

From Bruce Kennedy, manager of the Statewide Planning Section, California Department of Parks and Recreation, comes a just released study, *Stewardship – 1983*, summarizing statistical data on natural resource threats to California state parks and making a wide range of recommendations for remedial policies, programs and actions.

Inspired by the NPS *State of the Parks* study of 1980, the California study examines the number, nature, severity, and priority of threats to the natural and scenic resources of the state's 267 units. Focus is on threats to the five basic natural systems – air, water, soil, vegetation, and animal life. Aesthetic values are included and strong emphasis is given to threats to the agency's ability to properly manage its lands. Summary figures are provided for all threat categories and, based on measures of severity and priority, a dozen of the worst categories of threats are identified.

This report, along with a separate working appendix on methodology and on statistical analyses, is of general interest to managers of large, resource-based parks, reserves, or sanctuary systems. Copies of *Stewardship – 1983* are available for \$3 (postage paid) from the California Dept. of Parks and Recreation, Distribution Center, P.O. Box 2390, Sacramento, CA 95811.