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**STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
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Springhill Suites by Marriott  
West Sacramento, CA  
September 25, 2025**

**AGENDA ITEM:** Vote on Golden Bear Award Nominations

**STAFF:** Sonya Jones, SSM I, Strategic Planning & Recreation  
Services Division

**SUBJECT:** Discussion and Approval of the 2024 Golden Bear Award  
Recipients

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Confirm award recipients for the 2024 Golden Bear Awards

**BACKGROUND**

The Golden Bear Awards are presented annually by the State Park and Recreation Commission to celebrate outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations towards the department's mission.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Staff Report
- Nomination Information (Commissioner's Only)



consider approving the subcommittee selection of awardees or moving the agenda item to a future Commission meeting.

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### OBJECTIVE

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### INTRODUCTION

The State Park and Recreation Commission's (Commission) Golden Bear Awards are presented annually and celebrate the outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations toward the department's 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.

### DESCRIPTION (REPORT / UPDATE)

The subcommittee received and reviewed 19 nominations for the 2024 award period representing long-time State Park employees, volunteers, and partner organizations across all five geographic divisions (Statewide, Central, Coastal, Northern, Southern). All 19 nominations have been provided to the commission body as well as the subcommittee's selected recommendations. The Commission will consider the nominees the subcommittee has selected and provide guidance to the division on finalizing the nomination process.

### COMMISSION ACTION

Review the 2024 Golden Bear Award nominations and provide guidance to the subcommittee and division on final selection of awardees. The Commission may