



**DATE:** September 1, 2009  
**To:** WHOM IT MAY CONCERN  
**Subject:** **Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Williams Grove Water System Repair 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:** Humboldt Redwoods State Park  
Weott, California

**Description of the Proposed Project:** DPR proposes to repair the water distribution system that serves the Williams Grove Day Use and Group Camp areas in Humboldt Redwoods SP. The project scope includes removal of the redwood water storage tanks and existing filtration system, abandonment of the existing pipes and valves, and replacement of these system components. Following is a breakdown of project elements.

**Site 1: Area Under and East of Avenue of the Giants**

- Dismantle the two 20,000 gallon redwood water storage tanks on concrete pads, remove the existing gravity fed inline filtration system and expand the size of each existing approximately 315 ft<sup>2</sup> concrete pad by pouring cement around both to make a single concrete pad approximately 1320 ft<sup>2</sup> in size.
- Install four, new high-density polyethylene (HDPE) water storage tanks on the expanded concrete pad with a total combined capacity of 40,000 gallons. Anchor tanks to the pad with seismic restraint clips embedded in the pad and wire tension cables to conform to seismic requirements.
- Install new gravity fed inline water filtration system and pipe connections between the new tanks and water supply pipe.
- Abandon the existing 800 ft long steel water supply pipe located on the ground running from the tank area to Avenue of the Giants, where it crosses under the road and connects to the main distribution pipeline. Install approximately 800 ft of new HDPE pipe to replace the existing pipe.

**Site 2: Williams Grove Day Use and Group Camp Areas West of Avenue of the Giants**

- Abandon existing gate and drain valves and 3,500 ft of subsurface steel water distribution pipe (main and lateral lines) throughout the Day Use and Group Camp areas; install new valves and approximately 3,500 ft of new HDPE distribution pipe; and connect the end of the main distribution pipe to the water supply pipe.
- Remove and relocate water faucets at select camp sites through-out the Group Camp area.

**Public Review Period:** The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning Tuesday, September 1, 2009. Written comments should be submitted no later than Friday, October 2, 2009 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

Humboldt Redwoods State Park Sector Office  
17119 Avenue of the Giants  
Weott, CA 95571

Humboldt County Library (Garberville Branch)  
715 Cedar Street  
Garberville, CA 95542

North Coast District Headquarters  
California Department of Parks & Recreation  
3431 Fort Avenue  
Eureka, CA 95503

Humboldt County Library (Eureka Main Library)  
1313 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

California State Parks Internet Website: [www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page\\_id=981](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.