

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

2023-2024



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OUR MISSION

California State Parks Foundation is an independent, member-supported nonprofit dedicated to protecting and preserving the California state park system, for the benefit of all.

OUR VISION

Californians have a state park system that is accessible and relevant, adequately and sustainably funded, and stewarded for future generations.

FRONT COVER: HENRY COE STATE PARK

LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD CHAIR

Friends,

Over the last fiscal year, from July 2023 to June 2024, we've had much to celebrate! This year, we worked closely with California State Parks and other park partners to drive meaningful change in California state parks for the benefit of all. Whether you're reading this at the office, at home with your family of park lovers, or nestled at the base of a redwood tree, **thank you** for helping us create a brighter future for our state parks.

In this year's annual report, we are excited to share some of our most significant accomplishments: releasing a groundbreaking report on climate change in California's state parks, raising over \$500,000 to improve safety for cyclists at Mount Diablo State Park, leading the cleanup of Candlestick Point State Recreation Area to benefit our neighbors in Bayview-Hunters Point, enabling over 10,000 hours of volunteer service, and saving the California State Library Parks Pass from elimination.

This year, Rachel had the privilege of visiting California's newest state park, Dos Rios – the first state park to be added to the system since 2014! We were thrilled to participate in the opening ceremony, which coincided with the third annual California State Parks Week. It was inspiring to see residents of Modesto and the Central Valley, park staff, Indigenous leaders, local schoolchildren, and passionate park partners come together to celebrate the tremendous effort it takes to establish a new state park.

These experiences have reinforced our core values – expanding inclusivity, looking toward the future, fostering connections to create results, and celebrating all California has to offer. We have also continued to prioritize [Justice, Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity \(JEID\)](#) in all our efforts. This year's key JEID successes included our first participation in San Francisco Pride, advocacy for important legislation supporting Native nations and urban nature-based investments, and the launch of our Partnership Equity Micro-Grant Round to support projects in parks that align with our JEID principles.

Sincerely,



Rachel Norton, Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Norton".



Diane Ross-Leech, Board Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Ross-Leech".

RELEASING OUR CLIMATE RESILIENCE REPORT: A CALL TO ACTION FOR CALIFORNIA'S STATE PARKS

Climate change is one of the most pressing challenges facing California today, and its impact on our state parks is increasingly evident. To address this urgent issue, California State Parks Foundation released a groundbreaking report, "[Building a Climate-Resilient California State Park System: Preserving Parks for Future Generations](#)." This comprehensive report – completed after over a year of research and outreach – offers a clear road map for creating a state park system that is adaptable and resilient to the growing threats of climate change.

California's state parks, home to wonders such as ancient sequoia groves, expansive deserts, diverse wildlife, and cherished coastal landscapes, are vital to our natural and cultural heritage. However, these parks are at risk. From severe wildfires devastating iconic forests to rising sea levels eroding coastlines, the effects of climate change are causing unprecedented damage. Our climate report outlines these challenges and provides tangible, strategic solutions to enhance the resilience of our parks.

Jay Chamberlin, Chief of California State Parks' Natural Resources Division, underscores the report's value: ***"California State Parks Foundation is to be commended for compiling an accessible and accurate description of the burgeoning impacts of climate change on the state park system's natural, cultural, and recreational resources, while ably summarizing California State Parks' various efforts to build climate resilience."***

California State Parks Foundation's approach to tackling climate change is multifaceted. The report itself is a critical learning tool, providing the latest data and expert insights into the challenges our

parks face. Additionally, we are continuing to educate the public and partners through [webinars](#), raising awareness about the need for climate resilience.

California State Parks Foundation also takes action through targeted [grantmaking partnerships](#) and [volunteer workdays](#), directly engaging communities in restoration and resilience-building efforts. Our advocacy for Proposition 4 – which combines key elements from 2023's SB 867 (Allen) and AB 1567 (Garcia) – reflects our commitment to securing long-term support for park resilience. These legislative efforts informed the development of the current \$10 billion climate bond, known as Prop 4.

We were overjoyed to see our advocacy efforts pay off when [Prop 4 passed in November 2024!](#) The bond will provide essential funding and legislative backing for our ongoing work in climate resilience. It contains crucial investments for state parks, including:

- **\$175 million** in deferred maintenance in state parks,
- **\$50 million** in sea level rise adaptation projects at state beaches and other coastal properties managed by California State Parks, and
- **\$200 million** to the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program, which grants funds to underserved communities to build parks and other recreational facilities.

Creating a climate-resilient state park system requires a bold and comprehensive strategy. The release of California State Parks Foundation's trailblazing report and the passage of Prop 4 mark crucial steps forward in our commitment to protecting California's state parks for future generations. To read the full report and learn more, visit calparks.org/climatereport.



GAVIOTA STATE PARK
Photo courtesy of California State Parks

LEAVING A LEGACY AT MOUNT DIABLO STATE PARK

Every week for over a decade, Lafayette resident Joe Shami, 86, cycled to the summit of Mount Diablo State Park, a challenging 9-mile, 3,500-foot climb. This route is beloved by Bay Area cyclists and visitors alike, offering a breathtaking panoramic view from the Summit Visitor Center at the top.

