

# **PROPOSITION 84**

## A LOCAL RECREATION GRANTS OVERVIEW

From 2000-2006, voters passed over \$2.2 billion in bond acts specifically for local recreation. These funds were administered by the California State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services. Across California, essential local recreation projects were completed; this would not have been the case if the public had not passed these bond acts.



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### **PROPOSITION 84: AN OVERVIEW**

#### 2006 PARK BOND ACT (PROPOSITION 84)

On November 7, 2006 voters passed the "Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006" (Proposition 84). This bond act provided \$461 million for local assistance grants that are being administered by State Parks. All of the funds were allocated through competitive, need-based programs.

#### **Statewide Park Program**

#### \$368 million awarded

This program provided funds for acquisition and development projects for new park and recreation opportunities. Eligible applicants included cities,



counties, districts, non-profits and joint-powers authorities located in park poor or lowincome areas of California. Over 100 new parks will be created. Youth, seniors, and families determined what they wanted in these new parks through communitybased planning. 900 applications requested \$3 billion for the available \$368 million.

## DEMAND FAR EXCEEDS FUNDING

While the 2006 Park Bond Act provided \$461 million for close to 150 local recreation projects in California, the Office of Grants and Local Services received over 1200 applications totaling \$4 billion in requests.

#### Nature Education Facilities Program \$93 million awarded

More than 300 applications were received requesting almost \$1 billion from the available \$93 million. A total of 44 grants were awarded. A tiered funding schedule enabled funding of a broad variety of sizes and types of



BIG BREAK VISITOR CENTER IN OAKLEY, A NATURE EDUCATION FACILITIES PROJECT

projects and allowed applicants to compete against other projects requesting a similar amount. Grants were awarded in all tiers and range from \$32,000 to \$7 million. The Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) administers grant programs funding local, state, and nonprofit organization projects. Since 1964, over 7,400 parks have been created or improved through 20,000 grants administered by OGALS.

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