California State Parks Holds Public Forums on Modifications to Landmark Disability Access Settlement

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) is seeking public feedback on the progress of disability access improvements made under the Tucker Consent Decree. Two public meetings will be held this fall to solicit feedback and highlight the access improvements that are left to complete, proposed modifications to the Tucker Consent Decree, and proposed changes to DPR’s policies.

Northern California Meeting

When: Oct. 11, 2019 from 10 a.m. to noon
Where: Natural Resources Agency Building Auditorium
        1416 9th St., Sacramento (95814)

Southern California Meeting

When: Nov. 14, 2019 from 10 a.m. to noon
Where: Ronald Reagan State Building Auditorium
        300 South Spring St., Los Angeles (90013)

Since 2005, DPR has been operating under a federal consent decree resulting from a class action lawsuit. In settling Tucker v. State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, et al., DPR agreed to remove architectural and programmatic access barriers and construct accessible trails.

To date, more than 500 accessible campsites, 70 accessible picnic areas and 100 accessible trails covering more than 120 miles have been created. Additionally,
DPR has made improvements to more than a thousand amenities including restrooms, parking and pathways.

Remote access for both public meetings will be provided. DPR supports equal access. Prior to arrival, visitors with disabilities who need assistance should contact Jason Stora at (916) 445-8806 or 711 TTY Relay Service or by email at access@parks.ca.gov.

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