From 2010 to 2014, an alarming average of 23 bike-vehicle collisions occurred there annually. According to the Danville-based community group Mount Diablo Cyclists, “the majority of all types of collisions were occurring on or near blind curves.” Recognizing the urgent need for safety improvements, California State Parks Foundation, along with other park advocates, took action. Over the years, a total of \$755,090 was raised to build bike turnouts along the route to allow cyclists to safely pull over out of the lane of traffic and avoid potential conflict or collision.

Tragically, Joe died in April 2021 after being struck by an SUV while cycling in his hometown. Known as the “Legend of Mount Diablo,” Joe left an extraordinary legacy: a donation of \$123,415.61 in his will to California State Parks Foundation, designated for improving cycling safety at Mount Diablo, his favorite state park.

“Joe always tried to inspire people to help improve safety for cyclists and motorists on Mount Diablo,” said Alan Kalin, a friend of Joe’s and leader at Mount Diablo Cyclists. ***“He motivated elected leaders, the media, and countless park visitors to install bike turnouts.”***

This devastating accident prompted a surge of generosity and change. California State Parks matched his donation, and Mount Diablo Cyclists spearheaded grassroots advocacy to raise money for the bike turnout project. In 2022, 30 new turnouts were constructed, bringing the total to 45.



EVENT ATTENDEES AT MOUNT DIABLO STATE PARK BIKE TURNOUT CELEBRATION

MOUNT DIABLO BIKE SAFETY TIMELINE

To honor Joe's legacy, California State Parks Foundation launched a campaign, raising an additional \$508,259.26, surpassing the \$750,000 fundraising goal. At the 2023 Mount Diablo Challenge cycling race, we engaged with cyclists, park enthusiasts, and community members to raise awareness about the importance of bike turnouts.

"State Parks is very appreciative of the community's support for this project," said Clint Elsholz, Diablo Range District Superintendent. ***"We are excited that bicyclists and motorists will now have a safer experience enjoying the beauty of Mount Diablo State Park."***

By the close of the fiscal year, [California State Parks utilized the funds to build 22 additional bike turnouts](#), bringing the total to 67. This summer, our staff and other supporters gathered to celebrate the opening of this latest phase of this project.

"Our efforts – your efforts – have paid off!" exclaimed Kalin during a celebratory speech at the event. ***"Bike turnouts have reduced bike-vehicle collisions by over 80%. Every bike turnout has the potential to prevent a collision and save a life."***

1 2010-2014

There are an average of **23 bike-car collisions** per year.



2 2021

Joe Shami passes away and bequeaths **\$123,415.61** to California State Parks Foundation in his will. California State Parks matches the contribution.

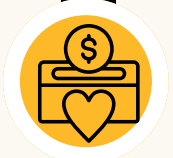
3 2022

30 new bike turnouts are built, bringing the total to **45 turnouts**.



4 2023

California State Parks Foundation raises **\$508,259.26** for more turnouts.



5 2024

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ADDRESSING THE ACCESS CRISIS AT CANDLESTICK POINT STATE RECREATION AREA

Candlestick Point State Recreation Area – California’s first urban state park and the only state park within San Francisco’s city limits – is a unique urban green space where visitors enjoy walking out to the hook-shaped point extending into the bay, spotting birds, squirrels, and occasionally, a jackrabbit. It is a place for walking, picnicking, kayaking, and fishing, where the sun is warm even when the cool gray fog blankets the city’s west side. As Bayview-Hunters Point residents have long known, access to this park is a vital community asset worth fighting for.

Unfortunately, the park faces multiple threats to access, including environmental and social challenges like flooding, budget constraints, lack of maintenance, vandalism, dumping, and economic stress in the neighborhood.

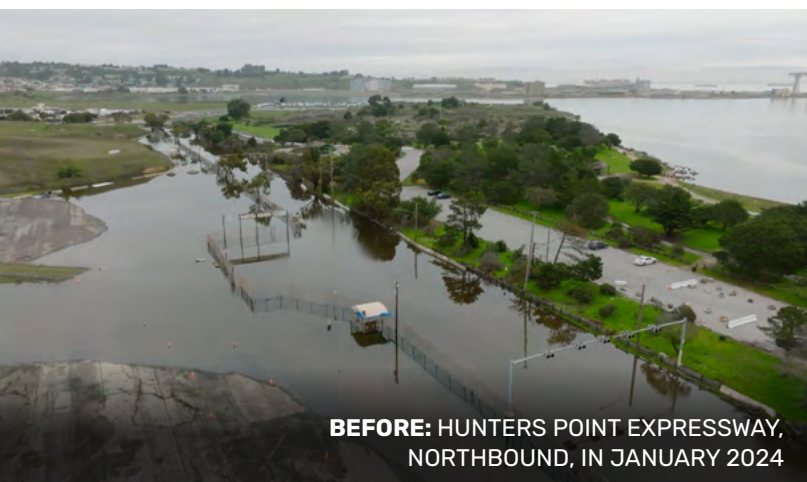
In February 2024, we took steps to address some of these issues by [organizing a sign-on letter](#) with partners to alert the city government to the flooding that had affected the park for several winters, creating hazardous stagnant water and damaging the main entrance. We also initiated an action alert to our community, urging support for efforts to remove these hazards and improve park access.

