NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/ NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE HUMBOLDT REDWOODS STATE PARK FOUNDERS GROVE COMFORT STATION RELOCATION & REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Date: February 20, 2024

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has prepared and intends to adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed Founders Grove Comfort Station Relocation & Replacement Project (Proposed Project) at Humboldt Redwoods State Park, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. DPR is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located in the Founders Grove area of Humboldt Redwoods State Park, with the Sector Office located at 17119 Avenue of the Giants (State Highway 254), Weott, CA 95571. The Park is located at Dyerville Loop Road at Avenue of the Giants, approximately ten miles north of Weott, Humboldt County.

<u>DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT:</u> California State Parks in partnership with Save the Redwoods League, will decommission and demolish the existing restroom facility, which is currently out of service, as well as the parking lot at Founders Grove, and relocate and construct a new day use facility including restrooms and parking in an alternate location. In addition, the new site will include a new water source and treatment system, onsite sewage disposal system, as well as a new accessible trail connection to Founders Grove.

<u>PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:</u> The Initial Study/Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning February 22, 2024, and ending March 25, 2024. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Brad Michalk at Northern Service Center, 2241 Harvard Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95815, 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 March 25, 2024, to the following address:

California State Parks Northern Service Center 2241 Harvard Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95815

Copies of the Initial Study/Negative Declaration may be reviewed during normal business hours at the above address.

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