



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

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: State Clearinghouse
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Bay Area District
845 Casa Grande Road
Petaluma, California 94954

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

PROJECT TITLE: Easy Grade Trail – Change in Use

SCH #: 2010092023

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PROJECT LOCATION: Mount Tamalpais State Park, Marin County

California Dept. of Parks and Recreation (DPR) proposes to implement the Easy Grade Trail Change-in-Use Project to allow bicycle use at Mount Tamalpais State Park under the process outlined in the California State Parks Road and Trail Change-in-Use Evaluation Process Program EIR (CIU EIR) approved in 2013. The Easy Grade Trail is located in Mount Tamalpais State Park, which is approximately 7 miles north of San Francisco, off Highway 1. The trail includes a climb through a mixed woodland forest connecting Pan Toll Station to Mountain Theater near the summit of Mount Tamalpais.

Project-level review has been completed and staff has determined that the project is covered under the CIU Program EIR, with the adoption of specific Standard Project Requirements from the CIU EIR. (CEQA Guidelines 15168.) The request to add bicycle use to the Easy Grade Trail was approved with design modifications as described in herein and included in attachments. The Change-in-use evaluation process determined that the addition of bicycle use on the Easy Grade Trail could be accommodated in a safe and sustainable manner and would not have significant effects to natural or cultural resources if recommended design and management modifications are implemented. The major project components include minor trail reroutes, trail reconstruction, installation of drainage structures, installation of pinch points (designed to slow cyclist where safety could be a concern), retaining wall construction, switchback construction and removal and rehabilitation of rerouted trails to natural conditions. Trail widths would remain between 4'-6' with the exception of locations where significant resources would constrain widths or safety concerns would necessitate increased widths. The trail would remain native surface with the exception of small areas of brown shale aggregate backfill, and bridge and boardwalk decking surfaces which will be redwood lumber.

This is to advise that the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) (the Lead Agency) has approved this project on November 7, 2019, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

- The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
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- A Final Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted, pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

- A Program Environmental Impact Report has been completed in compliance with CEQA, and has been presented to the decision-making body of this Department for its independent review and consideration of the information, prior to approval of the project.
3. Mitigation measures were were not made conditions of project approval.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was was not adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were were not made on environmental effects of the project.

The Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and record of project approval may be examined at the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Bay Area District, located at 845 Casa Grande Road Petaluma, CA 94954.



Maria Mowrey
Superintendent, Bay Area District

November 7, 2019

Date