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California State Parks Announces \$1 Million in Local Project Recommendations

SACRAMENTO – Today, California Department of Parks and Recreation Acting Director, Lisa Mangat announced recommendations to the National Park Service for \$1 million in funding for 2 local park projects under the new Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program. Grant funding for this new national competitive program is made available if the National Park Service approves the recommended projects.

For this inaugural competition, the program has \$3 million available for funding projects nationwide. The recommended projects now move to the selection review committee. NPS expects a final selection decision sometime in October 2014. 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 identified the SCORP priorities.

Below is a list of the recommended projects:

Jean Sweeney Open Space Park

City of Alameda.

\$500,000

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

Create a new 587 acre park (Concord Hills Regional Park) by constructing approximately 2 miles of trail, staging area, restroom, and support amenities in Contra Costa County.

For more information on the Land and Water Conservation Fund program, visit

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