

# Memorandum

**Date** : January 30, 2012  
**To** : Officials and Interested Parties  
**From** : Department of Parks and Recreation  
**Subject** : California State Parks - Operation Partnership Workshops

Dear Officials and Interested Parties:

California State Parks is pleased to offer workshops for non-profit organizations and public agencies interested in assuming some or all of the functions of a State Park that is slated for closure. A list of these State Parks is available at [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov). The primary intent of forming operation partnership is to keep these parks open to the public by assisting California State Parks in meeting its 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”.

- The workshop will feature a “Partnership Workbook for Operating Agreements” which includes a proposal checklist, explains the proposal requirements, and lists the core functions to operate a State Park.
- Throughout the workshops, attendees will be able to ask questions about the “Partnership Workbook”.
- During the workshops, District Superintendents will be available to answer specific questions related to individual Parks.
- Workshop locations and dates are enclosed. RSVP’s are not requested, attendance is free, but seating may be limited.

The primary intent of these meetings is to disseminate partnership information and answer questions for potential partners. Therefore, there is no need to attend this meeting if your organization is not interested in proposing an operation partnership.

We welcome new partnership to keep these State Parks available for California’s public and tourists and to protect these treasured resources for future generations.