



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/ NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AT MACKERRICHER STATE PARK

Date: June 11, 2020

California State Parks (CSP) has prepared and intends to adopt a 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: The project is located where Highway 1 intersects Mackerricher State Park Road, approximately 3-miles north of Fort Bragg, in Mendocino County, California. The project location can be found using the following Public Land Survey System description: Section 18 and 19, Township 19 North, and Range 17 West.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: The project proposes to improve the water treatment system at MacKerricher SP by establishing a year-round production of potable water for Park visitors. The Park currently obtains water from a single source located along the western edge of Lake Cleone. The lake was historically a seasonally closed coastal lagoon at the mouth of Mill Creek, but installation of an artificial berm and a logging haul road along the beach edge eliminated tidal influence by the 1970s. Since then, the artificial berm and logging road have steadily deteriorated because of coastal erosion and storm damage. In an effort to establish year-round production of potable water for Park visitors, CSP proposes the following: rehabilitate the existing Mill Creek water intake, replace the existing raw water treatment plant and reconfigure the existing Lake Cleone pump station, allowing for its continued use, as a secondary water source.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Initial Study/Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 35 days, beginning June 17, 2020 and ending July 21, 2020. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Joel Bonilla at Northern Service Center, One Capitol Mall, Suite 410, Sacramento, CA 95814 or by email at CEQANSC@parks.ca.gov.

Your views and comments on the Initial Study-Negative Declaration are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted no later than July 21, 2020, to the following address:

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Copies of the Initial Study/Negative Declaration may be reviewed during normal business hours at the above address or by e-mail request at CEQANSC@parks.ca.gov.