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Public Hearing Set To Consider Additions to Tomales Bay State Park

NOVATO – The California Department of Parks and Recreation will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Nov. 13, in Novato to discuss the proposed acquisition of about 97 acres of land in Marin County to be added to Tomales Bay State Park.

The hearing will be held at the Department's Marin District offices at 7665 Redwood Blvd (just north of San Martin Drive), suite 150, in Novato, on Tuesday, November 13, beginning at 6:00 p.m. There is off-street parking at the hearing location, and the hearing room and parking lot are accessible to people with disabilities at the south building entrance.

The land is located on the east side of Tomales Bay between Marshall and Point Reyes Station. Two separate properties are included in the proposal: Marconi Cove, 6.45 acres of shoreline property just south of the Marconi Conference Center; and the Varlow property, 91.12 acres of ranch land bordering the Millerton Point area of Tomales Bay State Park. Mr. Varlow intends to present his property as a gift to State Parks through the California State Parks Foundation

The purpose of the public hearing is to record comments from local public officials, the general public, adjacent landowners and other interested parties on reasons the properties should or should not be acquired for state park purposes.

State parks also will accept written comments for the record if received by Nov. 13. Please submit written comments at the hearing or send them 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.

Questions may be directed to Roger Willmarth at (916) 445-9099, or by e-mail at rwillm@parks.ca.gov. Marilyn Cundiff at the Wildlife Conservation Board (916) 445-1079, or by e-mail at mcundiff@dfg.ca.gov, can answer questions about the hearing process for the gift parcel. Information about the proposals is available on the DPR website at www.parks.ca.gov under News and Announcements/News Releases 2001.

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