

SAVE OUR STATE PARKS & BEACHES!!

If approved by the Legislature, Governor Schwarzenegger's budget plan will close 220 of 279 State Park and Beaches, including **each and every Park and Beach in Santa Cruz County!**

Proposed Santa Cruz County State Park and Beach Closures: Big Basin Redwoods State Park, Castle Rock State Park, Castro Adobe State Historic Park, Coast Dairies State Park, Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, Lighthouse Field State Beach, Manresa State Beach, Manresa Uplands State Park, Natural Bridges State Beach, New Brighton State Beach, Palm State Beach, Rio Del Mar State Beach, Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park, Seabright State Beach, Seacliff State Beach, Sunset State Beach, The Forest of Nisene Marks, Twin Lakes State Beach and Wilder Ranch State Park.

Facts:

- 1) For every dollar that funds the parks, \$2.35 is returned to the state's General Fund through purchases in the local communities surrounding the parks and in the parks themselves. That means eliminating all funding for State Parks (\$70 million this year) could actually result in the state losing over \$350 million dollars in revenue.
- 2) On average, with every visit to a state park \$56.63 is spent locally. Closing state parks will remove \$4.32 billion in park-related visitor expenditures per year from local economies.
- 3) Without sufficient State Park staff to patrol, provide public safety and rescues, perform maintenance, provide essential facilities such as restrooms, provide educational programming and protect the plants, animals and cultural and historic resources, our parks would deteriorate and become attractive nuisances for criminal activity.

As a Santa Cruz County business, **we believe this does not make sense or cents!**
We therefore oppose this proposal and add our name to the growing voices to Save our State Parks.

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