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Major General Anthony Jackson Becomes Director of California State Parks

Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird rendered the official oath of office today to install Major General Anthony Jackson as the 19th Director of California State Parks. Jackson was appointed to the position last week by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. The position requires Senate confirmation.

"I am confident Major General Jackson will provide the right leadership and management needed to help our much-loved State park system," said Secretary Laird. "In addition to his duties as a military commander, he has direct experience protecting cultural resources on sensitive U.S. Government land, directing environmental scientists, and integrating military and civilian personnel. We are all eager to move forward and this appointment will begin that journey."

Major General Jackson, a resident of Fallbrook, in San Diego County near Camp Pendleton, recently retired from the U.S. Marine Corps after 36 years of distinguished service.

"I am pleased that Governor Brown has placed his confidence in me to assist his administration in the job of helping one of California's most valued resources, the State Park system," said Jackson. "California has one of the finest array of park resources found anywhere in the world and I am eager to join the team and lead the efforts of the department toward a healthy and sustainable future."

Prior to his retirement, Jackson served as the Commanding General, Marine Corps, Installations West. In this role, he was responsible for the command and control of Marine Corps installations in the southwestern United States, including oversight of administration, fiscal, military, construction and energy programs and the welfare of 13,000 civilian employees and more than 60,000 marines and sailors. Prior to this assignment, Major General Jackson served in a variety of high level command, operations and logistics jobs in major Marine Corps duty locations around the world, to include the U.S. Africa Command, Central Command and the First Marine Expeditionary Force deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

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