

Editorial: State parks in trouble

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The California parks system is a network of incredible wonderlands spread among 280 parks covering 1.6 million acres from the deserts to the mountains to the sea. But for years, the system has been plagued by bureaucratic mismanagement, badly deteriorating conditions in the parks, a \$1 billion backlog in maintenance, and expenses that far surpassed revenues every year.

New leadership in Sacramento, pushed by an independent commission co-chaired by former Sen. Christine Kehoe of San Diego, seems to have a better grip on the problems and what needs to be done. But the task is monumental.

Start with the money, and with some of the state parks in our own backyard.

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