

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that California State Parks (CSP), Colorado Desert District, has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Camp Borrego Education Center and Special Events Venue within the Palm Canyon Campground, Anza Borrego Desert State Park, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Project Name: Camp Borrego Education Center and Special Events Venue

Project Location: Borrego Springs, California

Project Description: The Camp Borrego Education Center and Special Events Venue project (proposed project) consists of the construction and operation of new facilities and associated infrastructure to accommodate the Camp Borrego Education Center and Special Events Venue sponsored by the Anza-Borrego Foundation within Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. The overall project site encompasses approximately 70 acres, and is located to the west of the existing Borrego Palm Canyon Campground facilities which can be accessed via an existing unpaved road off Palm Canyon Drive. The 70 acres include access roads and trails, parking, and the existing amphitheater. The proposed project would be completed in three separate phases. Phase 1 would be the initial phase, and Phases 2 and 3 would be completed in the future. Once all three phases are completed, the project would include the construction of twelve overnight cabins, restroom and showering facilities, a kitchen/common area with attached staff cabins and comfort stations, a new parking area for visitors, and both new and updated multi-use trails and roads.

Findings: Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and based on information contained in the attached IS Checklist, the California Department of Parks and Recreation has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Public Review: Printed copies of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are on file and are available for public review at: California State Parks, Colorado Desert District, Anza Borrego Desert State Parks Headquarters, 200 Palm Canyon Dr, Borrego Springs, CA 92004. Written comments will be accepted from November 26, 2021 to December 27, 2021. Any person wishing to comment on the adequacy of these documents must submit comments in writing at the following address:

California State Parks
Colorado Desert District
Anza Borrego Desert State Park
Attention: Terry Gerson, District Services Manager
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