

State of California – The Natural Resources Agency DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK GENERAL PLAN PROJECT SCH# 2001112104

Date: June 18, 2012

**To:** All Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Persons

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has directed the preparation of and intends to adopt an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. DPR is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Big Basin Redwoods State Park, Santa Cruz County

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT**: The California Department of Parks and Recreation has prepared a General Plan for Big Basin Redwoods State Park, which was established in 1902 as the first park unit of what is now the California State Park System. The General Plan contains a comprehensive set of parkwide and area-specific goals and guidelines for the long-term direction of the park that will guide future management and development. Five park management areas are identified in the plan, providing detailed direction tailored to the particular resource characteristics and visitor use in each area. Park improvements are identified in the General Plan's goals and guidelines that will provide high-quality park experiences for visitors while preserving significant resources that make Big Basin Redwoods State Park one of California's premier parks.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD**: The Preliminary General Plan/Draft EIR is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 45 days, beginning June 18, 2012. Your views and comments on this project are welcomed and must be in writing. Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, or email. All comments should be submitted with a contact name and mailing address for the public record postmarked no later than **August 1, 2012**. Please send comments to the following address:

Department of Parks and Recreation Planning Division, General Plan Section P.O. Box 942896 Sacramento, CA 94296-0001 ATTN: Dave Keck, Project Manager Email: <u>generalplan@parks.ca.gov</u> Fax: (916) 653-4458

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This project will be considered before the State Park and Recreation Commission in a public hearing to be held at a local venue after the public comments, Department responses, and a Final EIR has been prepared. Notice of the hearing will be mailed to all agencies, organizations, and individuals that have expressed interest.

Copies of the Preliminary General Plan/Draft EIR may be reviewed online at http://www.parks.ca.gov/BigBasinGP and at the following locations during normal business hours:

### **California Department of Parks & Recreation:**

Santa Cruz District Office 303 Big Trees Park Rd. Felton, CA 95018-9660 Año Nuevo State Park Office New Years Creek Road Pescadero, CA 94060

San Mateo Coast Sector Office 95 Kelly Avenue Half Moon Bay, CA 94019-1627

Calif. State Parks Planning Division 1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 1442-7 Sacramento, CA 95814

#### Santa Cruz County Libraries:

Central Branch Library 224 Church Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060 Boulder Creek Branch Library 13390 West Park Ave Boulder Creek, CA 95006

Scott's Valley Branch Library 251 Kings Village Road Scott's Valley, CA 95066 Felton Branch Library 6299 Gushee Felton, CA 95018

#### San Mateo County Libraries:

Half Moon Bay Library 620 Correas Street Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Pacifica Sharp Park Library 104 Hilton Way Pacifica, CA 94044

Portola Valley Library 765 Portola Road Portola Valley, CA 94028

Woodside Library 3140 Woodside Rd. Woodside, CA 94062

## Santa Clara County Libraries:

Cupertino Library 10800 Torre Ave. Cupertino, CA 95014 Saratoga Library 13650 Saratoga Ave. Saratoga, CA 95070

Los Altos Library 13 South San Antonio Rd. Los Altos, CA 94022