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Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to § 21108 of the Public Resources Code
State Clearinghouse Number: 1992083049

Project Title: Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-49970-R1C – Essex Gravel Bar Extraction Project.

Project Location: The project is situated on the Mad River, a tributary to the Pacific Ocean. The project is located in County of Humboldt, State of California; Sections 14 and 15, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Humboldt Base and Meridian; Arcata North U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 504-161-010; latitude 40.9067 N and longitude 124.0447 W.

Project Description: The project is limited to one encroachment for aggregate extraction from the channel of the Mad River for commercial purposes. Due to excessive extraction concerns, federal permit restrictions on the annual volume of gravel extracted are implemented based on a flow-based analysis of gravel replenishment. The Permittee proposes continuing extraction according to the flow-based analysis currently in use. Over the last five years (2019 through 2023), total annual extraction volumes averaged approximately 2,000 cubic-yards.

This is to advise that the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), acting as ☐ **the lead agency /** ☒ **a responsible agency** approved the above-described project and has made the following determinations:

1. The project ☐ **will /** ☒ **will not** have a significant effect on the environment. (This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's jurisdiction when CDFW acts as a responsible agency.)
2. ☒ **A program environmental impact report /** ☐ **A negative declaration /** ☐ **A timber harvesting plan** was prepared for this project pursuant to CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures ☒ **were /** ☐ **were not** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations ☐ **was /** ☒ **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. Findings ☐ **were /** ☒ **were not** made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
6. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
   - ☐ Payment is submitted with this notice.
   - ☒ A copy of a receipt showing prior payment is on file with CDFW.
   - ☐ A copy of the CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form signed by the Department is attached to this notice.

☐ Lead Agency certification: CDFW, as Lead Agency, has made the final PEIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, available to the General Public at the CDFW office identified above.

☒ Responsible Agency statement: The final PEIR that was prepared by the Lead Agency for this project is available to the General Public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's CEQA Findings are available at the CDFW office identified above.

Signed: Docusigned by: Michael van Hattem 089BB18539B0400... *Date:* 8/25/2025

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Date Received for filing at OPR: