

## Media Advisory

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## California State Parks Seeks Public Input on the Ferry Service Concession from Tiburon to Angel Island State Park

*TIBURON, Calif.* – California State Parks is holding a public meeting to solicit comments on the future of the ferry service concession providing transportation to/from Tiburon to Angel Island State Park. In an effort to better serve and enhance the visitor experience at this state park, the department is seeking public input before issuing a Request for Proposals for a new concession contract through a competitive bid process.

The meeting will be held Thursday, December 14, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Lodge at Tiburon, Main Sail Ballroom, 1651 Tiburon Blvd, Tiburon.

<u>Angel Island State Park</u>, in the middle of the San Francisco Bay, offers spectacular views of the San Francisco skyline, the Marin Headlands and Mount Diablo. The park is accessible by ferry service and private boat; island amenities include hiking and biking routes, overnight facilities, and extensive dayuse facilities. Annually, the ferry service transports several hundred thousand visitors to Angel Island State Park.

What to expect at this meeting:

- 1. Overview of Angel Island State Park and California State Park's concession process.
- 2. Summary of the existing components of the ferry service operations.
- 3. Opportunity to provide input on the future of the ferry service.
- 4. A summary of public comments provided on California State Parks' website.

In the last couple of years, State Parks has implemented a number of transformative, system-wide changes such as expanding and enhancing access to parks to a broader range of visitors. Installing new cabins at state parks, including Angel Island, is one of the many ways the department is accomplishing this. Assurance of a long-term ferry service is needed to justify the capital investment of the future cabin concessionaire.

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Additional information on the public meeting and reasonable accommodations are available by contacting Concessions Specialist Kevin White via <u>e-mail</u> or phone (916) 654-8924.

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