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Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2017042022

Project Title: Rinchin Stream Crossings Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. [EPIMS-HUM-61503-R1C])

Project Location (Humboldt): The Project to be completed is located within the Eel River watershed, approximately 7.5 miles South of the town of Alderpoint, County of Humboldt, State of California. The Project is located in Section 32, T4S, R5E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Harris U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 216-093-009; latitude 40.07168 N and longitude -123.63546 W

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement ([EPIMS-HUM-61503-R1C]), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Buyantod Rinchin.

The Project is limited to 2 encroachments. Both encroachments are to upgrade stream crossings; one is an existing culvert and the other is a fill crossing. Work for these encroachments will include excavation, removal of the existing culvert, replacement with new properly sized culvert and rip rap, backfilling and compaction of fill, and rock armoring as necessary to minimize erosion.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on August 24, 2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the **Mitigated Negative Declaration** prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures **were** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

DocuSigned by:
Signature: Rebecca Garwood *Date:* 8/25/2026
Rebecca Garwood, Environmental Program Manager

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