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Dear APCD Hearing Board Members:

Please take these comments into account for this Friday's public workshop on State Parks' Annual Report and Work Plan.

Imagine you were hiring a contractor to build a new home for you. The contractor submitted a plan for your approval, but it had the following liabilities:

1. While it told you how big the house would be, it failed to specify where it was going to be built.
2. While you needed to sell your old house, the plan failed to specify a deadline for when the new one would be completed.
3. While you would pay for a house you could live in for many years, the plan indicated that much of the construction work would be "temporary" ... leaving your future dubious.
4. The plan indicated that if there are problems with the construction, there will be "mitigation." But it fails to tell you what types of problems they'll fix and exactly what the contractor will do to alleviate the problems.

You of course, would find the contractor's plan totally unacceptable. You'd reject it and instruct the builder to rework their plan so you'd have a solid, concrete agreement you could rely upon as construction begins.

Unfortunately, State Parks' Annual Report and Work Plan has ALL of those failings:

- Lack of where mitigation measures will take place.
- Lack of deadlines regarding mitigation.
- Lack of a completion date.
- Lack of achieving previously specified goals, labeling activities as "seasonal" and "temporary."
- And an overall lack of accountability ... it's a plan filled with smoke and mirrors, meant to obfuscate the issues for stakeholders.

Therefore — please do not approve this plan. Stay strong and insist that State Parks remove the fog surrounding the plan. Insist that the plan live up to your previous decisions on mitigation measures, rather than signing off on this evasive, ambiguous, imprecise plan.

Thank you,
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