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## Chairman and Vice Chairman Named For Park and Rec Commission

EUREKA – Bay Area Attorney Joseph W. Cotchett was elected the new chairman of the California State Park and Recreation Commission and Caryl Hart of Sebastapol was named vice-chair during a commission meeting in Eureka today.

Cotchett's law firm, Cotchett, Pitre and Simon, has offices in Burlingame, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. Besides serving on the State Park and Recreation Commission, he is director of the Bay Meadows Foundation, and previously has served on the boards of the California State Bar and University of California Hastings Law School Board.

He is a former member of the California Judicial Council, Commission on Judicial Performance, and Commission on Judicial Salaries. He has repeatedly been named one of the nation's 100 most influential lawyers by the *National Law Journal*. Cotchett is the author of several books and has lectured at numerous law schools.

Caryl Hart, also an attorney, is vice-president of 360 Degrees Productions, an entertainment and music production company. She formerly worked as a deputy public defender in San Francisco and Marin Counties, and was a founding member of LandPaths, an environmental land trust and land management non-profit organization.

She has served as chair of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Advisory Committee; Member of the Sonoma County Outdoor Recreation Plan Citizens Advisory Committee; and President, Nathan Ohrbach Foundation.

Other members of the State Park and Recreation Commission are Raquelle de la Rocha of Van Nuys, Eugene La Pietra of Los Angeles, John Murray of San Francisco, Robert Shriver of Santa Monica and Paul Junger Witt of Los Angeles.

The State Park and Recreation Commission establishes general policies for the guidance of the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation in the administration, protection, and development of the state park system.

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