



STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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STAFF REPORT: Parks California Report

STAFF: Kindley Walsh Lawlor, President & CEO of Parks California

SUBJECT: Introduction to Parks California

OBJECTIVE

Provide State Park and Recreation Commissioners and the public with an introduction to Parks California.

INTRODUCTION

Kindley Walsh Lawlor, President & CEO of Parks California, will provide a general overview of Parks California, including why it was formed, the issues it works on, and what it has achieved in its first four years.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

In 2015, The Parks Forward Commission issued recommendations for how State Parks could meet the needs of all people – now and into the future. The Parks Forward Commission’s core recommendation was for a new, statewide statutory nonprofit partner to California State Parks, as articulated in Senate Bill 1111.

As a result, Parks California was established as a nonprofit extension of the State Parks team and began operating in early 2019.

Each year, Parks California meets with State Parks leadership to set Joint Priorities, as prescribed in SB 1111. We work closely with State Park staff to catalyze innovation and advance projects which address the mission critical needs identified.

DESCRIPTION (REPORT / UPDATE)

The general overview will include:

- The history of Parks California

- How Parks California works with California State Parks as its statutory partner
- Parks California's mission and core programming areas
- Highlights of the progress made in Parks California's first 4 years in partnership with CSP partners and nonprofits across the state.

ATTACHMENTS

Presentation slides forthcoming on 9.19. The presentation will include a short video.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Website: <https://parksocalifornia.org/>

On Instagram and Facebook: @parksocalifornia

We will include a short video of a grantee partner in the presentation.