



Big Basin Recovery Fund

This special fund within *Sempervirens Fund* has been established for restoration of fire damage suffered from the August 2020 CZU Lightning Complex wildfire. It burnt over 97 percent of *Big Basin Redwoods State Park*, destroying nearly all the buildings and infrastructure in its 18,000 acres including the historical Visitors Center and signage.



At the 2021 Winter Board meeting, the Board of Directors approved supporting the Big Basin Recovery Fund by donating \$5,000 to the *Sempervirens Fund* from CGCI's general fund. **In addition, CGCI will be matching your donation up to \$5,000 in total.**

It is people like you that will help CGCI continue be a part of California's oldest state park that CGCI has supported since 1973 when members raised funds to establish the *California Garden Clubs Conservation Education Grove*, a ten-acre grove dedicated April 25, 1977. The project was extended with an additional adjoining five acres and dedicated November 8, 1979 in honor of NGC's fiftieth anniversary - "A Golden Circle of Trees." A second addition to the Conservation Education Grove was accepted as an ongoing state project adding ten acres to the 15-acre grove. To date, nine groves have been supported by CGCI members representing many acres purchased through the years. In addition, a redwood tree is dedicated each decade to the CGCI Presidents who served during that decade.

California Garden Clubs, Inc., working with the *Sempervirens Fund*, continues to support the preservation of California's redwood forests. Most of the *Big Basin Redwoods State Park* has been protected and added to the park by donors like you over the last century. Thanks to your support *California State Parks* has launched recovery efforts at the park. Access to major roads and trails will be safer and plans can be expedited for re-opening the park.

This is an opportunity for members of CGCI to make a difference. **Donations from districts, clubs and individuals in any amount are welcome and will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$5,000 total.** Together, let's raise the funds needed for restoration of wildfire damage and expedite re-opening California's oldest state park.

Make Checks **payable to CGCI** & mail to P.O. Box 823, San Fernando, CA 91341-0823

Date: _____ Amount: \$ _____

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'Thank you' for your support of the Big Basin Recovery Fund!