



# News Release

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## State Parks Asking for Public Input to Gain Federal Grant Money for Future Recreation Needs for California

### Millions of Dollars Can Bring Park and Recreation Facilities for California's Children

People from all across California have the opportunity to help bring millions of dollars in Federal money to California's park and recreation areas and facilities. That money comes from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant program that is administered by the National Park Service.

But there's a catch. In order to be eligible for the funding, California and other states are required to prepare a new or revised Comprehensive Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan (called CORP in California). California State Parks has the responsibility for preparing the elements of the plan, but in order for State Parks to do so, it needs a considerable amount of help from the public to identify the most pressing problems and needs facing recreation throughout the state.

The California Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) must identify outdoor recreation issues of statewide importance based upon public participation and evaluate the demand for and supply of outdoor recreation resources and facilities in the state.

To get the public input needed, California State Parks is announcing a series of four public workshops to be held throughout the state, as follows:

#### Northern California Workshops

##### **Wednesday, November 7th - Oakland**

Richard Trudeau Training Center  
11500 Skyline Blvd  
Oakland, CA 94619

##### **Thursday, November 8th – Stockton**

City of Stockton Memorial Civic Auditorium, North Hall  
525 North Center St.  
Stockton, CA 95202

#### Southern California Workshops

##### **Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> - San Diego**

Mission Trails Regional Park – Visitor and Interpretive Center  
One Father Junipero Serra Tr.  
San Diego, CA 92119

**Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> - Riverside**

Citrus Center, California Citrus State Historic Park  
9400 Dufferin Ave.  
Riverside, CA 92504

The heart of the CORP is the Issues and Actions element. It identifies Issues affecting recreation, suggests Actions for addressing the Issues and looks at the supply and demand for outdoor recreation opportunities. These statewide CORP Issues include the most pressing concerns broadly affecting California's park and recreation providers, now and in the future. The Actions are specific and targeted suggestions for remedying the Issues. The Issues and Actions provide an important point of focus for all park and recreation providers and a direction for conducting future research and studies within California State Parks' California Outdoor Recreation Planning Program.

California State Parks is asking for public help to ensure the Issues and Actions are relevant and reflect California's large and diverse population. Public participation will also ensure that the 2007 CORP provides an effective tool for future statewide outdoor recreation leadership and action.

California State Parks has successfully administered distribution of LWCF grants since the Act was passed in 1965. The CORP is the basis for grant selection criteria that are designed to be responsive to public recreation activity preferences and to the set of major issues facing California's park and recreation organizations.

Please join us at any of these four public workshops to give us your feedback, opinions and ideas. There is no charge to attend; reservations are not required, although an RSVP to [planning@parks.ca.gov](mailto:planning@parks.ca.gov) would be greatly appreciated. Please also pass this invitation along to whomever else you think might be interested in participating. All workshops are scheduled from 1:00PM until 4:00PM and refreshments will be provided.

For more information on the CORP and State Parks' California Outdoor Recreation Planning Program, please see our webpage at [www.parks.ca.gov/planning](http://www.parks.ca.gov/planning). Just follow the link for the **California Outdoor Recreation Plan Public Outreach Workshops**.

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