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All Aboard! Railroad Museum to Resume Weekend Excursion Train Rides in Old Sacramento Beginning April 6-7 2013 Marks the 30th Anniversary of Popular Excursion Train Ride Program

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – All aboard the California State Railroad Museum’s excursion railroad, the Sacramento Southern Railroad! The 2013 operating season officially opens the weekend of April 6-7, with rides continuing every Saturday and Sunday through September 2013. This year marks the 30th consecutive year that the California State Railroad Museum has offered these popular excursion train rides. Since 1984, well over one million guests have been carried aboard the Sacramento Southern Railroad, served by all-volunteer crews fully trained and certified under Federal Railroad Administration regulations.

Excursion trains depart from the Central Pacific Railroad Freight Depot in Old Sacramento (located on Front Street between J and K Streets). Departures are on-the-hour from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Train ride guests delight in the sights, smells and sounds of an authentic, working locomotive as it rolls along the levees of the Sacramento River for a six-mile, 40-minute roundtrip excursion. Appealing to all ages, the experience offers guests with the chance to enjoy train travel from an earlier era. The train features a combination of vintage closed coaches with comfortable seats, and open-air “gondolas” with bench style seating.

Same-day general admission weekend excursion train ride tickets are available in-person on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 10:30 a.m. the day of the train ride at the Sacramento Southern Railroad ticket office, located on Front Street between “J” and “K” Streets in Old Sacramento. However, tickets to ride the first-class El Dorado are available to book in advance online at www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org and groups interested in reserving the El Dorado for a regularly scheduled ride should call 916-322-7112.

Regular excursion train tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths (ages 6-17), and ages 5 and under ride free. For passengers desiring a ride aboard the first-class car El Dorado, tickets are \$15 per person.

About the California State Railroad Museum

Operated by California State Parks with financial assistance from the non-profit California State Railroad Museum Foundation, the California State Railroad Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day. Widely regarded as North America’s finest and most popular railroad museum, the complex of facilities includes the 100,000-square foot Railroad History Museum plus the reconstructed Central Pacific Railroad Passenger

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Station and Freight Depot, 1849 Eagle Theatre, and Big Four and Dingley Spice Mill commercial buildings in Old Sacramento. For 24-hour information, visit www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org or call (916) 445-6645.

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