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STATE PARKS ANNOUNCES \$31 MILLION IN PARK PROJECTS

SACRAMENTO – State Parks Director Ruth Coleman today announced that 108 competitive park projects have been selected to receive more than \$31 million from the Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Urban Open Space and Recreation Grant Program.

The Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Grant Program is part of Proposition 40, the Resources Bond Act of 2002. It is a statewide competitive program that provides \$28,105,000 for Non-Urban (rural communities) grant projects and \$3,884,000 to Urban projects. The grants are awarded to local agencies to acquire, develop, or rehabilitate park and recreation areas.

“This money represents a commitment to our future generations,” said Coleman. “This grant program is designed to get funds to critically needed projects in high-priority communities. By helping them create safe neighborhood parks and programs, we help them create better children, stronger families and healthier communities.”

Administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Grant Program includes funding for such things as trails, skate board parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, park restrooms and more. The projects vary in size from \$31,000 for playground equipment to as much as \$500,000 for a community swimming pool.

The 2002 Resources Bond Act was passed by 56.8 percent of the voters in March 2002. The \$2.6 billion measure provides funds for a wide variety of parks, open space, recreation and land, air and water conservation projects across the state. The purpose of the program is the development of safe neighborhood parks and recreational facilities for children and families in communities across California.

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See attached listing (three pages) of specific projects approved in these programs