



Resolution 22-2010
Adopted by the
CALIFORNIA STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
at its regular meeting in Crescent City, California
October 8, 2010

**General Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Report for
Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park - Mill Creek Addition**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 5002.2 and 5002.3, the Director of California State Parks (CSP) has presented to this Commission for approval the proposed General Plan Amendment (GPA) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (“collectively Plan”) for the Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park Mill Creek Addition; and

WHEREAS, state and federal parks in this region, including the Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park and the Mill Creek Addition, operate under a Cooperative Management Agreement (CMA) between the National Park Service (NPS) and CSP for the purpose of operational efficiencies to enhance protection of park resources and improved service to the public, pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) 5080.3 and P.L. 105-83, FY Interior Appropriations Act, section 501(j), 111 Stat. 1614; and

WHEREAS, participation in the CMA does not include transfer of statutory authority from one governmental unit to the other and thus CSP is the sole agency responsible for making and implementing management decisions for state parks and all references to Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park Mill Creek Addition are specific to California Department of Parks and Recreation managed property; and

WHEREAS, the NPS and CSP utilize the General Management Plan/General Plan, signed April 6, 2000, to guide the management of “Redwood National and State Parks” (RNSP); and

WHEREAS, the Plan amends the Redwood National and State Parks General Management Plan and General Plan and provides conceptual goals and guidelines for the long-term management, development, operation, and future use and enjoyment of Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park Mill Creek Addition; and

WHEREAS, although a federal grant was used to partially fund the purchase of the Mill Creek Addition, and the NPS may provide funding in the future for activities that occur on lands owned by CSP activities which might trigger the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the NPS does not have decision-making authority over the Mill Creek General Plan or any amendment, and is not carrying out, financing or approving in whole or in part the Plan, so that there is no federal nexus that would trigger NEPA with respect to the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code section 5002.2 designates the General Plan as a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) (Public Resources Code 21000 et seq.) and thus an “EIR” has been prepared, providing discussion, disclosure and analysis of the impacts of future development; and

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WHEREAS, the GPA and EIR will be used for tiering pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21093, covering general goals and guidelines of the Plan, and the appropriate level of CEQA review for each subsequent project relying on the Plan; and

WHEREAS, CSP has met all obligations in seeking input from all interested parties during GPA development through meetings, information exchanges and public scoping, including the Mill Creek Advisory Committee (MCAC) meetings where planning issues were discussed, and in addition all materials pertaining to the planning process were made available the CSP public website;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That this Commission has reviewed and considered the information and analysis in the Plan prior to approving the Plan, and this Commission finds and certifies that the Plan reflects the independent judgment and analysis of this Commission and has been completed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act; and be it

RESOLVED: In connection with its review prior to approving the General Plan, this Commission independently finds that the environmental conclusions contained in the Environmental Analysis Section of the Plan are supported by facts therein and that each fact in support of the findings is true and is based on substantial evidence in the record and that mitigation measures, guidelines, or other changes or alterations have been incorporated into the Plan which will avoid or substantially lessen the potential impacts identified in the Plan; and be it

RESOLVED: That the location and custodian of the Plan and other materials which constitute the record of proceeding on which the Commission's decision is based is: California State Park and Recreation Commission, P.O. Box 942896, Sacramento, California 94296-0001, Telephone 916/653-0524, Facsimile 916/653-4458; and be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Park and Recreation Commission hereby approves the Department of Parks and Recreation's General Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Report prepared for Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park Mill Creek Addition dated October 2010; and be it

RESOLVED: That a Notice of Determination will be filed with the Office of Planning and Research within five days of this approval.

Attest: This Resolution was duly adopted by the California State Park and Recreation Commission on October 8, 2010 at the Commission's duly-noticed public meeting at Crescent City, California.

By: ORIGINAL SIGNED BY Date: 10-8-10

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California State Parks
Secretary to the Commission