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California State Parks Announce Service Reductions To Meet Budget Cuts and Keep Parks Open *Five Historic Parks in Capital District State Museums and Historic Parks are being closed on Mondays beginning November 1*

SACRAMENTO – In keeping with Governor Schwarzenegger’s plan for keeping parks open, California State Parks is today announcing the implementation of service reductions at parks across the State. The goal is to achieve the required cost savings while minimizing the disruption to park visitors as much as possible.

All of the service reductions are consistent with Gov. Schwarzenegger’s September 25 announcement that State Parks will remain open by achieving one-time budget savings through the reduction of maintenance and equipment costs as well as by service reductions.

The service reductions are designed to minimize disruptions for park visitors, while keeping parks open and achieving the \$14.2 million in budget savings to help close the State’s budget deficit. To achieve savings as quickly as possible, State Parks will begin implementing these cost saving measures all across California in the next few days.

As part of California State Parks, the Sacramento-based Capital District State Museums and Historic Parks will implement service reductions in an effort to achieve required budget savings while simultaneously keeping parks open. With minimal disruption expected for park visitors, the service reductions in the Capital District are effective as of November 1, 2009.

In Sacramento, three state historic parks and one museum will be closed to the public on Mondays and include the following: the Governor’s Mansion State Historic Park, Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park, California State Indian Museum and Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park. Outside of Sacramento, but within the Capital District region, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park in Jamestown will be closed on Mondays as well.

The three other Capital District park units--including the California State Railroad Museum, Old Sacramento State Historic Park and the State Capitol Museum--will remain open

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seven days per week as usual but will experience some program reductions. Depending on the site, service reductions may include selected restroom closures, reductions in tours and other interpretive programs, deferral of building repairs and other ongoing maintenance needs as well as delay in filling certain vacancies.

“We trust these necessary adjustments will only be a minor inconvenience to our loyal visitors who support us every day,” said Catherine Taylor, District Superintendent of the Capital District. “We also hope that our visitors will understand and appreciate that we are doing our best in these trying times to showcase and protect our valued state museums and historic parks in the Capital District.”

About the Capital District State Museums and Historic Parks

The Capital District State Museums and Historic Parks encompasses seven State Historic Parks and Museums located within the Downtown and Midtown areas of California’s Capital City: California State Capitol Museum, California State Indian Museum, California State Railroad Museum, Governor’s Mansion State Historic Park, Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic Park, Old Sacramento State Historic Park and Sutter’s Fort State Historic Park. Additionally, two units are in outlying areas: the Woodland Opera House in Woodland, California; and Railtown 1897 State Historic Park located in Jamestown, in the heart of California’s Gold Country about 100 miles southeast of Sacramento. Collectively these facilities preserve and interpret the heritage of California’s Capital City, and illuminate the many forces that have shaped Sacramento and the Golden State.