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California State Parks Announces a Concession Opportunity at Three State Parks in Santa Barbara County

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. – California State Parks announced today that it is accepting proposals for a 10-year concession contract to operate three camp stores at El Capitán and Refugio state beaches, and Gaviota State Park. **Deadline to submit proposals is Tuesday**, **July 16, 2019 by 2 p.m.** A pre-proposal meeting to operate the concession is set for May 29 at 6 p.m. at El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park in Santa Barbara. A tour of the parks will be available prior to the meeting from 3:30 to 5:10 p.m. (See tour details)

El Capitán State Beach provides 131 family campsites, five group campsites, and a day-use parking lot that can accommodate 184 vehicles. The state beach offers visitors a sandy beach, rocky tide pools, and stands of sycamore and oaks along El Capitán Creek. It is a perfect setting for swimming, fishing, surfing, picnicking, and camping.

Refugio State Beach provides 67 campsites, three group campsites, and a day-use parking lot that can accommodate 122 vehicles. It offers excellent coastal fishing as well as hiking trails and picnic sites. Palm trees planted near Refugio Creek give a distinctive look to the beach and camping area.

Gaviota State Park is a popular spot for swimming, picnicking, and surf fishing. A pier located on the west end of the beach is equipped with a self-service electric boat hoist launching facility that may be used year-round. The pier and hoist project is expected to begin construction in 2020. Visitors can explore the upland portions of the park from a trailhead in the day-use parking area. Gaviota Peak offers a view of the coast and the Channel Islands.

The department is holding a pre-proposal meeting on Wednesday, May 29 at 6 p.m. to inform interested parties on the contract requirements and proper submission of proposals. The meeting will be held at El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park, 123 E Canon Perdido Street, in Santa Barbara. The department encourages all interested parties to attend.

- **WHAT:** Pre-proposal Meeting for a Concession Opportunity to operate three camp stores at El Capitán and Refugio state beaches and Gaviota State Park.
- WHEN: Wednesday, May 29 at 6 p.m.
- WHERE: El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park, 123 E Canon Perdido Street, Santa Barbara, CA (93102)
- TOUR: 3:30-3:50 p.m. at Gaviota State Park, 6000 Highway 101, Goleta, CA
 4:10-4:30 p.m. at Refugio State Beach, 10 Refugio Beach Road, Goleta, CA
 4:45-5:10 p.m. at El Capitán State Beach, 11550 Calle Real, Goleta, CA
 Drive time to El Presidio SHP is about 30 minutes.

Additional information on the pre-proposal meeting and reasonable accommodations are available by contacting Concessions Specialist, Kevin White via email at <u>Kevin.White@parks.ca.gov</u> or by phone (916) 654-8924.

Copies of the request for proposals are available for download from the Cal e-Procure website at <u>www.caleprocure.ca.gov</u>. Proposals may be mailed or delivered in person and must be physically received no later than **2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2019** at the California State Parks Operations Office, Room 1431, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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