Resolution 10-2026
Adopted by the
CALIFORNIA STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
At its regular meeting in Scotts Valley, California
July 2, 2026

Approval of the General Plan Amendment for Big Basin Redwoods State Park

WHEREAS, the existing General Plan and Final Environmental Impact Report for Big Basin Redwoods State Park was approved by the California State Park and Recreation Commission (Commission) on May 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 General Plan guides the development and management of Big Basin Redwoods State Park for public use and resource protection by establishing goals and guidelines to assist in the daily and long-term management of the park to ensure that its natural and cultural resources are protected, while providing for a variety of recreation activities and visitor experiences; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2020, the CZU Lightning Complex Fire burned 97 percent of Big Basin Redwoods State Park and destroyed nearly all the historic and recreational facilities in the park; and

WHEREAS, Department of Parks and Recreations (California State Parks) staff and consultants, in response to the losses from the fire, prepared the Reimagining Big Basin Vision Summary in 2022 to guide future park management, and prepared the Reimagining Big Basin Redwoods State Park Facilities Management Plan in 2026 to guide rebuilding park facilities according to the vision; and

WHEREAS, California State Parks staff and consultants have prepared a proposed Amendment to update the existing park General Plan to ensure consistency with the Reimagining Big Basin Redwoods State Park Facilities Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5002.2, prior to implementing facility improvements, California State Parks must prepare or amend a general plan that defines and evaluates the proposed land uses, facilities, concessions, the operation of the unit, any environmental impacts, and the management of resources, to serve as a guide for the future development, management, and operation of the State Park; and

WHEREAS, in connection with its review of the Amendment to the General Plan prior to approval, the Commission independently finds that the conclusions contained in the Amendment and Supplemental Environmental

Impact Report are supported by the facts set forth therein, that each fact in support of the findings is true and based on substantial evidence in the record, and that goals and guidelines have been incorporated to avoid significant or potentially significant environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, as stated in Impact BIO-1, given the uncertainties identified in marbled murrelet research, a conclusive determination of the effects of the proposed project on the marbled murrelet species cannot be made and is thus assumed to be significant and unavoidable; and, as stated in Impact BIO-2, the proposed project, together with cumulative projects, has the potential to contribute to a significant cumulative impact on marbled murrelet in Zone 6; and, even with the implementation of goals and guidelines to reduce impacts, could have significant and unavoidable impacts associated on marbled murrelet; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation presented to this Commission, as lead agency for approval of California State Park general plans and the proposed General Plan Amendment, and for certification of Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for Big Basin Redwoods State Park, dated July 2, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Commission adopted a resolution certifying the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, adopting findings pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091, and adopting a statement of overriding considerations pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15093;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The location and custodian of the Amendment and other materials, which constitute the record of proceedings on which the Commission's decision is based, with the Department of Parks and Recreation, located in the Natural Resources Agency building, Sacramento, California; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the California State Park and Recreation Commission hereby approves the Department of Parks and Recreation's General Plan Amendment prepared for Big Basin Redwoods State Park, dated July 2, 2026.

ATTEST: This Resolution was duly adopted by the California State Park and Recreation Commission on July 2, 2026, at the Commission's duly noticed public meeting.

By: _____ Date:_____

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California State Parks
Secretary to the Commission