Public Participation in the Planning Process

California State Parks will hold two public meetings for the Big Basin Redwoods State Park General Plan. On Thursday, February 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Fisher Middle School, 19195 Fisher Avenue, in Los Gatos, and Saturday, February 6 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Felton Community Hall, 6191 Highway 9, in Felton, California State Parks will provide information about Big Basin Redwoods State Park and the general planning process. Both meetings will be an “open house” format, where you can preview resource information, talk with the planning team, and provide comments on the materials being presented any time during the meeting hours.

You are invited to provide input on issues, and tell us your concerns, ideas, and recommendations for the park’s future park management, resource protection and visitor use. Your input will be used to develop a preferred alternative and produce the Preliminary General Plan and Draft EIR for the park. These public meetings will also serve as scoping meetings for preparation of the General Plan Environmental Impact Report.

For more information about the planning process, background information, and newsletters, go to “General Plans in Progress” Website: www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21486 or email: generalplan@parks.ca.gov.

Public Hearing on Proposed Acquisition

Pursuant to California Resources Code Section 5006, these two public meetings will serve as public hearings for a proposed property acquisition as an addition to Big Basin Redwoods State Park. The proposed land, known as Little Basin, is adjacent to the southeast portion of the park.

The purpose of the hearing is to record public comments on this proposed acquisition. State Parks staff and project proponents will have background information on the property and will be available to answer your questions and receive your written comments.

Written comments on the proposed acquisition of the Little Basin property will be accepted for the record if received no later than March 31, 2010. Written comments on this proposed acquisition should be addressed to California State Parks, Acquisition and Real Property Services Division, One Capitol Mall, Suite 410, Sacramento, CA 95814, or faxed to (916) 327-7307, attention Liz Steller, or e-mailed to lstel@parks.ca.gov. Please direct any inquiries regarding the proposed property acquisition or requests for special assistance to Liz Steller at (916) 445-8785 or Lstel@parks.ca.gov.

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