



**STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Lancaster, CA**

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**STAFF REPORT:** 2022 Legislative Update  
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**SUBJECT:** California Legislation

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**Summary**

This report provides summary excerpts and the status of legislation affecting the California State Park System. Information contained in this report is accurate as of October 21, 2022.

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**Assembly Bill 30 (Karla) Equitable Outdoor Access Act.**

**Summary:** This bill establishes the Equitable Outdoor Access Act and establishes state policy ensuring all Californians have equitable opportunities to safe and affordable access to the state's natural and cultural resources, as defined. Additionally, this bill requires all relevant state agencies, boards, and commissions to incorporate this policy in their activities, as specified. This bill also requires Natural Resources Agency to report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2024, regarding implementation of this policy.

**Status:** Signed by the Governor September 30, 2022 (Chapter 939, Statutes 2022)

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**Assembly Bill 1645 (Petrie-Norris) State parks: concession contracts: Crystal Cove State Park.**

**Summary:** This bill authorizes the Department to extend its existing concession contract for the operation and maintenance of Crystal Cove State Park for an additional twenty years, in order for the operator to qualify for the federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program, as specified.

**Status:** Signed by the Governor July 12, 2022 (Chapter 99, Statutes 2022)

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**Assembly Bill 1655 (Jones-Sawyer) State holidays: Juneteenth.**

**Summary:** This bill establishes June 19<sup>th</sup>, known as "Juneteenth," as a state holiday and would make corresponding statutory changes authorizing state employees to receive 8 hours of "holiday credit" to celebrate Juneteenth, in lieu of 8 hours of "personal holiday credit," as specified.

**Status:** Signed by the Governor September 29, 2022 (Chapter 753, Statutes 2022)

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**Assembly Bill 1757 (Garcia) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: climate goal: natural and working lands.**

**Summary:** This bill requires the Natural Resources Agency (Agency), in collaboration with specified entities, to determine an ambitious range of targets for natural carbon sequestration, and nature-based climate solutions, that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, as specified. The bill also requires Agency to establish an expert advisory committee to advise state agencies on implementation strategies, standardized accounting, and provide recommendations, as specified.

**Status:** Signed by the Governor September 16, 2022 (Chapter 341, Statutes 2022)

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**Assembly Bill 1789 (Bennett) Outdoor recreation: California Recreational Trails System Plan.**

**Summary:** The bill requires the Department to update the California Recreation Trails System Plan (Plan) on or before January 1, 2024, submit the updated Plan to the Legislature, and to post the Plan on the Department's website. The bill also requires the Plan to be updated every 3 years, as specified.

**Status:** Signed by the Governor September 25, 2022 (Chapter 522, Statutes 2022)

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**Assembly Bill 1909 (Friedman) Vehicles: bicycle omnibus bill.**

**Summary:** This bill expands trail access for Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes and eliminates the statewide ban for Class 3 e-bikes on trails. However, the bill also authorizes the Department to prohibit any class of e-bike on any bicycle path or trail within the State Park System.

**Status:** Signed by the Governor September 19, 2022 (Chapter 343, Statutes 2022)

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**Assembly Bill 2344 (Friedman) Wildlife connectivity: transportation projects.**

**Summary:** This bill requires Caltrans, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) and other appropriate agencies, to inventory the state highway system and identify areas where wildlife crossings could reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions, as specified. This bill also requires Caltrans and DFW to assess all road projects in "connectivity areas" to determine whether a wildlife crossing is needed, as specified.

**Status:** Signed by the Governor September 30, 2022 (Chapter 964, Statutes 2022)

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**Commission Action**

For information only.

**Attachments**