



# MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## ONLINE AGENDA SUMMARY

BOARD AGENDA # 4 (n)

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TO: Board of Supervisors DATE: February 8, 2012

FROM: Supervisors Smith and Hamburg MEETING DATE: February 14, 2012

DEPARTMENT RESOURCE/CONTACT: Kristi Furman PHONE: 463-4441 Present ☐ On Call ☒

Consent Agenda ☒ Regular Agenda ☐ Noticed Public Hearing ☐ Time Allocated for Item: N/A

■ **AGENDA TITLE:** Approval of Letters of Support of SB 974 (Evans) and AB 1589 (Huffman) Related to Proposed Closures of California State Parks: (1) Closure Criteria and (2) Limitations on the Number of Units of the State Park System Subject to Full Park Closure

■ **PREVIOUS BOARD/BOARD COMMITTEE ACTIONS:** May 24, 2011: Letter of opposition to the California Department of Parks and Recreation of proposed closures of seven (7) State Parks in Mendocino County. October 25, 2011: Approval of Letter the Joint Assembly Committee Hearing regarding need to consider economic impacts when designating Parks for closure; and January 24, 2012: Off-agenda item approving a letter to the State Public Works Board regarding local park privatization regarding request for proposal process of local State Park management.

■ **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:** The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors has long opposed efforts to close State Parks due to their immense cultural, recreational, and economic value to California's residents and visitors alike.

On May 13, 2011, California State Parks announced plans to close up to 70 of its parks (10% of which are located in Mendocino County). Parks listed for closure in Mendocino County include: Greenwood; Hendy Woods; Jug Handle; Manchester; Point Cabrillo Light Station; Russian Gulch; and Westport-Union Landing). Closure of these parks will have a major negative impact on tourism which is the mainstay of our County's economy. The Board has supported opportunities to pursue north-coast/north-county regional partnerships to sustain our State parks into the future.

**SB 974**, as introduced by Senator Noreen Evans on January 19, 2012, would require the Department of Parks and Recreation, by July 1, 2013, to conduct a review to reexamine the list of park closures in the state announced by the department in May 2011. The bill would also require the department to develop and implement a transparent park closure review process that includes specified elements. The bill would require the department, beginning on July 1, 2013, and annually by July 1 of each year thereafter, to make a determination on the status of any park included on the May 2011 park closure list and on any other park not on that list that may be scheduled for future closure, based on the above-described park closure review process. The bill would require the department, by July 1, 2013, to present to the State Parks Commission and the Legislature a revised list of park closures, based upon the park closure review process prescribed by the bill. The bill would prohibit the closure of any other units of the state park system until the requirements of the bill are fulfilled. SB 974 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water.

**AB 1589**, was introduced by Assemblymember Jared Huffman on February 6, 2012, and co-authored by Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro. Entitled the *California State Park Stewardship Act of 2012*, AB 1589 contains several proposals that address short and long term needs for California State Parks in order to achieve substantial budget savings without wide scale park closures. Key provisions of the bill are as follows: 1) Encourages formation of a state compact that guarantees an ongoing level of state funding for operations and maintenance of state parks; (*see next page for additional information*)

BOARD ACTION (DATE: \_\_\_\_\_): ☐ Approved ☐ Referred to \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

RECORDS EXECUTED: ☐ Agreement: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Ordinance: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_



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- **SUMMARY OF REQUEST (CONTINUED):** 2) Creates a State Park Enterprise Fund to be used for construction and installation of modern revenue and fee collection equipment and technologies to increase park visitation and revenues; 3) Produces a California State Park environmental license plate which individual vehicle owners could purchase and have the fees go towards support of state parks; 4) Provides the option for taxpayers to voluntarily purchase an annual state park access pass when they file their state tax returns; and 5) Requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to be more transparent on how it evaluates and selects specific parks for closure, and places a cap of 25 state park units on the number of park closures allowed from 2012 to 2016 without legislative approval. AB 1589 would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute. AB 1589 will be heard in Committee after March 8, 2012.

■ **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:** [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov) or  
<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/index.html>

■ **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FILE WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD (CHECKED BY COB IF APPLICABLE):** ☐

FISCAL IMPACT:			
Source of Funding	Current F/Y Cost	Annual Recurring Cost	Budgeted in Current F/Y
N/A			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

■ **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:** 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ All ☒ ■ **VOTE REQUIREMENT:** Majority ☒ 4/5ths ☐

■ **RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:** Approve letters of support of SB 974 (Evans) and AB 1589 (Huffman) as presented, authorizing the Chair to sign same; and further direct staff to transmit same to Mendocino County's legislative representatives.

■ **ALTERNATIVES:** 1) To amend the draft letters; 2) To take no action.

■ **CEO REVIEW (NAME):** Kristi Furman **PHONE:** 463-4441

**RECOMMENDATION:** Agree ☒ Disagree ☐ No Opinion ☐ Alternate ☐ Staff Report Attached ☐

**BOARD ACTION**

☐ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Records Executed \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Meeting** \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Referred to \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_