



CALIFORNIA STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING STAFF REPORT

Loma Linda, CA
December 17, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: 10. Legislative Update

STAFF: Marivel Barajas, Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: California Legislation

I. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Legislative report - Information Only

II. BACKGROUND/SUMMARY

This report provides summary excerpts and the status of legislation affecting the California State Park System. Information contained in this report is accurate as of November 6, 2025.

III. ATTACHMENTS

- Staff Report



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OBJECTIVE

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INTRODUCTION

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DESCRIPTION

SB 427 (Blakespear) Habitat Conservation Fund.

Summary: This bill extends the sunset on the annual appropriations from the Habitat Conservation Fund for five years, from July 1, 2030, until July 1, 2035. This bill also includes a January 1, 2036, sunset.

Status: Signed

SB 630 (Allen) State parks: real property: acquisitions and leases.

Summary: This bill, until January 1, 2033, exempts the Department from the State Public Works Board (PWB) real property acquisition process, creating an alternative acquisition process for properties, less than \$1 million, that would add to existing units of the State Park System, as specified. The bill also authorizes Department of General Services (DGS) to waive its review and approval of appraisals, real estate acquisition contracts, and leases, as specified.

Status: Signed



AB 385 (Ramos) Regional Park property: County of San Bernardino: Glen Helen Regional Park.

Summary: This bill authorizes San Bernardino County to dispose of up to 4.2 acres of property at Glen Helen Regional Park, acquired with funding from the Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris Urban Open-Space and Recreation Program Act, subject to the acquisition of replacement park property, as approved by the Department, as specified. This bill requires the County to submit applicable documents regarding the disposition of the existing property and acquisition of replacement park property by specified dates. The bill also stipulates that if the County has not acquired replacement property by January 1, 2029, which meets the specified requirements, and is approved by the Department, the chapter would become inoperative.

Status: Signed

AB 679 (Pellerin) Department of Parks and Recreation: Big Basin Redwoods, Año Nuevo, and Butano State Parks.

Summary: This bill, until January 1, 2033, exempts the Department from the State Public Works Board (PWB) land acquisition process, authorizing the Department to acquire real property for Big Basin Redwoods, Año Nuevo, and Butano State Parks, under an alternative process with the Department of General Services (DGS), which includes a comprehensive public notification process, as specified.

Status: Signed

AB 1520 (Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife) Public resources: conservation.

Summary: This committee omnibus bill, amongst other things, adjusts the length of the Department's concession bid contracts, with public notice requirements, from two years to three years for consistency with other concessions statutes. This bill also eliminates the requirement to advertise concession opportunities in print newspapers and replaces the requirement for the Department's concessionaires to submit sales and use tax documents with an annual requirement to submit financial statements prepared or audited by a certified public accountant.

Status: Signed



NEXT STEPS

Informational only

RECOMMENDATION

Informational only

COMMISSION ACTION(S)

For information only

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

None