



DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2004

To: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED OFFICE/VISITOR CENTER PROJECT

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has directed the preparation of and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the proposed project, 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: William B. Ide Adobe State Historic Park
County of Tehama, California

Description of the Proposed Project:

DPR proposes to make the following improvements to the Office/Visitor Center at William B. Ide Adobe State Historic Park:

- Construct a new permanent, accessible park office/visitor center of approximately 2,800 square feet. The new facility will include a changing rooms, storage areas, laundry and utility room, kitchen, meeting room, exhibit space, and public restrooms;
- Construct or relocate site improvements related to the new park office/visitor center including a subsurface drainage system (*surface water*), the relocation of the existing fence to expand picnic area, walkway and ramps/steps to new building, identification and directional signage, and landscape;
- Connect utility to new office/visitor center including water, septic system, electricity, telephone, alarm system, and telecommunications infrastructure. The septic tank excavation will be approximately 8' Wide X 10' Long X 10' Deep, utility lines trenches will vary from 18-inches to 36-inches in depth and sewer line to 4-foot depth;
- Convert existing park exit to main park entrance by widening the existing asphalt radius and changing directional pavement markings and signage. Eliminate existing park entrance by removing existing asphalt and converting to landscaping;
- Construct a 12 ft wide asphalt travelway with adjacent concrete walk connecting the existing parking lot to Mayfair Drive, establishing the new exit. An approximate 10' x 20' concrete bus drop-off area will be constructed on the East of Mayfair Drive; and
- Construct an approximate 17,000 sq. ft asphalt concrete parking lot to include 43 passenger car spaces and 5 bus spaces bordered by Mayfair Dr. and Adobe Rd.

Public Review Period: The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning February 25, 2004. Written comments should be submitted no later than March 25, 2004, to the following address:

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Copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Northern Service Center
California Department of Parks & Recreation
One Capitol Mall - Suite 410
Sacramento, CA 95814
- Northern Buttes District Headquarters
California Department of Parks & Recreation
400 Glen Drive
Oroville, CA 95966-9222
- William B. Ide Adobe State Historic Park
21659 Adobe Road
Red Bluff, California 96080
- Tehama County Library
645 Madison Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080-0332
- California State Parks Internet Website
http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=981

Your views and comments on potential impacts of the project on the environment are welcomed.