

**California State Parks
Russian River District Deferred Projects**

The following are a sampling of the variety projects that have been deferred due to lack of funding. With the development of sustainable funding sources, we could accomplish these projects and many more.

Interpretation/Education

Project Name: Service Learning Field Study Project Development & Implementation

Park Unit: District wide

Estimated Cost: \$100,000

Description:

The Service Learning Field Study Project is designed for children ages 13 to 18 in the community to foster stewardship and develop skills, knowledge and abilities that will enable students to explore and prepare for careers in the outdoor field, including those in California State Parks. Topics included will cover natural and cultural resources, maintenance/facilities, interpretation/education, public safety and recreation and will include online computer learning and field experience based on identified service projects for one of the parks in the Russian River District. Projects may include such activities as trail maintenance/development, watershed/ natural resource restoration, cultural/natural history research, facility improvement, museum collections management and interpretive projects. Funding will be needed for staffing, equipment, materials, and administration.

Project Name: Armstrong Visitor Center Planning and Implementation Project

Park Unit: Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve Estimated Cost: **\$3,000,000**

Description:

Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve serves local, state, and international visitors who come to see the majestic old growth redwoods and be inspired by their beauty. The current visitor center, operated in partnership with the Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods, resides in a single-wide trailer that has served the purpose of providing information to visitors and selling interpretive items since 1993. Funding is needed for park planning documents and construction implementation of a new facility that will provide a fitting introduction to both Armstrong Redwoods and Austin Creek State Recreation Area. The facility will include new interpretive displays that educate park visitors about the natural and cultural resources in the parks, an interpretive sales area, an audiovisual room, an option of providing for small gatherings of people, and offices for ranger staff.

Project Name: Jenner Visitor Center Reconstruction

Park Unit: Sonoma Coast State Park

Estimated Cost: \$1,550,000

Description:

The existing Visitor Center at Jenner was not designed for its current use and floods during extreme weather. The Visitor Center is the main informational contact point along the Sonoma Coast. A raised and expanded Visitor Center and redesigned parking and day use area would provide better public access and services. The project would include historical, cultural, and natural educational elements.

Recreation

Project Name: **District Wide Trails Reconstruction and Program**

Park Unit: **District Wide**

Estimated Cost: **\$2,355,000**

Description:

The trail system within the Russian River District offers many unique opportunities to access coastal and inland parks. These include coastal vistas, prairie grass lands, redwood forest, oak woodlands and conifer forest, as well as, access to historical and cultural sites. The trail system offers diverse recreational opportunities for a variety of user groups. The project would evaluate current trails and trail systems for sustainability and public use needs. Trails not meeting current state and national standards would be rerouted, reconstructed or reworked, with a focus on providing recreational opportunities for hikers, equestrians, bicyclist and coastal access for divers where appropriate, as well as, provide improved access for disabled visitors.

Project Name: **Wright's Beach Campground Renovation**

Park Unit: **Sonoma Coast State Park**

Estimated Cost: **\$1,300,000**

Description:

The Wrights Beach Campground provides a unique camping experience found few places along the California Coastline. It is one of the few campgrounds that provide camping at beach level. The project would include redesigning the camp site locations, traffic flow and the existing restroom/shower building. The project would evaluate relocating the entrance kiosk, increasing the number of camp sites while maintaining the current campground foot print.

Project Name: **Willow Creek Access**

Park Unit: **Sonoma Coast State Park**

Estimated Cost: **\$489,000**

Description:

The recently acquired Willow Creek lands require improved access and facilities for sustained public use. The project would include new and improved parking and trail head areas, restroom facilities, and new or improved trails. The project would also include natural and historical interpretation of the unit. An element of this project would include a traffic study incorporated in the planning phase as identified in the General Plan.

Natural Resources

Project Name: Willow Creek Watershed Restoration Project

Park Unit: **Sonoma Coast State Park**

Estimated Cost: **\$3,000,000**

Description:

Now that over 90% of the Willow Creek watershed belongs to State Parks, it is a priority for the department, as well as other state agencies, to restore this watershed as a viable salmonid habitat. Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods received funding that provided for the completion of a Watershed Management Plan and Channel Feasibility Study in 2003. Currently, another grant-funded project will develop a preferred design for enabling fish passage in the area of 2nd Bridge beginning in 2009/2010. The restoration of Willow Creek also requires additional roadwork in the upper watershed to eliminate sedimentation into the creek.

Project Name: Fife Creek Watershed Restoration Project

Park Unit: **Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve and Austin Creek State Recreation Area**

Estimated Cost: **\$1,000,000**

Description:

The Fife Creek watershed has its headwaters in the Austin Creek SRA and ends up flowing through Armstrong Redwoods, through the town of Guerneville until it meets the Russian River. This project will include development of a comprehensive watershed management plan outlining the needs for restoration of this historic salmonid-bearing stream. Associated studies will include, but are not limited to, a Natural Resource Management Plan, a Cultural Plan, a comprehensive plant inventory, and a Trails Plan.

Cultural Resources

Project Name: Call Barn Reconstruction

Park Unit: **Fort. Ross State Historic Park**

Estimated Cost: **\$489,500**

Description:

The Call Barn is a Historic building within the Fort Ross Complex. The barn exhibits a unique construction and design of early California agriculture. Examples of this type of construction and period are rare and require preservation. Currently, about 50% of the original barn has been damaged and missing. The project would include preserving, repairing and restoring the existing original sections of the barn, replacing with in-kind using material and using building techniques of the period. The project would also include historical research on the Barn and an interpretation element.

Project Name: Wells Fargo Building

Park Unit: **Salt Point State Park**

Estimated Cost: **\$520,000.00**

Description:

The historic Wells Fargo buildings are located within the Salt Point State Park. Several buildings are located on the site in varying conditions. These buildings and the historical function they provided to the remote California Coast are an important element of the historic landscape. Currently the buildings are degraded and structurally unsafe for public access. The project would repair, restore and reconstruct the buildings to original condition. The existing site conditions would be improved to allow public access and viewing. The project would develop historical research and an interpretive element.