



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE PROPOSED
NATURE EDUCATION FACILITIES PROJECT**

Date: March 14, 2012

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) has prepared and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Nature Education Facilities Project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. CDPR is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

PROJECT LOCATION: Carpinteria State Beach is located in Santa Barbara County adjacent to the City of Carpinteria

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: The Project would expand facilities including: construction of a new modular building and repurposing the existing park office/visitor center as a visitor center exclusively; construction of a dune boardwalk; restoration of degraded dune habitat; creation of a small gathering area; construction of a bluff viewing area; installation of interpretive exhibits; construction of two beach access routes; upgrades to trails and parking; construction of two overlooks and habitat restoration along Carpinteria Creek.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is being made available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning Wednesday, March 14, 2012 and closing on Friday, April 13, 2012. Questions and/or comments regarding the project should be directed to:

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Copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the following locations during normal business hours or downloaded from the CDPR website at the following URL:
http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=983

California Department of Parks & Recreation Channel Coast District Office 911 San Pedro Street Ventura, CA 93001-3744	Carpinteria Library 5141 Carpinteria Avenue Carpinteria, CA 93013
California Department of Parks & Recreation Southern Service Center 8885 Rio San Diego Dr., Suite 270 San Diego, CA 92108	Carpinteria State Beach Office 5361 6 th St. Carpinteria, CA 93013