

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION
PESCADERO STATE BEACH
FOR THE NORTH POND FOOTBRIDGE PROJECT**

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has directed the preparation of and intends to adopt a Negative Declaration 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: Pescadero State Beach
San Mateo County, California

Description of the Proposed Project:

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks) proposes to install a pre-fabricated 115 foot by 6 foot fiberglass footbridge over the tidal channel that enters North Pond at the Pescadero State Beach. The bridge will sit on abutments constructed well above the tidal range and the maximum lagoon height. This project also includes the reconstruction/replacement of an existing recreational trail approximately 588 feet long leading from the bridge site to a public observation platform. The trail will be constructed entirely by hand crews using hand tools. The third element of this project includes the construction of an 18 foot by 12 foot redwood observation platform. All work will be done with hand crews using hand and hand held power tools. Areas disturbed by construction will be re-vegetated with native plant materials from local genetic sources. All work will be carefully monitored during construction to minimize any potential short-term impacts on biological resources.

Public Review Period:

The Initial Study/Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning March 9, 2010.

Your views and comments on this project are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted to the following address:

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

- Half Moon Bay State Beach
95 Kelly Avenue
Half Moon Bay, CA 95018
- California Department of Parks & Recreation
Santa Cruz District Headquarters
Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park
303 Big Trees Park Road
Felton, CA 95018
- Half Moon Bay Library
620 Correas Street
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- California Department of Parks & Recreation website
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