

## Notice of Determination

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**To:**  County Clerk - County of San Mateo  
555 County Center,  
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**From:** California Department of Parks and Recreation (lead agency)  
303 Big Trees Park Road,  
Felton, CA 95018  
Chris Spohrer, District Superintendent II  
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**Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination  
in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.**

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2019012052

**Project Title:** Inland Big Basin Redwoods State Park Forest Health and Resilience Project

**Project Location:** Boulder Creek, CA

**Project Description:** The California Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks) proposes to implement vegetation treatments and maintenance treatments on up to 9,977.25 acres of land within the eastern and inland portion of Big Basin Redwoods State Park in Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties. California State Parks has prepared a Project-Specific Analysis and CEQA Addendum to evaluate if the proposed project is within the scope of the California Vegetation Treatment Program EIR (CalVTP PEIR), consider revisions or changes to the PEIR that would expand its coverage to include all project areas, and provide environmental information on the proposed project. Treatment types include ecological restoration. Treatment activities include prescribed burning, manual, mechanical, and targeted herbicide application treatments. The goal of the ecologically restorative treatments proposed in this PSA/Addendum is to maintain habitat function for wildlife, including special-status species and sensitive natural communities, to re-establish inherent resilience of the ecosystem processes and natural disturbance regimes, relative to modern anthropogenic and climatic influences, through reintroducing natural processes. The Inland Big Basin Redwoods State Park Forest Health and Resilience Project PSA/Addendum to the PEIR was prepared for the project as a later activity covered by the CalVTP PEIR.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the California Department of Parks and Recreation  Lead Agency has approved the above-described project on May 6, 2025 and has made the following determinations:

For a PSA/Addendum to an EIR:

1. The project (will will not) have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Inland Big Basin Redwoods State Park Forest Health and Resilience Project PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP PEIR (SCH# 2019012052) (was was not) prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. The CalVTP PEIR sufficiently analyzes and addresses potential environmental impacts from the project, and the project will not trigger any of the criteria requiring additional CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. The project (will will not) result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of the significant environmental impacts identified in the CalVTP PEIR.
  - a. The elements of the proposed project that would be implemented in project areas within the CalVTP treatable landscape (are are not) within the scope of the CalVTP PEIR consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2), as documented in the PSA.
  - b. The elements of the proposed project that would be implemented in areas outside the CalVTP treatable landscape (would would not) result in the occurrence of any of the conditions described in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR; therefore, an Addendum has been adopted to address the project areas outside the geographic extent presented in the PEIR.
4. Mitigation measures and standard project requirements from the CalVTP PEIR (were were not) made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.
5. The implementation of applicable CalVTP PEIR mitigation measures and standard project requirements (will will not) be monitored and reported pursuant to the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
6. The previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP PEIR (was was not) reaffirmed for this project by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.
7. Findings (were were not) made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

This is to certify that the Inland Big Basin Redwoods State Park Forest Health and Resilience Project PSA/Addendum to the CalVTP PEIR and record of project approval are available to the general public via California State Parks at 303 Big Trees Park Road, Felton, Ca, 95018. The custodian of these documents is Tim Hyland, Senior Environmental Scientist. Please contact Tim Hyland at [tim.hyland@parks.ca.gov](mailto:tim.hyland@parks.ca.gov) or (831) 335-6318 to arrange document viewing.

**Signature:** Chris Spohrer  
**Title:** District Superintendent II  
**Date:** May 7th, 2025

Dated Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21087, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.