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Workshops Set to Help Find Park Partners

New Partnership Guidance Workbook to be Released

California State Parks' Director Ruth Coleman announced today that a series of five workshops will be held across the State in its continuing effort to find partners to help keep parks open. The workshops are designed to present a "How To" explanation and pathway for all parties interested in forming partnerships for operating a State Park.

In addition, the State Parks is completing a *Partnership Workbook for Operating Agreements*. It will outline the guiding principles for partnership operations. It will be available at the workshops and online soon on the parks website at: www.parks.ca.gov.

The workshops will be held as follows:

- **February 22 – Redding:** 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Turtle Bay Exploration Park, 840 Sundial Bridge Drive, Museum Classroom.
- **February 23 – Fort Bragg:** 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the CV Starr Community Center, 300 South Lincoln Street, Conference Room 3.
- **February 24 – Santa Rosa:** 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Julliard Park, Church of One Tree Community Center, 492 Sonoma Avenue.
- **February 28 – West Sacramento:** 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the City of West Sacramento, Galleria at City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, Rms 157-160, West Sacramento.
- **March 1 – Los Angeles:** 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the City of San Fernando Aquatic Center, Upstairs Multi-Purpose Room, 208 Park Avenue, San Fernando.

The workbooks contain such information as: eligibility, partnership options, the application process, proposal checklists, financial plan requirements, and more.

These workshops will concentrate exclusively on the process for entering into partnership agreements for keeping parks open and will not be taking testimony on why certain parks were chosen for closure. # # # #

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