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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY**

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DATE: January 14, 2025

TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

SUBJECT: **East Bay Regional Parks District – Calaveras Ridge Trail Project: Briones to Las Trampas Regional Trail – Burton Ridge Vicinity**

East Bay Regional Parks District (EBRPD) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the proposed East Bay Regional Parks District – Calaveras Ridge Trail Project: Briones to Las Trampas Regional Trail – Burton Ridge Vicinity (proposed Project). EBRPD has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with CEQA.

**Project Location:** Various parcels primarily within the City of Lafayette, CA 94549. The new trail would start on parcel number 189-051-053, span numerous parcels and end at 238-090-030.

**Project Description:** EBRPD is proposing a new 2.5-mile regional trail segment of the Proposed Calaveras Ridge Regional Trail in Contra Costa County (Project). The Project proposed to construct 1.2- miles of new trail and will utilize 1.3-miles of an existing dirt roadway. Much of the Project is within an easement owned by EBRPD over private land. This trail segment would connect to the existing Lafayette/Moraga Regional Trail, then continue south to Rohrer Drive and the Rohrer Trail and eventually Las Trampas Regional Preserve. The Calaveras Ridge Regional Trail is one of the originally designated regional trail corridors in the EBRPD Master Plan. Once constructed, this multi-use trail corridor parallels the Interstate 680 corridor connecting six regional parks.

**Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts:** Potentially significant impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, and transportation were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level with the implementation of identified mitigation measures.

**Hazardous Waste Sites:** Pursuant to Section 15087(c)(6) of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act, EBRPD acknowledges the non-existence of hazardous waste sites within the Project area reviewed by this Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

**IS/MND Document Review and Availability:** The public review and comment period for the Draft IS/MND will extend for 30 days starting January 14, 2025 to February 13, 2025. The Draft IS/MND can be viewed and/or downloaded at the following website:

<https://www.ebparks.org/projects/regional-trails>

**Comments/Questions:** Comments and/or questions regarding the IS/MND may be directed to:

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