



State of California – Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: State Clearinghouse
Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 222
P.O. Box 3044
Sacramento, California 95812-3044

From: Department of Parks and Recreation
2211 Garden Road
Monterey, CA 93940

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

Project Title: Space for Meaningful Outdoor Recreation and Education (“SMORE”) Project

State Clearinghouse Number: 2024110470

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Project Location: Big Sur (Andrew Molera State Park), Monterey County, California

Project Description: The Project consists of constructing and operating a permanent camping facility and associated infrastructure at Andrew Molera State Park, designed to support existing organized educational youth and family campouts facilitated by the Ventana Wildlife Society (“VWS”). These facilities would facilitate future expansion of VWS campouts to accommodate 50 campers plus ten (10) staff (i.e., 60 total people) and up to 60 campouts per year. VWS would transport campers in four (4) fifteen-passenger vans, and one (1) support vehicle. The Project would also support future special events or programs permitted by State Parks. The proposed improvements include:

- Two (2) designated tent camp areas that can accommodate a total of sixty (60) people;
- An amphitheater;
- Fire rings;
- A rustic kitchen/dining pavilion with BBQ(s)/Grills, and picnic tables;
- Two (2) portable restroom facilities;
- Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”)-accessible internal decomposed granite pathways; and,
- A designated parking area composed of one (1) ADA-accessible van parking space.

The Project also includes a graywater catchment system that would include a dry well for on-site water capture and storage. In addition, the Project includes bear resistant trash receptacles, for wildlife safe solid waste disposal. The Proposed Project would restore approximately 4,851 square feet of previously disturbed habitat on site with native planting.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation has approved this project on, and has made the following determinations:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
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2. A Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted, pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
 A Final 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, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan was was not prepared 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration and record of project approval may be examined at the California Department of Parks and Recreation, 2211 Garden Road, Monterey, CA 93940

Daniel Shaw

Daniel Shaw, Monterey Deputy District Superintendent

May 8, 2026
Date