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Bidwell Canyon Marina Public Input Sought on Concession Opportunity

LAKE OROVILLE STATE RECREATION AREA – California State Parks seeks public comments and suggestions for high-quality operations at Bidwell Canyon Marina.

The contract to operate the Bidwell Canyon Marina will expire at the end of this year. In developing ideas for a new contract, California State Parks seeks public input on the marina's future development and operations. The input will be used to prepare a request for proposals that would invite contractors to submit proposals on how they would propose to run the marina if awarded the contract.

A public meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 5 in the Lake Oroville Visitor Center, 917 Kelly Ridge Road, Oroville, California, 95966.

Lake Oroville State Recreation Area contains the largest State Water Project reservoir in Northern California. Bidwell Canyon is approximately five miles northeast of Oroville and includes campgrounds. The current concessionaire operates and maintains the marina with more than 800 boat moorings; a camp store; a snack bar; a fuel station; a pumping station; and 300 trailer/dry boat parking spots. In fiscal year 07/08 the concessionaire reported gross sales of \$3.2 million and paid \$327,684 in rent to the state, in accordance with the current contract requirements.

Lake Oroville was created by the Oroville Dam in 1967 after five years of construction. The lake conserves water distributed by the State Water Project to homes, farms, and industries in the San Francisco Bay area, the San Joaquin Valley, and Southern California. Lake Oroville's facilities provide flood control, smog-free generation of electric power, and recreation. At its maximum elevation of 900 feet above sea level, the lake includes some 15,500 surface acres for recreation and 167 miles of shoreline. Recreation areas around the lake allow boaters to land at any point to explore the surrounding property.

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