

HIGHLIGHTS

Bureau of Reclamation/California Department of Parks and Recreation Auburn-Folsom-Natoma Managing Partner Agreement

On January 24, 2012, the Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) signed a new long-term Managing Partner Agreement (Agreement) under authority of P.L. 89-72 and P.L. 102-575. The Agreement extends the longstanding partnership between Reclamation and State Parks for managing public health and safety, recreation services and environmental stewardship on approximately 50,000 acres of project lands associated with Reclamation's Auburn Project, Folsom Reservoir and Lake Natoma. The Agreement further provides certainty in long-term planning to ensure continued protection and use of this invaluable resource consistent with a broad range of public and local interests.

Highlights of the Agreement include:

- Area. The Agreement encompasses all Reclamation-owned and/or withdrawn Project lands extending from Mineral Bar (near the community of Colfax) in the Upper American River Canyon to Folsom Lake and Lake Natoma. These and some contiguous State-owned lands are otherwise known as the Auburn State Recreation Area and Folsom State Recreation Area.
- Term. The term of the Agreement is 25 years. The Agreement includes a provision to modify or terminate in the event of future action by Congress or direction by the Secretary of the Interior.
- Agency Responsibilities. State Parks will manage law enforcement and visitor services and operate, maintain or provide management oversight to all recreation facilities. Reclamation will continue to be responsible for the protection of natural and cultural resources, including pre-suppression fire activities.
- Agency Funding. Funding for the Agreement is primarily through State appropriations and revenue and fee collection. All revenue generated by recreation and associated operations will be applied directly to management of the Auburn State Recreation Area and Folsom State Recreation Area. Reclamation will provide Federal appropriations as available for 50 percent of any potential operational deficit up to a federal ceiling limit of \$2.5 million. Both agencies will seek to minimize or eliminate annual deficits through continuous collaboration and efficient business planning.
- Beneficiary Funding. Reclamation and State Parks will work with local government agencies, concession contractors and other public and private entities to identify opportunities for funding and in-kind service arrangements to offset operating costs and benefit the local community.
- Capital improvements. Capital improvements and deferred maintenance projects will be developed by State Parks in cooperation with Reclamation. Such projects will be prioritized for completion as funds become available.

The Agreement represents Reclamation's continuing commitment to President Barack Obama's *America's Great Outdoors* initiative and the best traditions of State Parks to provide a quality recreation experience to the visiting public.

The complete Agreement is available for review at <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cca/index.html>.