As climate change accelerates and water levels in San Francisco Bay rise, the park’s low-lying areas and surrounding land flood more frequently, especially after intense winter storms in 2023 and 2024. Previously, the area around the old stadium was protected by regular pumping after storm events, but now, with the land awaiting future development, the flooding has gone unchecked.

When these area flood without prompt intervention, water can linger for months. In response to severe roadway damage caused by flooding, California State Parks opened a temporary park entrance on Hunters Point Expressway in 2023, ensuring safer vehicle access.

Our advocacy led the San Francisco government to take action, pumping out the remaining floodwaters and establishing a protected bike and pedestrian lane dedicated to enhancing local access.

This successful winter of advocacy culminated in a spring of celebration. Mark Harris, a local artist, painted California golden poppies on the K-rail along the new lane, adding to the park’s vibrant murals.





SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR LONDON BREED SPEAKING WITH CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS STAFF AND EVENT ATTENDEES



MARIA MOWREY, BAY AREA DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, ADDING TO A MONARCH BUTTERFLY MURAL

In April, we hosted an Earth Day volunteer event at which participants removed invasive ice plant, covering 5,000 square feet and filling one and a half 20-yard debris boxes, according to Lisa Whitmer, Community Engagement Specialist at Candlestick.

In May, we attended “Caring for Candlestick,” an event hosted by the San Francisco chapter of The Links, an organization dedicated to enriching, sustaining, and ensuring the culture and economic security of African Americans and other people of African ancestry.

“We were so excited about the turnout at ‘Caring for Candlestick.’ It was so great to see the Black community turn out to celebrate this park right in our neighborhood. It’s all of our jobs to care for the places we love, and we’re really grateful that some local officials and nonprofit groups stood alongside us,” said Tyra Fennell, who helped organize the event with The Links San Francisco.

Additionally, at the third annual Growing Together Day, about 150 people gathered in the park to fly kites, paint a mural of monarch butterflies with artist Joe Colmenares, and enjoy music.

Our involvement at Candlestick also reflects our dedication to advocacy and commitment to our [Justice, Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity \(JEID\)](#) goals.

Bayview-Hunters Point, the neighborhood surrounding Candlestick, is a vibrant, racially and socioeconomically diverse community and home to some of the residents with the lowest incomes in the city. It also faces significant environmental challenges. A 2021 report by the USC Center for Health Journalism identified it as having the highest exposure to pollution and toxins in San Francisco, including diesel fumes, lead from house paint, and hazardous waste.

Our work at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area continues. Addressing the impacts of climate change and underinvestment is central to our mission.

As California State Parks Director Armando Quintero said, ***“California State Parks Foundation has been doing what I think of as work of the heart for over 30 years, raising awareness and funding, organizing public activities, and advocating for Candlestick Point State Recreation Area.”***

Our efforts have brought attention to the park and inspired local and state leaders to envision a brighter future for this vital urban oasis. To watch a video about our progress at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area, [visit our website here](#).

OUR IMPACT ON CALIFORNIA'S STATE PARKS IN 2023-2024

Our impact on California's state parks is felt from Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park in the north to Tijuana Estuary NP Point of Interest in the south, and everywhere in between. We help California's parklands thrive by funding key projects through grants, helping the ecosystem through hands-on volunteer workdays, holding endowments that provide long-term financial support for parks, and more. Check out some of the projects we completed this year!

