

“I want to thank the Attorney General's office for their complete and well researched investigation. It is now clear that this is a problem that could have been fixed by a simple correction years ago, instead of being unaddressed for so long that it turned into a significant blow to public trust in government.

This report – warts and all – is an opportunity to enhance the public's understanding of the inherent complexities and challenges of running any large organization. New systems and people are in place to make sure this never happens again – so that our attention can be focused on the goal of sustaining our beautiful State Parks system.

Despite this painful process, there is a significant lesson here – the importance of individual action. For that, I have to single out and thank Parks current Chief Deputy Director Aaron Robertson for his actions in identifying these facts and bringing this whole matter to the fore.”

- *John Laird, California Secretary for Natural Resources*