

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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OCTOBER 2, 2017 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is Hereby Given Pursuant to California Public Resources Code 15072 et seg. that California State Parks, San Luis Obispo Coast District, as the lead agency intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Piedras Blancas Cabin and Camping, Coastal Trail, and Restroom Project.

The project is located in northern San Luis Obispo County on the Pacific Ocean side of California State Highway 1 between post mile 62.3 (on the southern end) and post mile 67 (on the northern end) and is bounded by the highway on the eastern side and the ocean to the west. The project area sits on a marine terrace with interspersed sand dunes and wetlands. The vegetation consists of coastal sage scrub, native and non-native grasses

The project will construct a campground covering five acres on the coastal terrace and include 31 campsites, 10 bicycle camp sites, fourteen cabin sites, restrooms, and a 4.5 mile section of the California Coastal Trail from the Elephant Seal Boardwalk, past the Piedras Blancas Lighthouse and motel terminating at Arroyo de la Cruz. The alignment will avoid all cultural resources, cross drainages at their narrowest point and utilize boardwalks to cross wetland areas.

Ten (10) vault toilets will be installed at Vista Points 3 and 4.

Two unpaved parking lots accommodating 80 vehicles will be constructed at the following locations: (southern) ½ mile north of lighthouse road: and (northern) south of Arroyo de la Cruz. The southern lot will be located in the footprint of the old highway and the northern in the footprint of the Caltrans pullout at Arroyo de la Cruz.

A paper copy of the MND is available for viewing Monday through Friday from 8AM to 5 PM at:

California State Parks San Luis Obispo Coast District Office, Suite 3 750 Hearst Castle Road San Simeon. CA 93452

Electronic copies are available by e-mailing Doug.Barker@parks.ca.gov or by calling (805)927-2119.

A Notice of Completion was filed on October 2,2017. The public comment period will run from October 2, 2017 to November 3, 2017. Comments should be sent to the attention of: Doug Barker, District Environmental Coordinator, California State Parks, San Luis Obispo Coast District, 750 Hearst Castle Rd., San Simeon, CA 93452, or by e-mail to Doug.Barker@parks.ca.gov no later than 5:00 PM on 11/3/2017.