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California State Parks Commemorates 150th Anniversary with Julia Morgan Event at Asilomar State Beach & Conference Grounds

PACIFIC GROVE, CA.—On Saturday, April 19th, 2014, California State Parks commemorates 150 years and celebrates the accomplishments of Julia Morgan who designed buildings at Asilomar for the YWCA between 1913 and 1928. This day-long, free event includes docent-led tours of several historic buildings; lecture by Victoria Kastner, Hearst Castle historian; presentation of California Historic Landmark Plaque; SF Bay Area's Royal Society Jazz Orchestra concert; and a "Fashions of the YWCA Years" show. The events will be from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Grace Dodge Chapel Auditorium.

The "Julia Morgan's Asilomar" event coincides with the sesquicentennial of California State Parks, and is an event designed to offer visitors the opportunity to connect with Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds – a local State Park.

"This is an exciting time for State Parks, and we want to connect people to their parks," says Major General Anthony L. Jackson, USMC (Ret.), Director of California State Parks. "State Parks belong to the people of California. For 150 years, California State Parks has been a leader in the conservation of our natural and cultural resources, and our mission is to offer quality recreation opportunities for the whole family."

All "Julia Morgan Asilomar" event activities are free, but reservations are necessary for attendance at the lecture/fashion show due to limited seating. Please contact Lisa Bradford for details and registration for this exciting event at (831) 646-6443. Special lodging packages are available through ARAMARK Parks and Destinations, CA State Parks' concessionaire partner at Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds. For information on lodging specials and advance purchase luncheon or dinner tickets, please contact the Asilomar Conference Grounds front desk: (831) 372-8016.

Today, California State Parks has grown to be one of the largest state park systems in the world, with 280 park units, more than 1,600,000 acres, 14,000 campsites, and visitor attendance of some 70 million visitors per year.

For more information on the California State Parks 150th Anniversary please visit www.150.parks.ca.gov/.

For more information on Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds, please visit www.parks.ca.gov/asilomar.

California State Parks Mission

To provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation. For more information, visit www.parks.ca.gov.

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