PACIFICA STATE BEACH

HIGHLIGHT: Partnership Equity Micro-Grant

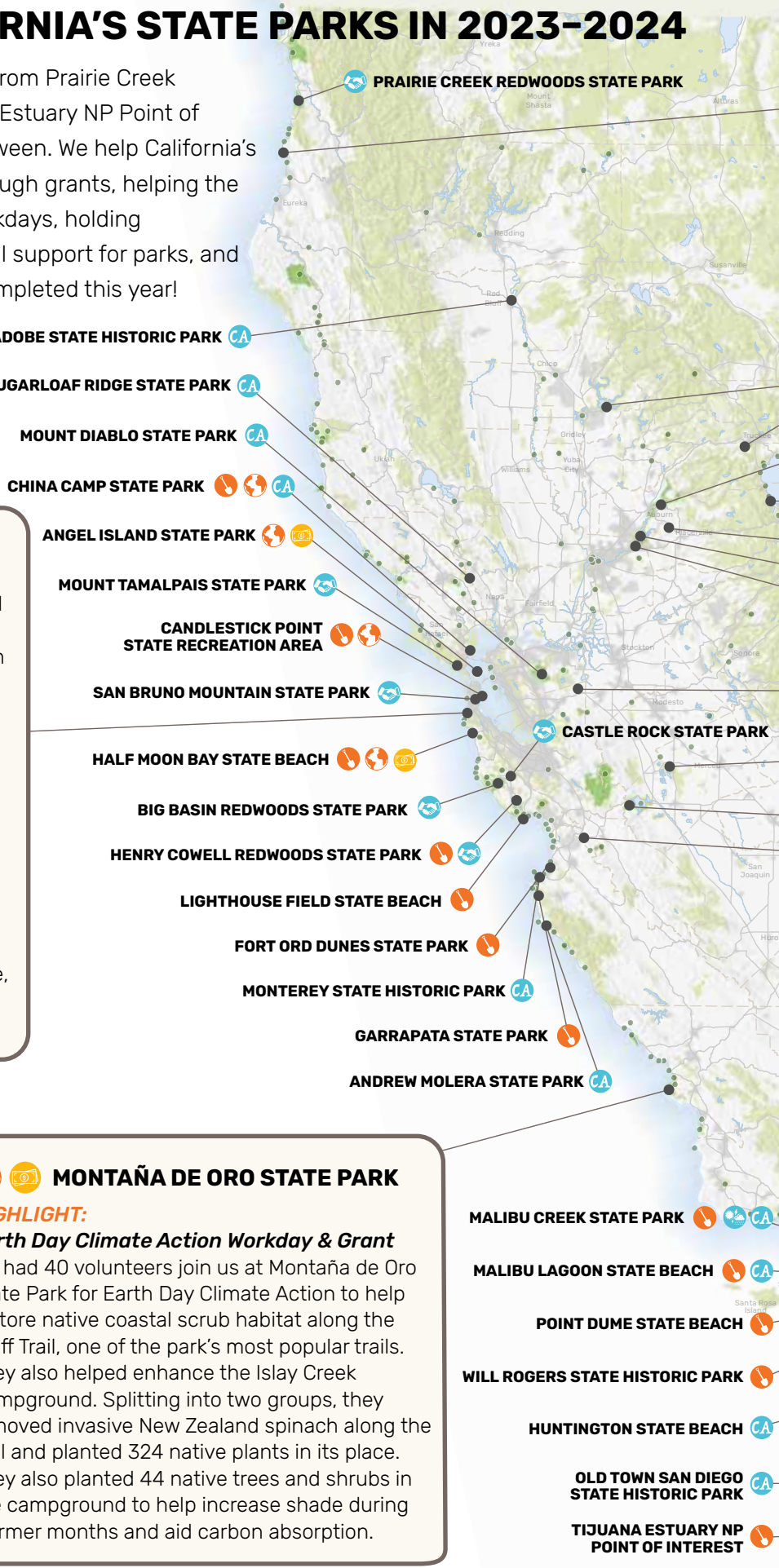
We helped Queer Surf fund their second annual event, SWITCH: An Exhibition of Queer Surfing, the first and only event of its kind. SWITCH is an expansive, nontraditional community celebration of queer, nonbinary, and trans expression in the waves and on the beach. It provides a platform for LGBTQ+ wave riders to showcase their talent and express themselves. SWITCH expands California beach culture and supports the holistic well-being of LGBTQ+ people through their relationships with the ocean. By partnering with organizations like Queer Surf, we're not just breaking down barriers to access – we're building a future where every person, regardless of who they are, can find connection, joy, and belonging in California's state parks.

MONTAÑA DE ORO STATE PARK

HIGHLIGHT: Earth Day Climate Action Workday & Grant

We had 40 volunteers join us at Montaña de Oro State Park for Earth Day Climate Action to help restore native coastal scrub habitat along the Bluff Trail, one of the park's most popular trails. They also helped enhance the Islay Creek Campground. Splitting into two groups, they removed invasive New Zealand spinach along the trail and planted 324 native plants in its place. They also planted 44 native trees and shrubs in the campground to help increase shade during warmer months and aid carbon absorption.

- California State Park Unit
- Volunteer Workdays
- Earth Day Climate Action Workday & Grant
- Fund
- Endowment
- Building Climate-Resilient State Parks Grant
- Partnership Equity Micro-Grant
- California State Parks Week Grant



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TRINIDAD STATE BEACH

HIGHLIGHT: Volunteer Workday

A group of 12 volunteers helped us restore the Sitka spruce forest and coastal scrub habitats at Trinidad State Beach! We removed invasive English ivy, which has created a thick carpet across the forest floor and is taking over native trees and plants such as ferns. Overall, volunteers removed 9,610 square feet (about twice the area of a basketball court) of invasive species.

