

News Advisory



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New Partnership Agreements to be announced for State Parks in Marin County

- Who:** Jared Huffman, U.S. Representative for California's 2nd Congressional District, formerly State Assembly member from Marin County
Marin County Supervisor Judy Arnold
Marin County Supervisor Susan Adams
San Rafael Council member Damon Connelly
San Rafael City Council member Andrew McCullough
Dean Witter, III, President, Board of Trustees, the Dean Witter Foundation
Cicely Muldoon, Superintendent, Pt. Reyes
Aaron Robertson, Chief Deputy Director, California State Parks
Danita Rodriguez, Superintendent, Marin District, State Parks
Ernest Chung, Marin State Parks Association and Friends of China Camp
- What:** **Largest park partnership agreement finalized thus far to keep parks open!**
The signing of a nearly \$2-million Operating and Matching Fund Agreement for three State Parks within Marin County – China Camp, Tomales Bay, and Olompali -- under matching funds legislation AB 1478.
Also, the celebration of the newly signed agreement with the National Park Service for the continued operation of Samuel P. Taylor.
- When:** Saturday, February 16, 2013, 11 a.m.
- Where:** China Camp Village, China Camp State Park, located in Marin County. Directions: Located near San Rafael. From 101 going north or south, take San Pedro Road to the China Camp State Park Historic Area.

Background: Since 2008, State parks across California have been threatened with possible closure due to declining budgets. As an option to keep parks open and operating, Congressman Jared Huffman, as the then-Assembly member from Marin County, introduced AB 42, which allowed the state to explore partnerships with nonprofit organizations. On February 16, operating and matching fund agreements will be finalized with a signing ceremony at China Camp State Park. This signing is a prelude to as many as 50 additional agreements that are now in active negotiations and nearing a conclusion. **Press and public welcome to attend.** ###