

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

The Truckee River Watershed Council (TRWC), in partnership with the CEQA lead agency, California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR), is proposing the **Coldstream Canyon Watershed Restoration Project** (project). The project would help restore hydrologic and ecosystem function to the Coldstream Canyon watershed, a 12.5 square-mile watershed upstream of Donner Lake near Truckee, California. The project focuses on restoration of three main landforms within the watershed: 1) improvements to CDPR roads, including treatments at approximately 21 drainage crossings to improve drainage and decrease water capture and erosion; 2) riparian and wetland habitat enhancement at two adjacent ponds (formerly gravel borrow pits); and 3) channel stabilization and floodplain restoration of a 0.75 mile long stretch of Cold Creek.

The large majority of land where project activities are planned is owned and managed by CDPR and is within the general plan area (Planning Zone 3) of Donner Memorial State Park. A portion of the planned creek restoration is within the 400-foot wide right-of-way of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. In addition, a 0.6 acre corner of a Sierra Pacific Industries' parcel extends within the area planned for creek restoration. All of the land within the project area is located within Placer County.

As the CEQA lead agency for the project, CDPR reviewed the prepared Initial Study (IS) to assess the proposed project's potential effects on the environment and the significance of those effects. Based on the results of the IS, the proposed project would not have any significant effects on the environment with incorporation of all project components (design plan specifications, TRWC contract requirements and CDPR Standard and Specific Project Requirements). Accordingly, CDPR proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration (ND) for the project.

The 30-day period for public review and comment on the ND and supporting initial study begins April 17, 2020. All comments must be submitted by May 22, 2020. While normally, CDPR accepts comments via U.S. mail, due to state orders associated with Covid-19, CDPR local offices are closed and receipt of mail at the regional CDPR office may be delayed. Therefore, please send written comments via email to CDPR Environmental Scientist, Nathan Shasha, Nathan.Shasha@parks.ca.gov. Please include the project title in the subject line, attach comments in MS Word or Adobe PDF format, and include the commenter's U.S. Postal Service mailing address.

A copy of the IS/ND can be reviewed online at https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=981. Providing hard copies of the IS/ND for review at CDPR's Tahoma office is not feasible at this time as the office is closed. For further information regarding the IS/ND and CDPR schedule to consider adoption of the document, please contact Nathan Shasha at 530-318-4685.