

Stagecoach Hill Azalea Propagation Project Resolution

Whereas,

- A two mile long hillside containing native western azaleas (*Rhododendron occidentale*) is located on Highway 101 in Humboldt County, mile post 112.5, with an exit on Kane Road near the National Garden Clubs' and the California Garden Clubs, Inc. Redwood groves in Redwood National Park; and

Whereas,

- In 1977 California Garden Clubs, Inc. by resolution, dedicated itself to raise money, donating the funds to the California State Parks Foundation, to help purchase this natural beauty and save it from encroaching development; and

Whereas,

- In 1983 the California State Parks Foundation, with help from California Garden Clubs Inc., Humboldt Area Foundation, numerous plant societies and the California Coastal Conservancy, raised \$60,000.00 to acquire the property and deeded it to the California State Parks and placed it in its care; and

Whereas,

- The Stagecoach Hill Azalea Project was dedicated June 4, 1984; and

Whereas,

- The Harry A. Merlo State Recreation Area of the California State Parks was established in 1986 to manage the area; and

Whereas,

- The Stagecoach Hill Azalea Area Management Plan in 1991 stated "The western azaleas of Stagecoach Hill are a valuable natural and genetic resource that shall be managed for their perpetuation by hand cutting of the vegetation, and a contract with a local nursery to collect seed and cuttings of azaleas for the propagation of azaleas to be planted in the azalea reserve shall be authorized"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

- That California Garden Clubs, Inc. adopt the Stagecoach Hill Azalea Propagation Project to help provide funding to propagate 300 azaleas from cuttings and from seed to be planted in the Stagecoach Hill Azalea Management Area and;
- That this fundraising project strive for a goal of \$6,000 in donations to be used for expenses as outlined in the proposed budget and;
- That a new Temporarily Restricted Fund be established within CGCI designated to receive donations and that all donations received be forwarded to the California State Parks program twice a year on or around January 15 and June 15 and;
- That checks made payable to CGCI be sent to the CGCI State Chairman for the project, who will keep records of the transactions for CGCI and forward the donations to the CGCI treasurer for deposit into the the new Temporarily Restricted Fund established for the Stagecoach Hill Azalea Propagation Project and;
- That an initial donation of \$600.00 come from the CGCI Wildflower Fund and to be placed in the new Temporarily Restricted Fund and;
- That the project be reviewed for its viability by December 31, 2018 to evaluate the fundraising project and the success of the growing plants and to consider renewal of the partnership and fund raising project and;
- That at the conclusion of the project any remaining funds will revert to the CGCI Wildflower Fund.

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