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Railroad Museum Presents Special “Diesel Days” in July, August & September

*Two Eye-Catching Diesels from Museum’s Impressive Collection
To Pull Weekend Excursion Trains One Weekend Each Month*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum are proud to present special “Diesel Days” one weekend each month -- in July, August and September -- by operating two visually-exciting and gracefully-styled diesel locomotives as part of the popular weekend excursion train rides on the Museum’s Sacramento Southern Railroad. These brightly painted diesels -- Western Pacific No. 913 and Southern Pacific “Daylight” No. 6051 -- will pull the excursion trains both Saturday and Sunday on the following weekends: July 20-21, August 17-18 and September 21-22, 2013. These eye-catching and classic streamlined locomotives are representative of the so-called “First Generation” of diesel-electric locomotives which replaced steam engines all across American during the 1940s and 1950s.

Especially when these special diesel locomotives are in operation, guests will enjoy taking a relaxing train ride aboard a historic locomotive along the Sacramento River. Weekend excursion train rides depart hourly from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Same-day general admission train ride tickets are available in person on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Sacramento Southern Railroad ticket office, located on Front Street between “J” and “K” Streets in Old Sacramento. Train ride tickets cost \$10 adults; \$5 youths ages 6-17; free for children ages 5 and under (\$15 for first class tickets aboard the first class *El Dorado*). Advance tickets to ride the first-class *El Dorado* are available to reserve online.

To book advance train ride tickets for the first-class *El Dorado* car, please visit www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org or call (916) 445-6645 for more information about train rides and/or the Railroad Museum in general.

About the California State Railroad Museum

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day. Widely regarded as North America’s finest and most popular railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-square foot Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad Passenger Station and Freight Depot, 1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and Dingley Spice Mill commercial buildings in Old Sacramento. For 24-hour information, visit www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org or call (916) 445-6645.