

# **Discussion of Working Draft Staff Outline**

Parks Forward Commission  
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# Parks Forward Initiative

- California State Parks Stewardship Act & AB 1478 (2012)
  - Advisory Committee
  - Independent assessment
  - Recommendations on long-term stability
- MOU (June 2013)
  - Natural Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, Resources Legacy Fund
  - Independent Commission and team of consultants
  - Protect natural and cultural resources, meet future needs, financially sustainable

# Research, Analysis, Outreach

- Ten Park and Recreation Commission workshops (September – October 2013)
- Parks staff survey (August 2013)
- Parks staff focus groups (August 2013)
- Manuel Pastor's presentation on California's changing demographics (September 2013)
- Research and analysis by Co-Chair, consultants, Parks Forward and RLF staff of
  - Prior reports
  - Other states, national, and international parks practices
  - Current challenges

## Research, Analysis, Outreach

- Website and social media, with options for public and staff comments
- Financial consultant, FTI
- Partnerships consultant, Destry Jarvis
- Future user analysis consultant, IMPACTS Research & Development
- Public funding consultant, Forward Observer

# Draft Discussion Outline

- Executive Summary
- History of Excellence
  - Leadership and innovation
  - California's world-class parks
- Challenges, Initiative, Initial Findings
  - Reports and legislation
  - Parks Forward Initiative design
  - Initiative Process
  - Initial Findings
    - An imperiled legacy
    - Need for fundamental change

# Draft Discussion Outline

- Vision for the future
  - Natural and cultural resources are protected
  - All have access to a network of parks
  - Parks promote healthy lifestyles and communities
  - Youth are engaged
  - Department is capable, effective, focused, and adequately funded

# Draft Discussion Outline

- Recommendations
  - Protect natural and cultural resources
  - Provide access to seamless network of parks
  - Promote healthy lifestyles and communities
  - Engage youth
  - Build effective and efficient Department
  - Secure stable funding
  - Enhance support organizations
- Implementation
- Conclusion