



California Department of
Parks and Recreation

December Leadership Meeting Natural & Cultural Resources Committee

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Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Natural and Cultural Resources Committee Approach
3. Exercise: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats
4. Discussion and Q&A
5. Next steps

Introduction

Please take a moment to....

Introduce yourself, your position and location

What is your favorite place in the California State Park System?











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Initiative description

Transformation Team Goal 4: Protect and Enhance Natural and Cultural Resources

- Critically evaluate current practices and review other approaches with the input of staff and experts.
- Develop recommendations for improving the protection of our State Parks' treasured natural and cultural resources.

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Vision

- Propel a renewed investment in the stewardship of the resources of the State Park System



Barriers

- We don't always have the information needed to prioritize resources to address our protection efforts at any particular funding level
- We are not always perceived as making the preservation of natural and cultural resources a priority



Approach

Through a multi-tiered analysis and with the input of a high level stakeholder advisory workgroup and staff:

- Recommend new or updated systems or best practices
- Develop projects that exemplify state of the art stewardship
- Articulate a vision that guides renewed efforts and underpins future policies

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Natural and Cultural Resources

Conceptual Diagram of Initiative Relationships



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Progress to date

What We've Accomplished:

- Summarized existing natural and cultural resources management systems
- Recruited and convened to high-level advisory workgroups in multiple meetings
- Built advisory workgroup feedback into initiative; secured consultants to augment staff research
- Initiated research into alternative systems and best practices and development of potential projects

What's Next:

- Summarizing initial round of best practices/systems
- Incubating potential projects and vision development
- Continued engagement of staff and advisory workgroup



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Connections to other Transformation Initiatives

Organizational Structure

Service Based Budget

Partnerships

Relevancy

Modernization



Exercise

SWOT Analysis

Strengths

Weaknesses

Opportunities

Threats



Discussion / Question and Answer

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VISION STATEMENT

Describe desired condition to guide on-going efforts and underpin future policy development



FURTHER STUDY

Call out related projects, practices, or ideas that hold promise for future implementation, but require further research and development before moving forward.

PRACTICES/SYSTEMS

One or more management systems, practices, or approaches, likely drawn from other land/resource managers, that should be considered for adoption (in whole or in part), by California State Parks in furtherance of a resource protection goal linked thematically to a specific vision



PROJECT(S)

A pilot effort that catalyzes future conservation efforts consistent with the vision and Transformation Team objectives to engage partners and new constituencies, leverage resources in a sustainable and replicable manner.



LINKS

Identify connections between the with other Transformation efforts



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Advisory Workgroup Theme:

State Park lands preserve representative examples of native ecoregions of California, while also protecting habitats of statewide, regional, and local significance. The diversity of the system provides opportunities to contribute to conservation at multiple scales and build resilience to climate change.

Vision to be developed

FURTHER STUDY

Geospatial analysis documenting CSPS role in biodiversity protection in California

Summarize current partnerships supporting natural resources management in the CSPS

BEST PRACTICES

Inventory and monitoring of natural resources conditions

Systems to prioritize natural resources investments

Best practices for adapting to climate change

PROJECT(S)

- *Climate Change Adaptation in a Redwood Landscape*
- *Estuary Management and Restoration*

LINKS

Service Based Budgeting
Partnerships
Relevancy

Questions

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