



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Mason Valley Ranch Addition to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park and Proposed Tulloch/Cuyamaca Ranch Addition to Anza-Borrego Desert & Cuyamaca Rancho State Parks

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), pursuant to California Resources Code Section 5006.1, will hold a hearing on a proposal to purchase two properties in east San Diego County as additions to the State Park System. The 2,117-acre Tulloch/Cuyamaca Ranch, currently owned by The Nature Conservancy, would be an addition to Anza-Borrego Desert & Cuyamaca Rancho State Parks. The 842-acre Mason Valley Ranch, currently optioned by the Anza-Borrego Foundation from the private landowner, would be an addition to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Both properties would provide protection of significant wildlife habitat/corridors and cultural resources.

Two identical hearings will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2002 - the first at 2:00 p.m. in the Anza Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center at 200 Palm Canyon Drive in Borrego Springs and the second at 7:00 p.m. in the dining hall of the Outdoor School Camp adjacent to Cuyamaca Rancho State Park headquarters off Highway 79 nine miles north of I-8. Both hearing locations are accessible to all persons.

A map of the proposed acquisitions is posted at the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center and the Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Museum and headquarters. The map is also available on the DPR website at www.parks.ca.gov under *News and Announcements*.

The purpose of the hearing is to record comments from local public officials and the general public on DPR's proposed acquisition of the Tulloch/Cuyamaca and Mason Valley Ranches. DPR staff will make a background presentation and answer the public's questions before opening the podium for comments. A summary of the comments will be submitted to the Legislature.

Written comments will be accepted for the record if received no later than August 30, 2002. Written comments should be addressed to Warren Westrup, Chief, Office of Acquisition and Real Property Services, California Department of Parks and Recreation, One Capitol Mall, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814, faxed to (916) 327-7307, or e-mailed to smill@parks.ca.gov. Please direct any inquiries regarding this notice or requests for special assistance to Skip Mills at (916) 445-9088 or smill@parks.ca.gov.

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