

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED MARSH  
CREEK RESTORATION AND INSTREAM DAM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**Date:** July 22, 2015

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has directed the preparation of and intends to adopt a Mitigated 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:** The Project is proposed for a 0.4-mile long reach of Marsh Creek within Marsh Creek State Historic Park, in the eastern foothills of Mount Diablo in Contra Costa County, California, within the City of Brentwood. The site is approximately 0.25 mile southwest of the intersection of Vineyards Parkway and Marsh Creek Road.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT:** The primary goal of the project is to return the stream to a more naturalized form that is protective of the archaeological and biotic resources in the area. The project entails retrofit of the small, inoperative dam to restore channel form and prevent further erosion of an important archaeological site. Project improvements include cutting and removing four large sections of the concrete dam, filling and reshaping the eroded plunge pool and adjacent northern upstream (west of the dam) and northern downstream (east of the dam) banks to focus streamflow back towards the centerline of the stream channel and through the newly cut dam sections. The southern bank on the downstream side of the dam would be filled with soil and reinforced to protect archaeological/cultural resources. The rebuilt and reshaped banks would be lined with rock and riparian plantings to armor the newly restored banks. Construction would occur over 18 weeks and revegetation and maintenance of the site would occur over approximately 36 months.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning July 22, 2015 and ending August 20, 2015. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Brad Michalk at Northern Service Center, One Capitol Mall, Suite 410, Sacramento, CA 95814 or by email at [brad.michalk@parks.ca.gov](mailto:brad.michalk@parks.ca.gov).

Your views and comments on the Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted no later than August 20, 2015, to the following address:

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Copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed during normal business hours at the above address.