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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Acquisition of Property at Taylor Yard

SACRAMENTO – California Department of Parks and Recreation Director Rusty Areias announced today that pursuant to California Resources Code Section 5006.1, the department will hold a hearing to receive public comment on a proposal to purchase up to 127 acres of land locally referred to as Taylor Yard. The acquisitions will from willing sellers. The properties are located in an old rail yard between the Los Angeles River and San Fernando Road northeast of Interstate 5, near downtown Los Angeles.

The hearing will be held in the California Building of the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue 26, Cypress Park, on Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. The hearing room is accessible to all persons.

This notice and a map of the proposed acquisitions will be posted at the River Center and Gardens, the California State Park Office on the fifth floor of the MWD Building at 700 N. Alameda Street and at the Cypress Park Library at 3320 Pepper Avenue. The notice and map is also available on the DPR website at www.parks.ca.gov under *News and Announcements/News Releases 2001*.

The purpose of this hearing is to record comments from local public officials and the general public on reasons these properties should or should not be acquired for state park purposes. 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 prior to any acquisition efforts.

Written comments will be accepted for the record if received no later than November 16, 2001. 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 or e-mail 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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