

Central Valley Vision Outreach – Written Comments Received

	Remarks/area of interest
1	Create a Highway 99 audio cassette/CD for motorists traveling the Great Valley route. The substantive story text could be developed and written by academic historians.
2	Suggesting 622 acre valley known as Clover Valley near Rocklin. Suggests this site for the proposed California Native American Museum.
3	“Please do whatever it takes to stop the Walmartization of this area. People need breathing space for the soul as well as the lungs, and to remember what nature looks like.”
4	Include vernal pools, oak woodlands, river corridors and Sutter Buttes. Deer Creek Hills is a good model of partnering with a local land conservancy to preserve a scenic landscape. Advocate for better buffering of the park land/
5	Keep river front areas accessible.
6	Suggesting the Department consider Clover Valley (633 acres) near Rocklin.
7	Suggesting acquisition funding mechanism: DPR to charge Indian Casinos or Sovereign Nation Property entrance fee.
8	Preservation of Dust Bowl history. Restoration efforts underway at the Weedpatch Camp of Grapes of Wrath fame. Group has large collection of research materials and artifacts.
9	Increase the number of RV sites in existing parks by modernizing them to be level, long enough for the newer larger vehicles (36')?
10	There is an apparent disconnect between acquiring lands and financing their use. There should be no further purchases planned until there is money budgeted for their maintenance, and even before this, the repair and maintenance of the existing parks.
11	Recommends that the state get out of the parks business. Local counties do not have adequate dollars to develop, nor even keep their parks open. Keep the parks open that we have! Do not build more parks when local counties are unable to keep local parks open, let alone develop park land that has been purchased by the tax payers. New parks will take away property tax revenue from the counties that are need for police, fire and emergency services.
12	Use park funding to pay off State debt. State has a poor bond rating due to an immense debt.
13	Include low-impact human activities such as hiking, day use, canoeing and kayaking. Look at the Stanislaus, San Joaquin and Tuolumne river corridors near urban centers.
14	Worries about south Sacramento area between I-5 and Hwy. 99. Please consider the Loma Verde and the Amherst area.
15	Bond measures should not be used for the benefit of additional parks in the Central Valley. Taxes are already too high and our state is in a crisis for lack of good management.
16	Pattern funding mechanisms similar to Fatjo Corporations Pacheco’s Park’s original endowment. Endowments managed by third parties for management, maintenance, restoration and creation of environmental, educational and recreational facilities could be a solution to some of the problems that the State is experiencing.

17	Consider more parks in the Mt. Oso range valley north and south of Del Puerto Valley. Behind Mt. Oso is 'Ospital Canyon accessed from Fink Road off Highway 132.
18	Central Valley project completely ignores expanding parks for the fastest growing aspect of recreation, OHV use. Why have you not included the expansion and creation of SVRA's in your project summary? Please add the creation and enlargement of SVRA's to this project.
19	There needs to be ample plans for recreation in the Central Valley. We need to maintain and upgrade what exists and provide easily accessible parks for the future generations. If Americans promote a culture of eating poorly, they need access to public places for exercise. This exercise provides a healthier lifestyle, stress reduction, and peace. I know that Developers are anxiously planning to explode the number of homes available in Central Valley. There needs to be a balance. There needs to be accessible recreation.
20	70 acres along Old River in the Mountain House New Town in San Joaquin County.
21	Supports off road vehicle use/access for future park sites.
22	We own and farm 92.5 acres adjacent to Highway 99 north of Manteca. If we feel we meet your criteria we will detail our situation in another letter.
23	I encourage you to look at areas around the Cosumnes River and Stone Lakes. Much of this area is a nature preserve, unfortunately there is very little recreation opportunities. There are almost no hiking trails and no camping facilities. Now is the time to provide some recreation facilities – before it is all rooftops!
24	In the northern-most corner of Merced County, environmentalist John Muir lived and wrote for 1 and a half years, a time of fertile speculation about his later studies and work in conservation and the natural world. This landscape is one of rolling hills and small drainages, and is basically untouched by development. It is teeming with vernal pools, wildlife and historic and pre-historic human artifacts. It is worth saving, if any place is.
25	48,000 acres of "no man's land" along the Kings river south of Kingsburg and downstream to Riverdale. Riparian habitat being threatened with development.
26	Del Puerto Canyon is an undeniably unique natural feature that is unlike any other in the State and should be preserved. The Packard Foundation, through the efforts of the Nature Conservancy has been able to set aside about 50,000 acres through the purchase of land and placement of permanent conservation easements. Some of it is adjacent to Henry Coe State Park. This effort provides a corridor for the endangered CA Kit Fox to migrate through the foothills. The Del Puerto Canyon area is very close to this area and represents an outstanding opportunity for future park bond funds.
27	Central Valley residents must speak out on parkland preservation. Now is the time to decide – before developers buy it all up.
28	I am very concerned about preserving land along the Stanislaus River. No development should be allowed near the Stanislaus River. The Stanislaus River is truly one of the most beautiful wild rivers in all of California. It is well suited for preservation because of its natural beauty and historical significance. The City of Ripon and Stanislaus County both had foresight in their partnering to build a bicycle bridge across the river for the enjoyment of the community, other recreational facilities are needed, camp grounds, eco-trails and small boat/raft launch ramps are just some things that come to mind.

