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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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An Initial Study of environmental impact has been prepared by the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department and considered by the Sonoma County Environmental Review Committee for the following project:

North Coast Trails Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed North Coast Trails Project consist of two separate trail segments. The first is just north side of Salt Point State Park, and the second just north of the Stewart's Point store. These properties are located on the west side of State Highway 1 in northwest Sonoma County approximately 30 miles northwest of the City of Santa Rosa.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes construction and operation of two trail segments, a 1.1-mile trail on the Kashia Coastal Reserve and a 0.9-mile trail on the Stewarts Point Ranch. The proposed Project also includes construction of facilities needed to support public use of these trails, including bridge replacement, parking areas, restrooms, gates, fencing, and informational and trail signs.

PROJECT PURPOSE: This purpose of this project is to provide public trail access to areas on the north coast currently in private ownership while protecting grasslands, wetlands, and sensitive biological resources. The Project will provide protection of culturally significant resources, tribal gathering areas, and other tribal cultural resources associated with the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria. The State Coastal Plan and the County Coastal Plan call for the creation of a 1,200-mile coastal trail system (officially called the California Coastal Trail). The current Project will help the County and State meet the access objectives of the Coastal Plan.

FINDING: On the basis of the Initial Study, the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department has determined that with the incorporation of the mitigation measures proposed in the Initial Study, the proposed project would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

COMMENT PERIOD: The proposed Negative Declaration is available for review and comment, along with the Trails Plan and Initial Study, at the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department website at <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Parks/Planning/Kashia-Coastal-Reserve-Trail/>. The posting and review period for the Proposed Negative Declaration is: **October 22, 2021 to November 22, 2021**

Written comments should be addressed to Mark Cleveland, Senior Park Planner at Sonoma County Regional Parks. The address and phone number are listed above, or e-mail at: Mark.Cleveland@sonoma-county.org.

PROJECT APPROVAL: The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is the decision-making body responsible for adopting the proposed Negative Declaration and approving the proposed project. The environmental document and the comments received thereon will be referred to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors at a meeting that will be scheduled. Notification of the meeting will be mailed to those on the project mailing list and will be posted on the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department website, listed above.