



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Additions to Tomo-Kahni Project

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 lands from willing sellers as an addition to the Tomo-Kahni Project in Kern County. The proposed lands are within a DPR area of acquisition interest north and northeast of the Town of Tehachapi and State Highway 58. These lands are within the traditional homeland of the Nuooah American Indians and are critical for the protection and interpretation of related archeological sites and cultural history.

The hearing will be held in the Tehachapi City Council Chambers at 115 South Robinson Street in Tehachapi on Wednesday, September 25, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. Public parking is available in an adjacent city lot. The hearing room is accessible to all persons.

A map of the proposed acquisition area of interest is posted on the DPR website at www.parks.ca.gov under *News and Announcements/News Releases 2002*. The Hearing Notice and Map have also been provided for public posting to the Kern County main library at 701 Truxton Ave. in Bakersfield and the Tehachapi Branch Library at 450 West F Street in Tehachapi.

The purpose of the hearing is to record comments from local public officials and the general public on the location and merits of lands within the area of interest for DPR related to the Tomo-Kahni Project. DPR staff and project proponents 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 October 9, 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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