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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION BY THE CITY OF ARCATA AS THE LEAD AGENCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Arcata (City) intends to adopt a Negative Declaration for the project described below.

Project: The City proposes to complete improvements to a trail segment in the Arcata Community Forest Sunnybrae Tract in Arcata, California. The project site is immediately south of Fickle Hill Road, within parcel APN 500-022-004, a 6.17-acre parcel owned by the City of Arcata. The proposed Project will construct approximately 1,600 linear feet of recreational trail. The project involves construction, use, and maintenance of the recreational trail segment. The project also includes a crossing of Fickle Hill Road to facilitate recreational use connectivity. The trail segment connects two tracts that are part of the greater Arcata Community Forest and is part of the Arcata Ridge Trail.

Application Date: NOC filed with the State Clearinghouse on January 8, 2021

Application Type: Adoption of a Negative Declaration

Location: The project site is immediately south of Fickle Hill Road, within parcel APN 500-022-004. The parcel is in Section 34, Township 6N, Range 1E, Humboldt Basin Meridian, of the Arcata South California USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle map.

Owner/Applicant: City of Arcata

Agent: City of Arcata

Zoning and General Plan: Zoning is Natural Resources-Timber Production (NR-TP). Land Use Designation in General Plan is Natural Resource. The Fickle Hill Road crossing is unzoned and comprises lands in the unincorporated County of Humboldt.

Coastal Status: The proposed Project is not located within the Coastal Zone.

Environmental: An Initial Study/ Negative Declaration was prepared and is being circulated by the City of Arcata Community Development Department. The City is the Lead Agency. The City will accept comments on the Draft Negative Declaration from January 13th until February 16th, consistent with Section 15105 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project site does not have hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, nor is it a hazardous waste disposal site, and it is not listed on any list enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN: that the information regarding the proposed project and environmental document may be reviewed at the Environmental Services Department at Arcata City Hall, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by calling 707-822-5955 and setting an appointment, or online at

<https://www.cityofarcata.org/487/Arcata-Ridge-Trail-Project>



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Public comments on the IS/ND can be submitted to the City by letter (for mail or hand delivery) to Community Development Department, ATTN: David Loya, Director, at 736 F Street Arcata, CA 95521, or by email at dloya@cityofarcata.org.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN: that the Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the Initial Study and Negative Declaration during the circulation period on January 26, 2021, at 6 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, via zoom webinar Meeting ID 9649 810 7422 (<https://zoom.us/j/96498107422>). This hearing will provide the public additional opportunity to comment on the Initial Study and Negative Declaration.

The City Council will consider approval of the project and adoption of the Negative Declaration at its regularly scheduled February 17, 2021, at 6 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, via zoom webinar Meeting ID 9941 757 8944 (<https://zoom.us/j/99417578944>).

Both meetings will be held over zoom webinars due to COVID-19 safety protocols. Advanced registration is not required. Anyone using the Meeting ID may participate. Additional options for participation will be published on the respective meeting agendas, which will be posted at <http://arcataca.ig2.com/Citizens/default.aspx> at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

Please confirm the zoom Meeting ID on the respective agendas.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN: The Proposed Negative Declaration becomes final after the public comment period is exhausted. Any interested person is encouraged to submit comments prior to the end of the comment period.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN: that, pursuant to state law, *“If you challenge City action on a proposed project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised during the comment period.”*