



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT
A SUPPLEMENT (03) TO AN INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE PROPOSED
BIG RIVER WATERSHED RESTORATION – PROPOSITION 40 – RIVER
PARKWAYS GRANT PROJECT**

Date: June 23, 2021

California State Parks (CSP) has directed the preparation of and intends to adopt a Supplement to a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. CSP is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

PROJECT LOCATION: **Big River Unit**
 Mendocino Headlands State Park, Mendocino County

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT:

ORIGINAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Big River Watershed Restoration – Proposition 40 – River Parkways Grant Project
Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration, 2006. **SCH 2006072012**

The California Department of Recreation (DPR) proposes to correct erosion and sedimentation problems, improve stream crossings along roads, remove logging roads that contribute sediment to Big River and tributaries, convert roads to trails, restore pre- disturbance hydrologic processes, delineate parking areas, construct a restroom building, and improve public information within the Big River unit of Mendocino Headlands State Park.

SUPPLEMENT 03:

In support of the original nature of the proposed work, this supplement to the Mitigated Negative Declaration incorporates two projects sites: the M1 Crossing Upgrades and the F1 Road Decommissioning of former logging road. Work related to these efforts will:

- Construction of environmentally sound and safe stream crossing to allow for continued recreational, official and emergency use;
- repair and upgrade failing stream crossings and ditch relief crossings;
- remove large volumes of stored sediment in stream basins;
- improve road drainage;
- adequately size culverts for the passage of the 100-year flood flows;
- reduce sedimentation to Big River;
- removal of outside (downslope-side) berms along unstable road areas;
- deposition of removed berm and other fill material against upslope road edges to

create low-angle, outsloped road surfaces that will disperse surface runoff across roads;

- elimination or drain inboard ditches and roads (through ripping, deposition of fill, re-contouring and installation of cross-drains);
- removal of culverts and associated fill material;
- restore historic stream channel;
- treatment with appropriate erosion control materials and methods;
- site monitoring and maintenance of erosion controls and invasive plant species;
- re-vegetation, as necessary, with native plants.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: Supplement 03 to the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment beginning June 23, 2021. The comment period will end on July 27, 2021. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Terra Fuller at 12301 North Highway 1- Box 1, Mendocino, CA 95460 or by email at Terra.Fuller@parks.ca.gov.

Your views and comments on this project are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted no later than July 27, 2021, to the following address:

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Mendocino District
12301 North Highway 1 – Box 1
Mendocino, CA 95460

Copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the following locations during normal business hours:

California Department of Parks & Recreation
Mendocino District Headquarters
12301 North Highway 1
Mendocino, CA 95460

California State Parks website https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=981

CEQAnet Web Portal <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>