LAKE OROVILLE STATE RECREATION AREA

HIGHLIGHT: California State Parks Week Grant

“West Coast Falconry showcased several live birds at their booth. Part of the State Parks grant provided a stipend for this group that rehabilitates these birds of prey and uses them for educational purposes. All interested visitors had an opportunity to hold a bird of their choice and get their photo taken. This activity normally costs \$10 per person to raise funds for the organization. The grant paid for everyone to do this for free. I heard several people say it was the best day ever, being able to safely hold a falcon.”
– Amanda Sellers, California State Parks Interpreter I

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CA DONNER MEMORIAL STATE PARK

CA AUBURN STATE RECREATION AREA

CA EMERALD BAY STATE PARK

MARSHALL GOLD DISCOVERY STATE HISTORIC PARK

CA FOLSOM LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA

FOLSOM POWERHOUSE STATE HISTORIC PARK

CA BETHANY RESERVOIR STATE RECREATION AREA

MILLERTON LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA

CA SAN JUAN BAUTISTA STATE HISTORIC PARK

COLONEL ALLENSWORTH STATE HISTORIC PARK

ARTHUR B. RIPLEY DESERT WOODLAND STATE PARK

CA ANTELOPE VALLEY CALIFORNIA POPPY RESERVE STATE NATURAL RESERVE

CA SADDLEBACK BUTTE STATE PARK

CA LOS ENCINOS STATE HISTORIC PARK

RIO DE LOS ANGELES STATE PARK

LOS ANGELES STATE HISTORIC PARK

BALDWIN HILLS SCENIC OVERLOOK

CA TOPANGA STATE PARK

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

CHINO HILLS STATE PARK

HIGHLIGHT: Endowment

We hold an endowment specifically for Chino Hills State Park. This endowment is dedicated to the maintenance, operation, improvement, and administration of Chino Hills State Park.

