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Public Lands and Climate Change Symposium

This Fall, **California State Parks** and the **California Center for Environmental Law & Policy**, with the assistance of the Resources Legacy Fund and The Nature Conservancy, will jointly sponsor a symposium on Climate Change and Public Conservation Lands on **Thursday, November 15, 2007 at the Berkeley City Club**.



Over the next several years, decisions will be made to spend hundreds of millions of public and private dollars on the acquisition and restoration of conservation lands in California. It seems vital to us that those decisions be based on the best available science on the effects of climate change on critical habitats and species. We intend that this event will help provide that basis.

Symposium attendees—including policymakers, academics, public land managers, land trust leaders, conservationists and interested donors—will help formulate actionable policy recommendations on how public land managers should modify their management strategies, their acquisition priorities, and their restoration practices in light of the expected effects of climate change and the adaptation needs of species and habitats. Speakers will present state-of-the-art information on what science can tell us about the effects of climate change on California's public conservation lands. Panelists will consider those presentations and relate them to specific acquisition and restoration policies. Attendees will be encouraged to engage the panelists and speakers in active discussions.



We intend the end result of these deliberations to be a thoughtful set of policy recommendations for government leaders, public lands managers, and philanthropic donors having a role in the acquisition and restoration of public conservation lands.



At the end of the day, we hope you can also join us for an evening reception where that discussion can continue in a less formal setting. Staff of California State Parks and the California Center for Environmental Law & Policy will

memorialize and publish the group's conclusions and policy recommendations by early 2008.

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