29	The State needs to put its thinking into population stabilization (reduction); and moving from an economic model of growth to one of sustainability that does not require loss of non-human habitat and agriculture acreage.
30	Suggesting State Parks preserve Grassland Wetlands within the Pacific Flyway (110,000 acres).
31	The Kern River Parkway runs the length of the lower Kern, from the mouth of the Kern River canyon, west through town. We hope to anchor the project at the Buena Vista Aquatic Recreation Area and near the Tupman Elk Preserve. We urge you to consider a significant expansion of the BVARA site and importantly, to re-establish the old Buena Vista Lake as an important ecological preserve.
32	Would like to donate a 7 acre parcel along the Merced River just west of the Santa Fe RR bridge north of Cressey in Merced County. We are hopeful that though the acreage is not large, it is still big enough for many riverside recreational activities that would alleviate some of the tremendous needs.
33	Concerned with the lack of park lands in Stanislaus County. Such land acquisitions should be a priority, especially for our county. We are sorely lacking parks and hiking trails.
34	Would like to partner with DPR on focusing in the approximately 500,000 acre Primary Zone of the Delta (Delta Meadows is only developed SRA). Consider expanding recreation features for access and recreation. Delta Protection Commission will commit funds to develop plans and construct facilities on Department-owned lands.
35	Thank you CA State Parks for this long needed look at the State parks needs and opportunities in the great Central Valley. A park with camping in the Sutter Buttes is a great first move. River oriented site featuring the Sacramento, San Joaquin and American Rivers are also needed. How about partnering with the County and City of Sacramento on a large urban park encompassing the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers. Such a park exists as a state park in Indianapolis and might be a model for us.
36	Suggests acquiring lands adjacent to existing public lands thus creating a larger park area and maximizing the habitat conserved. In Dunnigan Hills, consider the eastern slope of Cortina Ridge, near Sand Creek. The site has significant native American and early American cultural sites. Also acquire land adjacent to BLM managed land located along Blue Ridge, between Winters and Esparto in western Yolo County. Land near the Fremont Weir State Wildlife Area, near Knight's Landing, land within the Capay Hills, north of Capay and additional acquisitions to Peace Valley.
37	Requests that they be included in discussions or opportunities pertaining to funding or acquisition of parks, recreation and open spaces in South Sacramento County, along the Cosumnes River, in the city limits, and elsewhere.
38	Suggesting State Parks partner with the City of West Sacramento to develop 43 acres at the confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers.
39	Suggesting south and east shore of Tulare Lake (Atwell Island, Skull Island and Dudley Ridge) as "Ancient Valley" property candidate. Area is adjacent to Allensworth State Park.
40	Encourages CVV team to consider outreach meeting in Tehama or Shasta County. Shasta Lake
41	Include Great Depression "Grapes of Wrath" trail; encourage easements as buffers as good symbiotic opportunities; Cache Creek and Indian Reservoir in Yolo County.

42	Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area as an integral part of the community. Suggesting Battle Creek to Colusa to the Colusa Subreach Planning Project. Strongly encourages communication between the Vision planning staff and the Colusa Subreach Project to determine areas of potential joint planning.
43	There is a service-learning taskforce in Madera County that is interested in using a local watershed (San Joaquin River) as a lab which students can undertake hands-on community service projects.
44	There is an effort to get directional signage for wineries along highways 5, 99, 12 and 88. Signs will enhance the whole image of the central valley corridor.
45	Supports future acquisitions at the Sutter Buttes. Additional acquisitions are needed to protect the valley's other unique landscape and natural values. Many gaps exist in preserving areas in the valley.
46	Suggesting historical Humboldt Road (wagon ruts and rock wall).between Bruce Road and Highway 32.
47	Need for less land acquisition and more maintenance of existing park lands; more joint partnerships between tribes; cooperative agreements and conservation easements as a way to preserve connectivity of lands in the Central Valley.
48	More funding/long term leases to tribal groups for management, restoration or interpretation and easement acquisition with the state actions going through a CEQA process; Acquire view sheds, i.e., mountain tops.
49	Sacramento River access – Knight's Landing to Red Bluff. Suggesting specific locations for public ramps and potential park locations. <list of sites provided>
50	BLM management map along the Sacramento River (north of Red Bluff) submitted.