CRYSTAL COVE STATE PARK

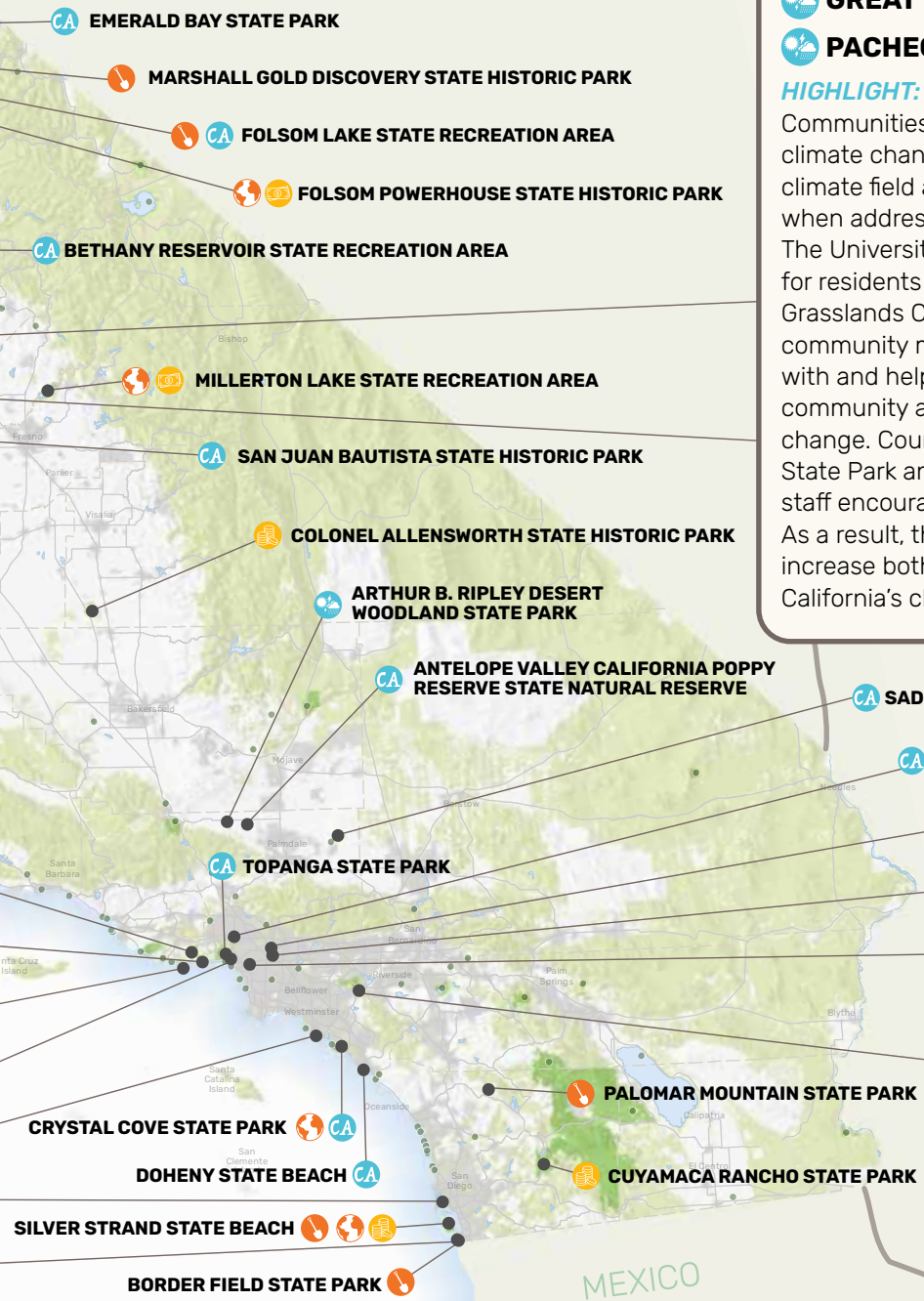
CA DOHENY STATE BEACH

SILVER STRAND STATE BEACH

BORDER FIELD STATE PARK

MEXICO

ARIZONA



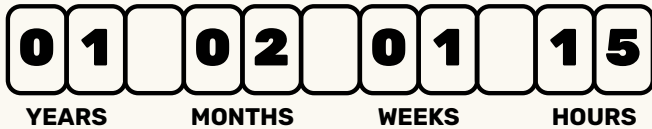
CLOCKING OVER 10,000 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE

If it takes 10,000 hours to become an expert at something, then the past year has shown the growing expertise and incredible dedication of our [California State Parks Foundation volunteers](#). Over the last fiscal year, we've continued to grow our capacity and impact, hosting 119 volunteer workdays across 29 parks.

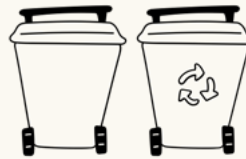
TO PUT THESE INCREDIBLE NUMBERS IN PERSPECTIVE ...

10,410 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE

If one person had done all this work alone, it would take them about **one year, two months, one week, and 15 hours** to complete it – straight, with no breaks to eat, sleep, work, or play.



173 BAGS OF TRASH AND RECYCLING



This is almost **two years'** worth of combined trash and recycling for the average California resident.

1,593,813 FT² OF INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVED

This is **36.5 acres** or about **204 times** the size of the average backyard in California.



5,287 PLANTS PLANTED

This is enough to sell out the nursery at a medium-sized hardware store.



4.42 MILES OF TRAILS RESTORED



This is about as long as Eagle Rock Loop Trail in Topanga State Park, which can take folks around **2-3 hours** to hike.

2,024 UNIQUE VOLUNTEERS

If we brought all these people to a park together, we'd need about **253 picnic tables** to seat them comfortably. For reference, we would need almost every single picnic table in all of Lake Perris State Recreation Area (which is **8,800 acres**).



"Volunteers from California State Parks Foundation are the backbone of our efforts at Silver Strand State Beach. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our volunteers, we can protect and preserve these vital areas, ensuring a brighter future for restoration and conservation."

– Ransses Lopez, Park Stewardship Maintenance Aide

SAVING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY PARKS PASS

This past year was a whirlwind for the California State Library Parks Pass, a California State Parks vehicle day-use pass that grants free entry to over 200 state parks for free to library card holders. The pass, which first appeared in 2022, resulted from our advocacy efforts through our 2018 Pathways to Parks initiative.

Since its launch, the [California State Library Parks Pass](#) has been a widely successful program, increasing access for individuals for whom the state park entry fee is a significant barrier.

Greg Lucas, California's State Librarian, said of the program, ***"The two coolest things a community can offer are open space and libraries. You can walk into a library and find whatever it is you're looking for. You can visit a state park and be somewhere as unique as you are – a place that lets you explore not just the outdoors but yourself. [...] Making it easier for Californians to visit state parks by being able to check out a parks pass at their local library fits in perfectly with the mission of libraries and makes sure more Californians understand how precious our state parks are."***

Given the popularity and importance of this program, we were disheartened to learn that it was not included in the [initial draft of Governor Newsom's state budget](#) in January 2024. While the California State Park Adventure Pass for fourth graders and the Golden Bear Pass for low-income Californians remained funded, the omission of the California State Library Parks Pass was concerning.

Recognizing the urgency, we immediately mobilized to alert state legislators about the program's importance to their constituents and the need to extend funding to preserve it. Our first challenge was the May Revise budget. We launched petitions that garnered 4,870 signatures, urging the state

government to reinstate \$6.5 million for the California State Library Parks Pass. As we awaited the release of the May Revise budget, we were disappointed to find no provision for the pass.

However, we didn't stop there. Quickly, we launched yet another action alert, encouraging our supporters to directly contact their legislators. We requested a reduced amount of \$3 million to maintain the California State Library Parks Pass program at a lower level of service, ensuring continued access for Californians for whom cost remains a barrier. Through this alert, 5,144 of our supporters reached out to their representatives, and this time, our collective voices made a difference.

In July 2024, [\\$6.75 million was fully restored in the state budget](#), securing the program for another year. As a result, library patrons will be able to check out state parks passes through December 2025. We were thrilled to see this outcome, but our work is far from over. As we move into the next fiscal year, we are committed to securing permanent funding for the program, so we don't have to take you on this whirlwind journey year after year.



CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS FOUNDATION FUNDED THESE REI BACKPACKS FOR CHECKOUT AT LIBRARIES WITH THE PASS

HOW WE ADVOCATED FOR STATE PARKS IN 2023

Each year, our team reads thousands of bills proposed for the legislative session, keeping an eye out for the ones that could make a real difference for state parks. The bills that most closely align with our goals and values become our legislative priorities for the year, and we work to champion them throughout their long journey to becoming law by meeting with legislators, submitting letters of support, gaining public support through petitions, and testifying and providing insight and knowledge at committee meetings. We are committed to advocating for park excellence in the Legislature and to seeing each bill through the legislative process.

It's not uncommon for policy ideas to be introduced multiple times before becoming law. We carry ideas over to the next year, learning from every legislative session what to do next time. In the [2023 legislative session](#), we followed many bills – prioritizing 15 of them in our legislative agenda – and we've highlighted a few to the right.

BY THE NUMBERS



2,000

total bills reviewed



2

lead testimonies provided in hearings



34

total measures tracked



60

meetings with legislators as part of Park Advocacy Day



15

bills we prioritized in our legislative agenda



5

individual meetings with legislative offices



25+
















comments we made on bills in policy hearings



5

priority bills passed into law in 2023

OUR LEGISLATIVE SCOREBOARD

| BILL TITLE | POSITION | OUTCOME |
|--|---------------------|---|
| PRIORITY BILLS | | |
| AB 1150 (Committee on Water Parks and Wildlife) Parks, recreation, and vessels: omnibus | Sponsor |  |
| SB 668 (Dodd) State parks: operating agreements | Support |  |
| SB 272 (Laird) Sea level rise: planning and adaptation | Support |  |
| SB 337 (Min) Environmental protection: lands and coastal waters conservation goal | Support |  |
| AB 618 (Bauer-Kahan) State parks: reservations | Support |  |
| SB 867 (Allen) and AB 1567 (Garcia) Drought, Flood and Water Resilience, Wildfire and Forest Resilience, Coastal Resilience, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Climate Solutions, Climate Smart Agriculture, Park Creation and Outdoor Access, and Clean Energy Bond Act of 2024* | Support if amended* |  *See page 4 for a 2024 update. |
| OTHER BILLS SUPPORTED | | |
| AB 261 (Kalra) Mushrooms | Support |  |
| SB 732 (Menjivar) Bats | Support |  |
| ACR** 66 (Wilson) Parks Make Life Better! Month | Support |  |
| ACR** 17 (Ramos) California Native American Day and the California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference | Support |  |
| AB 64 (Mathis) Beaver restoration | Support |  |
| AB 401 (Mathis) State parks: park entrance fee waivers: 4th grade children | Support |  |
| AB 411 (Bennett) California Recreational Trails and Greenways Act | Support |  |
| AB 1041 (Ramos) Wildlife: white sage: taking and possession | Support |  |
| AB 1284 (Ramos) Tribal ancestral lands and waters: cogovernance and comanagement agreements | Support |  |

*Bills can continue moving through the legislative process in the second year of the session.

**An ACR is a California Assembly Concurrent Resolution, a measure that deals with state matters that are of concern to both houses of the Legislature. ACRs must be passed by both houses before they can take effect but do not require a signature from the Governor.



THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME

Throughout our over-50-year history, we've had the pleasure of building long-lasting relationships with our dedicated members. Some of these members have gone a step further, choosing to include us in their estate plans through a variety of giving options, such as wills, living trusts, retirement accounts with beneficiary designations, donor-advised funds, charitable remainder trusts, and appreciated stock. These planned gifts create a lasting legacy for them and allow us to plan for the long-term protection of

California's state parks, not just for our current members but also for generations to come. This year, we reached out to some of the individuals who have already included California State Parks Foundation in their estate plans — a commitment for which we are deeply grateful. We want to honor and celebrate their stories, just as they have celebrated us throughout their lives and pledged to support us in the future. To learn more about planning your legacy gift, visit calparks.mylegacygift.org.



"Individuals like me, without children, face a unique and beautiful challenge: deciding who will benefit from the money we've accumulated and saved over a lifetime. When I turned 65, I created a trust and included my favorite organizations as beneficiaries. Having worked in hospice, I know that many people do not plan ahead — some are even scared to even think about the end of their lives. But I encourage people to be brave and to donate their money to causes that are meaningful to them. It feels good to know one is giving back to nature, to life."

— Kaylah Sterling, California State Parks Foundation member for 12 years
Pictured left at Mendocino Headlands State Park

"I never used to think about how our parks got here or that they might need anything from me in return — when I learned that perspective, I was determined to play my small part. If you find respite in our state parks, share that with the next generation."

