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More important than ever before we need to support our California State parks network. We are on pins and needles waiting to hear which parks will close. In the big picture, CRF knows that parks are treasured and important. This is our encouragement to continuously seek opportunities to expand public park lands.

There are many things park supporters can do to help keep our state parks open and available to the public. Visit www.calparks.org for updates and information on efforts you can do to help Save Our State Parks!

On the local front there has been so much positive activity reflecting public-private partnerships between the park and corporate sponsors. Several tree planting programs are having a direct benefit. *Reforest California* campaign is set to replant native trees over the next four years at Cuyamaca Rancho and Odwalla implemented a *Plant a Tree Promotion* which will add additional trees to participating parks.

Nedra Martinez, Montane Superintendent and David Robart, District Maintenance Supervisor hosted a recent field trip to Palomar SP giving an informative orientation of its history and topography. The park has beautiful camp grounds, a historic fire lookout and is surrounded with both private property and national forest land. Now that Palomar is part of our official jurisdiction it's on our "master map" program. This means hours of work and research at the County Assessor's office to determine land owners and begin our search for possible available lands.

On the acquisition front CRF identified an available property in Descanso congruent with the park. Colorado Desert District Superintendent Mike Wells and Cuyamaca Rancho Superintendent have given their full support to pursue this acquisition. To date preliminary reports have been filed and sent to Sacramento. Though the state budget woes add to our challenge we are committed to staying on task.

Remember CRF is a volunteer organization and functions 100 % on donations from supporters like you. Consider making a donation today. You can also help by sending us your email info@cuyamacafoundation.org for future updates.

Sincerely,

Lynda Sterns
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