



Big Basin Briefing #8: April 2022

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- ❑ After two previous volunteer days had to be rescheduled due to forecasted wind, a volunteer work day was completed on May 1st including creating burn piles, placing fencing and general cleanup of the former headquarters area.
- ❑ Culvert replacements on Sky Meadow Road are complete. A contract to replace additional culverts throughout the park has been put out to prospective bidders. The culvert and slip out repair at Union Creek on Sky Meadow Road is permitted and a contract is in place; work is anticipated to be completed by the end of the summer.
- ❑ Saddle Mountain is continuing to be upgraded. Water system distribution has been completed and the water system improvements are underway. Interior building upgrades are underway to convert the building for park operation and administration. Electrical service upgrades are complete.
- ❑ The contract to complete temporary improvements for public access such as the interpretive staging area, fencing and temporary restrooms at the former Headquarters is in final review with the contracts team and work is anticipated to start in May.

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- ❑ The final trail repair in Fall Creek is the Ridge Trail which has been completed and will be ready to be opened in early May! We are very grateful for all the work our staff have done to make this a reality.
- ❑ The Big Basin Volunteer Trail Crew and the Santa Cruz District Trail Crew have been working on the Redwood Loop Trail in preparation for the summer reopening. Below is a photo of the work they did on April 16, to learn more about the Big Basin Volunteer Trail Crew, [click here. \(https://bbvtc.org/\)](https://bbvtc.org/)
- ❑ This month local biologist Steve Singer was granted access into Big Basin to conduct research, to read about his observations [click here. \(http://www.scmhc.org/fire-recovery-april-2022\)](http://www.scmhc.org/fire-recovery-april-2022)



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- ❑ A Draft Visioning Document has been presented to the project Advisory Committee, and a revised version will be available to the public in June.
- ❑ A community open house is scheduled Friday, June 3, 5-7 PM at the Recreation Hall in Boulder Creek Boulder to review the vision document. Please join us to learn more about the collaborative vision for the reimagined Big Basin!
- ❑ Become a Wilderness Patrol Volunteer in several Santa Cruz parks including Big Basin! To sign up and learn more, click here. (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvjUXMh1Vv0NCmJRb2PuqMwqK-lvaKj_k7MHwE0Gw8N4Wycg/viewform)
- ❑ Become a Docent at Big Basin! To learn more, click here. (https://reimaginingbigbasin.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/BIG-BASIN-NEW-VOLUNTEERS-TRAINING-IN-MAY_with-URL-002.pdf) To sign up, click here. (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRDX0IW3JCA42hHwYNFQPKgixL_49jkGe4NT2Ww5Swe0fkrw/viewform)
- ❑ In a recent article in the Washington Post, Big Basin was brought up when discussing climate change in the State Parks. To read more, click here. (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/travel/2022/04/07/state-park-systems-future-challenges/>)



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