— Mari Tustin, California State Parks Foundation member for 27 years
Pictured right at Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve



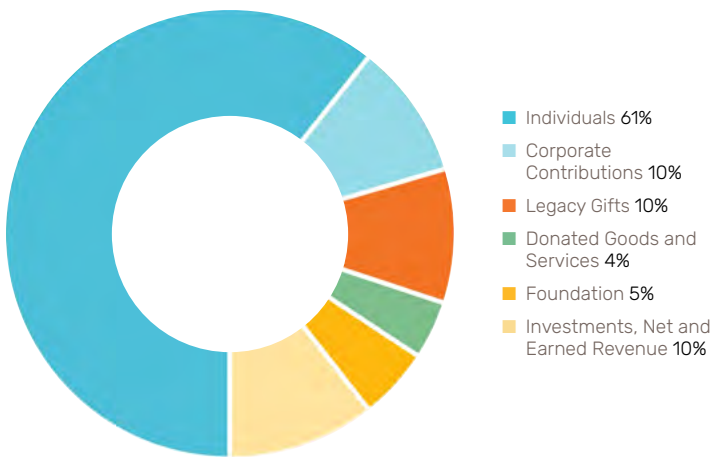
"I support California State Parks Foundation as a native Californian and an enjoyer of being outside. Everyone should have access to the great outdoors, albeit that access comes with responsibility. Coming from a large family (six of us kids in 10 years) whose parents were teachers, our vacations were camping ones. All of us 'kids' still enjoy the outdoors and camping."

— Leslie, California State Parks Foundation member for 20 years

FINANCIALS

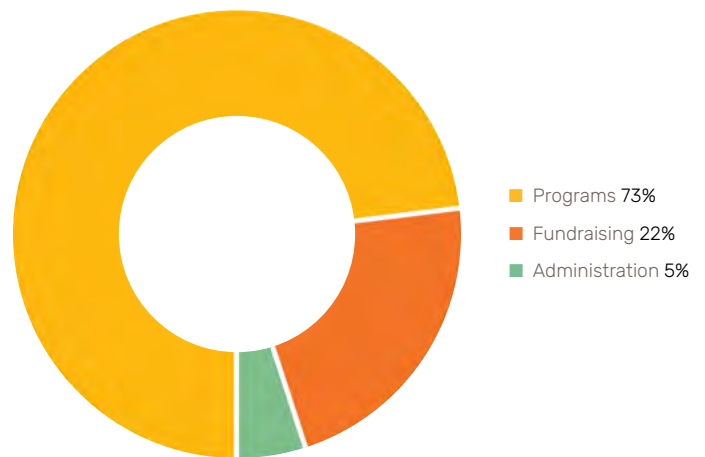
REVENUE BY CATEGORY 2023-2024

California State Parks Foundation’s revenue for the fiscal year was \$9.99 million. We received significant support through gifts from individuals, foundations, and corporations for our work. Some revenue (such as investment returns on future projects, endowments, and operating reserves) has restrictions for how it can be spent.*



EXPENSES BY CATEGORY 2023-2024

California State Parks Foundation’s expenses for the fiscal year were \$8.56 million. Expenses reflect the work of California State Parks Foundation throughout the year to protect and preserve parks broken down by programs, fundraising, and administration.



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

| REVENUE | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Individual Contributions | 2,110,147 |
| Member Dues Contributions | 3,956,505 |
| Corporate Contributions | 977,429 |
| Legacy Gifts | 962,811 |
| Donated Goods and Services | 417,859 |
| Foundation Grants | 516,185 |
| Investment, Net | 908,722 |
| Earned Revenue | 148,693 |
| Total Revenues | \$9,998,351 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Programs | 6,256,203 |
| Fundraising | 1,879,042 |
| Administration | 428,911 |
| Total Expenses | \$8,564,156 |
| Change in Net Assets | \$1,434,195 |

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

| ASSETS | |
|---|---------------------|
| Current Assets | |
| Cash and Equivalents | 5,885,750 |
| Restricted Money Market Accounts | 4,095,867 |
| Receivables | 76,935 |
| Inventory | 73,915 |
| Prepays and Other Current Assets | 314,886 |
| Current Assets | \$10,447,353 |
| Long-Term Assets | |
| Investments | 7,900,270 |
| Property Plant and Equipment, Net | 1,678,235 |
| Due to/From Other Funds | 0 |
| Other Long-Term Assets | 85,404 |
| Long-Term Assets | \$9,663,909 |
| Total Assets | \$20,111,262 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | |
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses | 944,100 |
| Operating Lease Liability | 1,696,300 |
| Current Liabilities | 2,640,400 |
| Long-Term Liabilities | 1,091,409 |
| Total Liabilities | \$3,731,808 |
| Net Assets | \$16,379,453 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$20,111,262 |

*Financial data is unaudited. California State Parks Foundation’s 2023-2024 audited financial statements will be posted online when available at calparks.org/financials, where you can also find financial and annual reports from previous years.

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Our biggest wins are even bigger when we celebrate alongside our community of support. From our staff and board to the Volunteer Core Leaders doing work on the ground to our members who give generously to fund the work we do, we are all part of the ecosystem that makes California State Parks Foundation work. Our gratitude is as expansive as the Sierra Nevada and as deep as the Pacific Ocean. It extends beyond the people named here. If you are reading a copy of this report, thank YOU for your support of our beautiful state parks.

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