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IUOE Unit 12 Representatives Attend Department of Parks and Recreation Town Hall Meeting on Reorganization

On October 3, 2017 the State Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) hosted a Town Hall meeting in Sacramento at the Railroad Museum to discuss the department's reorganization plan with employees, stakeholders, and IUOE Unit 12 representatives.

In July 2013 the Secretary of Natural Resources appointed the Parks Forward Commission to assess the unique challenges California's parks face and to help solidify a plan for the future of the parks.

On January 30, 2015 the commission released the plan in a report titled "A New Vision for California State Parks" which they claim over the long term will restore the State parks system to the shining star it had once been.

The recommendations have a two-year phase-in timeline that hopes to achieve four strategic goals:

- Protect and Enhance Natural and Cultural Resources
- Develop Excellent Management Systems
- Maintain High-Quality Operations and Public Services
- Create Meaningful Connections and Relevancy to People

One of the major changes suggested is a reduction in the number of park districts from 22 to 21. If adopted this would have a substantial impact on our members and trigger the meet and confer process. The Town Hall meeting was long on words but short on details.

It's too early to tell exactly what all of the impacts will be, but rest assured we will be monitoring these changes closely to protect our members' rights. We have requested a meeting with the Director to get the answers to our questions. We will keep you updated.

Steve Crouch
Director of Public Employees