



CALIFORNIA OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING STAFF REPORT

Bakersfield, CA
June 17, 2026

SUBJECT: New Authorities for Land Acquisition; ***State Parks Forward***
STAFF: Darla Guenzler, Chief, Acquisition and Real Property Services

OBJECTIVE

To share information about new authorities granted to DPR to acquire new lands and the new ***State Parks Forward*** initiative announced by Governor Newsom on Earth Day.

INTRODUCTION

DPR acquires land to create and expand the State Park units. Until January 1, 2026, DPR has not held authority to acquire land without the review and approval of the State Public Works Board, Department of General Services and Department of Finance. As of January 1, 2026, DPR has been granted two new authorities to acquire land. Governor Newsom announced ***State Parks Forward*** initiative on Earth Day.

DESCRIPTION

A powerpoint presentation describing the three pathways by which DPR can acquire land, including the two new authorities, as well as an overview of ***State Parks Forward***.

NEXT STEPS

DPR's Acquisition and Real Property Services Division are acquiring land to expand existing park units using the new authorities. Public announcements will be made as acquisitions are completed. The first biennial report will be submitted by December 31, 2027, to the California Legislature regarding properties acquired with the new authorities. In addition, the next steps for ***State Parks Forward*** will be shared.

RECOMMENDATION

The agenda item is informational; no recommendation offered.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

See www.parks.ca.gov/Forward for more information, including signing up to receive future notices.