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Samuel Assefa
Director

Memorandum

Date: October 15, 2024
To: All Reviewing Agencies
From: Samuel Assefa, Director
Re: SCH # 2024090173
Piedras Blancas California Coastal Trail Project

Pursuant to the attached letter, the Lead Agency has *extended* the review period for the above referenced project to October 28, 2024 to accommodate the review process. All other project information remains the same.

Please contact the Lead Agency for further information if you no longer have the project.

REVISED NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/ MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PIEDRAS
BLANCAS CALIFORNIA COASTAL TRAIL PROJECT

Date: September 25, 2024

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has prepared and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Piedras Blancas California Coastal Trail Project (Proposed Project) at Hearst San Simeon 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 14 miles north of Cambria, on the north coast of San Luis Obispo County, west of Highway 1. The proposed southern trail head would be located the Caltrans public parking lot at Vista Point 4 or elephant seal viewing area. The proposed northern trailhead would be located at the Arroyo de la Cruz public parking lot, south of the Arroyo de la Cruz bridge on Highway 1.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: The Piedras Blancas California Coastal Trail Project (PBCT) consists of 4.2 miles of accessible trail including boardwalks, bridges, and compacted gravel surfaces. The width of trail will vary between 4 and 5 feet (5 feet wide on bridges and boardwalk structures and 4 feet wide on improved aggregate trail surfaces) and cover approximately 2.5 acres in area. The PBCT would be located west of Highway 1 and would extend north from the elephant seal boardwalk at Caltrans Vista Point 4 parking lot, to the Arroyo de la Cruz parking lot and trailhead. The project will include 9 boardwalks and vista points and 4 bridges along the trail. The PBCT will be an accessible multi-use trail for hikers and bicycles.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Initial Study/Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 52 days, beginning September 6, 2024, and ending October 28, 2024. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Katie Drexhage, Senior Environmental Scientist, San Luis Obispo Coast District, 750 Hearst Castle Rd, San Simeon, CA 93452, or by email at Katie.Drexhage@parks.ca.gov.

Your views and comments on the Initial Study-Negative Declaration are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted no later than October 28, 2024, to the following address:

California State Parks
San Luis Obispo Coast District
750 Hearst Castle Rd.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93452

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

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