roadmap to:

Provide a variety of natural, cultural and recreational experiences in the Central Valley for an increasingly diverse California population.
1. **Project Overview:**

**Began July 2003:**

Oversight committee formed

**Central Valley Vision purpose:**

- Provide a 20-year blue print for State Park actions designed to increase service and relevancy
- Identify current and near term actions
- Meet the public’s needs through partnerships, expansions, upgrading facilities and new development

Sites reviewed, previous studies assessed, interviews conducted

**April 2004:**

Report and brochures generated

**Spring/fall 2005:**

Public outreach meetings and presentations

Site analysis continues, special events, site tours, etc.
The **Vision** Recommends:

- Expand recreational facilities at existing state parks
- Round-out boundaries of existing state parks
- Acquire key natural, cultural and recreation lands and corridors
- Preserve and interpret rich history of the Valley
Why a long-term vision now?

Dramatic population shifts and growth!

Subdivisions meet farmland near Fresno, CA. Courtesy United States Geological Survey.
Profound demographic changes in California

- 36.8 million CA residents in 2005; 50 million by 2040

- Valley will see intensive growth and changes – averaging 20-25% higher than coastal areas.

- Sacramento, Fresno, Stockton, Modesto, Merced, Redding, Bakersfield becoming major urban areas

- San Joaquin County has 1 in 5 poverty rate; 8.2% unemployment rate. Air quality is the worst in the nation.
• Growth can threaten farmland and the environment, and increases social and fiscal disparities;
• Still a chance to do things right!
• Dramatic increases in populations – we’re growing older, younger, more ethnically diverse!
The Great Central Valley consists of the Sacramento Valley and the San Joaquin Valley.

Counties included in the Central Valley Vision:
- Butte
- Colusa
- Fresno
- Glenn
- Kern
- Kings
- Madera
- Merced
- Sacramento
- San Joaquin
- Shasta
- Solano
- Stanislaus
- Sutter
- Tehama
- Tulare
- Yolo
- Yuba
## Central Valley Population

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<th>2020</th>
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<td>5,728,347</td>
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Source of Data: State of California, Department of Finance, Population Projections by Race/Ethnicity for California and Its Counties, 2000-2050
## Population Projections for 18 Central Valley counties

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<td>Asian/Pacific Islanders</td>
<td>456,638</td>
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32 State Parks in the Central Valley
(listed North to South)

William B. Ide Adobe SHP
Woodson Bridge SRA
Bidwell-Sacramento River SP
Bidwell Mansion SHP
Lake Oroville SRA
Clay Pit SVRA
Colusa-Sacramento River SRA
Sutter Buttes
Woodland Opera House SHP
Folsom Lake SRA
Folsom Powerhouse SHP
State Capitol Museum
Sutter’s Fort SHP/State Indian Museum
Governor’s Mansion SHP
Old Sacramento SHP/Railroad Museum
Leland Stanford Mansion SHP

Prairie City SVRA
Stone Lake
Delta Meadows River Park
Brannan Island SRA
Franks Tract SRA
Bethany Reservoir SRA
Caswell Memorial SRA
San Luis Reservoir SRA
Pacheco SP
George J. Hatfield SRA
Great Valley Grasslands SP
McConnell SRA
Turlock Lake SRA
Millerton Lake SRA
Colonel Allensworth SHP
Tule Elk SR
Woodson Bridge State Recreation Area

Bidwell-Sacramento River State Park

William B. Ide Adobe State Historic Park

Woodson Bridge State Recreation Area
Bethany Reservoir SRA  State Recreation Area

Brannan Island State Recreation Area

Prairie City SVRA  State Vehicular Recreation Area
Sutter’s Fort SHP/State Indian Museum

Pacheco State Park

San Luis Reservoir SRA State Recreation Area
McConnell State Recreation Area

Col. Allensworth State Historic Park

Franks Tract State Recreation Area
Turlock Lake State Recreation Area

Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area

Caswell Memorial State Park
Great Valley Grasslands State Park

Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park

Sutter Buttes Park
California Population 1960 (Source: CA Dept. of Finance)
California Population 1980 (Source: UC Data Center/CA Dept. of Finance)

[Bar chart showing the population distribution by age and gender for 1980.]
California Population 2040 (Source: CA Dept. of Finance)
California State Parks’ Central Valley Vision identified 22 areas as having significant interest.
2. Outreach Efforts (partial list of meetings)

