

California Citrus State Historic Park & Friends of California Citrus Park

Citrus Transforms California:
Telling the Stories from the
Early Years to the Present

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California Citrus State Historic Park

- Established in 1982 by legislation sponsored by Senator Robert Presley, Riverside County (Chapter 326, 1982).
- Opened in 1993 with a vision of being a living outdoor historical museum that tells the far-reaching story of the citrus industry: the people, business, economic, and cultural impacts that transformed California in its early years to the present.
- A General Plan was developed that includes the development of key interpretive and multi-use facilities to depict the various operations, individuals and living environments associated with the citrus industry at the turn of the century.

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Historic Area Zone

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Workers' Camp Bunkhouse

- Depicts the living environment for citrus laborers
- Enables the voices of native and migrant workers to be shared.
- Illustrates how the diversity of cultures shaped communities
- Interprets issues of race, cultural conflict and labor strife that challenged and transformed social norms.



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Packing House



- Interprets citrus packing operations
- The rise of cooperative packing and marketing and its impact on California's economy
- The development of agricultural enterprises in response to the citrus industry
- The industrial and technological advances that transformed business operations.

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Western Engine Pump Facility

- The Western Engine - a 17-ton, 200 horsepower engine, built in 1926, pumped water to elevated reservoirs to irrigate the citrus groves.
- The development of irrigated agriculture and the Gage Canal.
- Conflicts surrounding water and water rights.
- Water issues today – balancing the needs of agriculture, people and the environment.



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Flume Bridge Across the Arroyo

- The bridge constructed to resemble a water flume depicts the transport of water across the groves.
- Gives visibility to the historic Gage Canal and the groves.
- Provides opportunities for interpreting environmental, public health & sustainability issues.
- Connects all the interpretive facilities within the park.



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Multi-Use Activity Center

- A multi-use activity center accommodating large group events.
- Built to resemble a historic home of the period, within which we can connect the past with the present and illustrate the multicultural impacts that will be meaningful to all visitors.
- Other features, including the carriage house and workers' barn provide real life evidence of the labor involved.



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Cost Estimates for Capital Improvements

• Concourse Open Area	\$ 2.18 M
• Multi-Use Activity Center	\$ 5.15 M
• Bridge & Arroyo Crossing	\$ 3.36 M
• Western Engine Pump Facility	\$.80 M
• Worker's Camp Bunkhouse	\$ 3.20 M
• Packing House	\$ 1.71 M
• Outlying Buildings	\$ 1.78 M
• <u>Infrastructure, Interpretive Displays</u>	<u>\$ 6.82 M</u>
Total Estimated Cost	\$25.0 M

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Ask

The Friends of Citrus Park ask the Natural Resources Agency & State Parks Department to:

- Budget \$25 Million dollars to implement these Capital Improvements.
- Budget additional funding for maintenance and operations as facilities are completed.