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## California State Parks Recommends Bay Area Projects for Federal Grant

SACRAMENTO – Today, California Department of Parks and Recreation Acting Director, Lisa Ann L. Mangat, announced recommendations to the National Park Service for \$1 million in funding for two local park projects under the new federal Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program. Grant funding for this new \$3 million national competitive program is made available to the projects selected by the National Park Service.

The Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program targets projects that will create or reinvigorate parks and other outdoor recreation spaces located in densely populated jurisdictions by connecting people to outdoor places in their communities; engaging and empowering underserved communities and youth; as well as, improving recreation opportunities for all. In addition, projects must also meet priorities identified in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

For this inaugural nationwide competition, each state may recommend up to two projects for consideration. The maximum grant request for each project is \$500,000. The recommended projects will be reviewed by the national selection review committee. The National Park Service expects to release its final selection decision by October 2014.

California's recommended projects for this national grant are:

- *Jean Sweeney Open Space Park*, City of Alameda, \$500,000  
Project Scope: Create a new 7.5 acre park (Jean Sweeney Open Space Park) by constructing a new playground, one-mile multi-use trail, single-use natural pathways, open turf area, picnic areas, plaza areas, landscaping, lighting, restrooms, parking lot, and support facilities, in the City of Alameda.
- *Concord Hills Regional Park*, East Bay Regional Park District, \$500,000  
Project Scope: Create a new 587 acre park (Concord Hills Regional Park) by constructing a staging area, restroom, and support amenities in Contra Costa County.

For more information about the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program, visit the [California State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services website](#).

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