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State Parks Announces \$2.2 Million in Local Trails Grants

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Parks and Recreation today announced the allocation of \$2.2 million for recreational trails projects, including money for land acquisition, rehabilitation of existing trails and development of trails under the Americans with Disabilities Act

The 21 projects totaling \$2,189,967 are being paid for under the Recreational Trails Program, which provides federal funds for recreational trails and trails-related projects. The RTP is a competitive program and is administered by the Federal Highway Administration at the federal level. The California Department of Parks and Recreation administers the program at the state level.

The following agencies have been awarded funding for non-motorized trail projects for the 2002-03 fiscal year:

- The Padre Dam Municipal Water District: \$100,000 for the development of the Santee Lakes Observatory Trail, Phase 3. All phases of the trail will be ADA accessible.
- The Mountains Restoration Trust: \$75,000 for the Calabasas/Cold Creek Trail in Los Angeles County. The project consists of acquisition of land for recreational trail use.
- The Mountains Restoration Trust: \$45,000 for the improvement to the Lois Ewen Scenic Overlook in Los Angeles County.
- The Marin Municipal Water District: \$89,000 for various trail improvements at Sky Oaks Meadows.
- The Hesperia Park and Recreation District: \$20,000 for development of trails at Hesperia Lake Park.
- The Fulton-El Camino Recreation and Park District: \$65,000 for the Strong Ranch Slough Trail Project, the rehabilitation of a pedestrian/bike path along Strong Ranch Slough, including a bridge, disabled-access drinking fountain, and bike racks in the Sacramento area.

- The El Dorado Irrigation District: \$215,045 for the development of a multi-use trail, construction of a bridge, enhancement of existing trailhead amenities at Sly Park east of Placerville.
- The California Department of Parks and Recreation, Sierra District: \$144,000 for the rehabilitation of the Rubicon Hiking Trail at D. L. Bliss State Park at Lake Tahoe.
- The California Department of Parks and Recreation, North Coast District: \$234,922 for improvements to 2 miles of Johnson Camp Trail to protect park resources, improve public access, create additional equestrian riding, and outdoor recreation opportunities.
- The County of Ventura: \$225,000 for the Ojai Valley Trail Repair Project, to include trail/bridge construction at Devil's Gulch.
- The City of Sebastopol: \$80,500 for the Railroad Forest Bike Trail.
- The City of Santa Ana: \$20,000 for resurfacing the Bear Street bike trail.
- The City of Sacramento: \$120,000 for trail development at North Laguna Creek Wildlife Area.
- The City of Lakeport: \$96,800 for the construction of approximately 2 miles of Forbes Creek Trail, for hiking, walking, running and cycling.
- The City of Folsom: \$154,500 for the installation of a multi-use trail along Oak Parkway Open Space Corridor, and connecting two other regional trail systems.
- The City of Fairfield: \$38,400 for the Rockville Hills Regional Park Trail for trail restoration and improvement.
- The City of Encinitas: \$160,000 for the Encinitas Recreational Trails Project, acquisition of approximately 2.31 miles of San Diego Gas and Electric's easement for recreational trails.
- The City of Chino Hills: \$48,000 for La Sierra/Monteverde Vista Point, the construction of a vista point with a trail, parking, tables, benches, restroom, and drinking fountain.
- The City of Chino Hills: \$104,000 for the rehabilitation of various trails within the Chino Hills trail system.
- The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea: \$50,000 for the restoration of the Carmel Beach Bluff Pathway.
- The City of Del Mar: \$104,800 for the development of a pedestrian trail, landscaping improvements, and viewing areas at Riverpath Park.