



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE PROPOSED
CAÑADA DE SAN VICENTE ECOLOGICAL RESERVE
LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Date: September 10, 2015

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) have prepared and intend to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Cañada De San Vicente Ecological Reserve Land Management Plan in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. CDFW is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

The CDFW prepared an Initial Study(IS)/MND and circulated it for public review and comment in May 2015. As a result of the “Greenhouse Gases” Section being omitted from the initial IS/MND, the Department has revised portions of the IS/MND and is re-circulating.

While the revisions to this IS/MND are primarily clarifications of the information, analyses, and conclusions contained in the May IS/MND, the CDFW has chosen to re-circulate this revised version in order to offer the public an opportunity to fully review the changes.

Differences between the May IS/MND and the revised version include the following changes:

- Addition of the Greenhouse Gases Section to the IS/MND.
- Clarification of best management practices that the Department will undertake as part of the project.
- Expanded discussions of biological resources and mitigation measures to avoid significant effects.

PROJECT LOCATION: Cañada de San Vicente Ecological Reserve, San Vicente Road and Chuck Wagon Road, San Diego County, CA

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: The purpose of the Plan is to serve as a descriptive inventory of fish, wildlife, plants, and habitat types which occur on the Reserve; provide a guide for appropriate uses of the Reserve; and provide an overview of and vision for the Reserve’s operation, maintenance, and personnel requirements. The primary use of the Reserve will be as protected open space and wildlife habitat, with possible public uses to include hunting, education, and scientific research. Management will focus on maintaining viable populations of sensitive species and their habitats, and on the restoration and enhancement of natural communities within an ecosystem-based framework. Emphasis will be placed on the protection of riparian and wetland areas, restoration and enhancement of native grassland, and the control of noxious weeds.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: This Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is being recirculated for public review for a period of 30 days, beginning **Thursday, September 10, 2015 and closing on Monday, October 12, 2015**. Questions regarding the project should be directed to:

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The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the following locations during normal business hours or downloaded from the CDFW website at the following URL:

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Planning/Canada-de-San-Vicente>

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