

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) / NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

ParkIT! Shuttle Program and Reservation System Project

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and the CEQA Guidelines, the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (“IS/MND”) that identifies and evaluates the environmental effects of the project and presents mitigation for significant impacts.

Project Title: ParkIT! Shuttle Program and Day-Use Reservation System Project (“Proposed Project”)

Project Location: The Proposed Project is in unincorporated Monterey County, adjacent to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California. The Proposed shuttle program (discussed below) includes the use of the Marathon Flats Alternative Parking Facility (“Marathon Flats Facility”), which is near the mouth of Carmel Valley, east of State Route 1 and south of Rio Road, west of the Carmel Crossroads Shopping Center. The Blue Roof Office Buildings, also known as the Carmel Center Place Office Complex, are located south of Rio Road on Carmel Center Place, adjacent to the Carmel Crossroads. This area represents an alternative parking area that may be used as part of the Shuttle Program. The Palo Corona Regional Park parking lot is located on Carmel Valley Road, approximately one (1) mile east of Carmel Rancho Boulevard. Point Lobos is located at 62 State Route 1 (“SR 1”), south of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

The Proposed Project site comprises approximately 1.4 acres.

Project Description: The Proposed Project consists of two (2) primary project components: 1) the ParkIT! Shuttle Program and associated subcomponents; and 2) State Park’s proposed Day-Use Reservation System for visitors to Point Lobos.

ParkIT! Shuttle Program

The ParkIT! Shuttle Program consists of three (3) distinct elements: 1) construction of an alternative parking facility located at a portion of vacant land commonly known as Marathon Flats; 2) temporary use of the Blue Roof Office Buildings’ parking lot and/or Palo Corona Regional Park parking lot while the Marathon Flats parking facility is under construction; and 3) shuttle service between Marathon Flats (or temporarily from the Blue Roof Office Buildings’ parking lot), Rancho Canada, Point Lobos, and access for the public to San Jose Creek trailhead when it opens to the public.

Day-Use Reservation System

State Parks would implement a Day-Use Reservation System to address the rapid, unsustainable visitation growth at Point Lobos. To enter Point Lobos, all visitors other than State Parks staff, Point Lobos Foundation staff, and docents on duty will need a reservation. Reservations will be made for one (1) of four (4) locations: in-reserve parking; offsite parking at the Marathon Flats Facility; Palo Corona, or walk-in. Visitors can request a reservation for any of the four (4) locations online or in person. If, during Park

operations, State Parks observes adverse impacts because of visitor overuse, State Parks would implement adaptive management strategies to mitigate and minimize the impacts consistent with current practices. State Parks will implement a public outreach program to inform visitors that a reservation will be necessary to access Point Lobos. Outreach will include updated signage, information on State Park's website, press releases, and other similar methods.

Review Period: The public comment period begins on October 20, 2021 and ends on November 19, 2021.

Document Availability: The IS/MND can be viewed and downloaded from the Department of Parks and Recreation's website, under the CEQA notices page for the Central California region, which can be found at the following location: https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=982.

How to Comment: Interested parties may provide written comments on the IS/MND, which must be **received** no later than 5 p.m. on November 19, 2021.

Written comments on the IS/MND may be provided via email to:

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