- Central Valley Vision public outreach meetings:
  Woodland, Fresno, Sacramento, Chico (more in fall 2005)
- League of California Cities
  Redding, San Jose
- CA State Park and Recreation Commission
- Society for CA Archaeology
- National Association of Recreation Resource Planners
- Great Valley Center’s annual conference
- University Farm Circle
- Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners
- Tuolumne River Preservation Trust
- California Park Associations conference
- California Roundtable on Recreation, Parks & Tourism
- California Park and Recreation Society’s annual conference
- California State Park Rangers Association annual conference
Outreach Efforts (continued)

• Legislative and key policy leaders field site visits;
• Met with federal, state, and local agencies, private and non-profit stakeholders to identify common interests;
• Groundwork laid for strengthening partnerships and developing collaborative efforts:
  1. Economic/funding partners
  2. Non-profits, land trusts, community groups
• Special events (ground breakings, key acquisitions)
Outreach Efforts (continued)

• Build relationships with key stakeholders and partners;
• Grant awards as an opportunity to connect communities to the Vision;
• Design interpretive signs, markers and brochures
• Conduct special interpretive/educational programs at Valley State Park units.
3. What the Department is hearing:

- **Expand facilities at existing Valley parks**

Recreational uses include: hiking, camping, interpretive programs and facilities, canoeing/kayaking, day-use, fishing, boating, off-road vehicles and trails to accommodate larger family and group activities at river corridors, reservoirs, and in the Delta.

Interpretive walk, San Luis Reservoir SRA
• “Round-out” boundaries of existing parks

✓ Focus on those lands that link state parks with other public ownership and are along water corridors, for example:

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“Round-out“ boundaries of existing parks (continued)

✓ Sites that offer economic and volunteer partnerships with organizations or agencies;
✓ Lands that provide conservation easements or buffer areas; and
✓ Lands that serve diverse and growing communities, and are located along major transportation routes, such as I-5 and Hwy. 99.
• **Acquire key natural, cultural and recreation lands and corridors, such as:**

- Prehistoric rock art and preservation of sacred sites
- Blue oak and sycamore woodlands
- Geological and paleontological sites
- Vernal pools, wetlands, canyon-lands, rolling hills
- Native grasslands and riparian habitat
- Linkages as corridors to sustainable lands
- Trail linkages and lands that provide for day use and camping experiences
• Preserve and interpret the rich history of the Valley, such as:

✓ Those that “tell a story” or are a historic theme, event or activity, such as trade routes, highway 99, railroad and river transportation routes, Dust Bowl history, migrant farm workers, immigrant stories, mining hydrology, oil industry, flood control, aviation, agricultural industry and the building of the California aqueduct;

✓ Full history of California’s native people

Ranger interpretation program
4. Discussion: *our* turn to listen

**Public Outreach Meetings**

What special areas or facilities would **you** like considered?

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| Sept. 13, 2005 | 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. | Moore’s Riverboat Marina  
                          106 Brannan Island Road  
                          Isleton, CA            |
| Sept. 14, 2005 | 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. | Black Gold Theater/Kern Co. Museum  
                          3801 Chester Avenue  
                          Bakersfield, CA       |
| Sept. 15, 2005 | 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. | Madera County Board of Supervisors  
                          County of Madera  
                          2037 W. Cleveland Ave., Madera |
| Sept. 19, 2005 | 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. | Red Bluff Community Center  
                          555 Washington Street  
                          Red Bluff, CA         |
| Sept. 20, 2005 | 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. | Great Valley Center  
                          201 Needham Street  
                          Modesto               |
| Sept. 21, 2005 | 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. | U. C. Merced, Redwood Room  
                          4225 N. Hospital Road (Old Castle AFB)  
                          Atwater, CA          |
| Sept. 27, 2005 | 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. | City of Stockton, Dept. of Parks & Rec.  
                          Memorial Civic Auditorium, North Hall  
                          525 N. Court Street  
                          Stockton, CA         |
State Parks would like to know:

- What is important in the Central Valley that should be protected and interpreted as a unit of the State Park System, before it’s lost?
- Which natural, historical and cultural resources and features should be protected before they vanish?
- What special stories need to be told and where are the places that need to be protected in order to tell them?
- What recreational facilities of the kind found in State Parks should be developed and where?
For more information:

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