California State Parks Announces Cancelation of Concession Opportunity at Carlsbad and South Carlsbad State Beaches

CARLSBAD, Calif. — California State Parks today announced the cancellation of the request for proposals for a fitness and recreation concession at Carlsbad and South Carlsbad state beaches (#P18CA030). The pre-proposal meeting scheduled for this Thursday, January 23 at the Hilton Garden Inn Carlsbad Beach in Carlsbad has also been canceled. It is in the best interest of the state that any proposals for visitor services at these state beaches be placed on hold at this time.

San Diego Coast state parks provide visitors with a variety of amenities such as surfing, camping, wildlife viewing, swimming and other recreational activities. Within Carlsbad and South Carlsbad state beaches, there are three separate volleyball areas. RFP #P18CA030 included the management of the three volleyball court locations and scheduling yoga, fitness boot camps and other personal fitness lessons on the beach. The volleyball courts at Warm Waters and Pine Street have been managed under a concession agreement with the Carlsbad Village Athletic Club since December 2012. The contract expired two years later at which time the contract switched to a month-to-month agreement. The courts at S. Ponto have been managed by State Parks through its special event office.

In the last couple of years, State Parks has implemented a number of transformative, system-wide changes such as expanding and enhancing access to parks to a broader range of visitors. Selecting a concessionaire for the state beaches within the city of Carlsbad through the competitive bidding process is one of the many ways the department is accomplishing this. Providing equitable access to all visitors is important to California State Parks.

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