



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE PROPOSED
MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK
STOKES CREEK BRIDGE PROJECT**

Date: July 8, 2019

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) has prepared and intends to adopt an Initial Study (IS) and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Malibu Creek State Park Stokes Creek Bridge Project, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. CDPR is the lead agency for the Proposed Project under CEQA.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is within Malibu Creek State Park. The Park is within the greater Santa Monica Mountains and is within the County of Los Angeles.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: The Proposed Project would remove the arch culvert along with rock gabions surrounding the culvert which currently provide support to the creek banks. They would be replaced with a pre-fabricated bridge over Stokes Creek in the same location as the culvert. The disturbed creek banks shall be restored to a more natural condition to support improved hydraulic function of the creek as well as the restoration of riparian habitat to support wildlife endemic to the area. The bridge would be designed to a size which would accommodate emergency vehicles as well as be visually compatible with the surroundings. The construction methods would include measures to preserve existing oak woodland habitat surrounding the Proposed Project site. Necessary road repairs shall occur on either side of the bridge to restore continuity of the roadway with the new bridge. A restoration plan shall be implemented following the Bridge's construction to monitor the success of the restoration effort as well as replace any plantings that aren't successful.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Draft IS/MND is being made available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning **Wednesday July 10, 2019** and ending on **Friday August 9, 2019**. Your views, comments and questions regarding this IS/MND are welcomed including concerns with environmental impacts of the Project's implementation and operation. All comments received during the public review period shall be considered. Comments should be directed to:

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or by mail to
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A copy of the Draft IS/MND may be viewed within the review period at the following website:
http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=983