

California Legislature

**JOINT OVERSIGHT HEARING:
Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water
Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife**

“The State of California’s State Park System”

**Tuesday, August 5, 2008
~~9:00 a.m.~~ 1:30 p.m.
State Capitol Room 112**

A G E N D A

- I. Opening Comments by Members**
- II. Value of the State Park System:** *Overview of the values and history of the state park system and what it is designed to protect and preserve.*
 - Caryl Hart, Chair, California Park and Recreation Commission
 - Ruskin Hartley, Executive Director, Save-the-Redwoods League
 - Victor Carter, President, Friends of Allensworth
- III. The Current Status - How are we protecting and maintaining state parks?** *Overview of current and historical development and funding challenges to the state parks system.*
 - Michael Harris, Deputy Director for Policy, Department of Parks and Recreation
 - Assemblymember John Laird
 - Randy Widera, President, California League of Park Associations
- IV. Infrastructure Threats to State Parks:** *Overview of conflicting uses in state parks. What are the significant threats to parks and who is proposing those threats?*
 - Elizabeth Goldstein, California State Parks Foundation
 - Diana Lindsay, Vice President, Environmental Affairs for Anza-Borrego Foundation and Institute
 - Dan Silver, Chief Executive Officer, Endangered Habitats League, Save San Onofre Coalition
 - Ben McCue, Coastal Conservation Program Manager, WiLDCOAST/COSTASALVAJE
- V. Oversight - Who’s watching out for our state parks?** *Overview of external and internal efforts to protect state parks.*
 - Bobby Shriver, former Chair of the State Park and Recreation Commission
 - Gail Sevrens, President, California State Park Rangers Association
 - Joel Reynolds, Urban Program Director, Natural Resources Defense Council
- VI. Public Comment**