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## **PARKS FORWARD COMMISSION RELEASES VIDEO, ANNOUNCES NEW MEETING DATE**

SACRAMENTO -- The California Parks Forward Commission today released its first video, encouraging Californians to participate in its exciting new initiative designed to bring out the very best in the California State Parks system.

The video, available to be viewed on the Parks Forward Commission's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJvwjHBzmGg&feature=youtu.be>), provides highlights of the Commission's draft report developed in the past year. It also urges state residents to contribute their ideas for improving state parks through the Commission's meetings and social media outlets.

The Commission also announced it has rescheduled its meeting to discuss its final recommendations to February 6, 2015. The meeting will be held at the California Railroad Museum, 125 I Street, Sacramento from 9:30-12 p.m.

The Parks Forward Commission is made up of experts, advocates and thought-leaders that are conducting a wholesale assessment of the state's park system. This independent process is designed to address the financial, operational, and cultural challenges facing State Parks to ensure the system's long-term viability. In early 2015, the Parks Forward Commission will adopt a long-term plan for a State Park system that meets the needs of all Californians, now and in the future.

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