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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
(Public Resources Code section 21108)

File Ref.: A4684
SCH#: 2022040559
Item: 12

Title: Russ Creek and Centerville Slough Restoration Project

Applicant: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Location: Sovereign tide and submerged land in the Eel River Estuary and Centerville Slough and its tributaries, approximately four miles west of Ferndale, Humboldt County

Description: Proposed Project actions include re-establishing the Centerville Slough tidal system by constructing a new Centerville Slough main channel and tributaries subject to full tidal influence, reestablishing hydraulic connectivity between Centerville Slough and upland stream channels that include Russ Creek, Shaw Creek, and other tributaries, and constructing a system of set-back levees to protect adjacent agricultural lands from tidal flooding, Eel River flooding, and dune overwash. The State Lands Commission action is approval of a 20-year General Lease – Public Agency Use through December 16, 2045.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission as ☐Lead Agency ☒Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on December 16, 2025, and made the following determinations regarding the project.

- 1) The project ☐will ☒will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2) An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- 3) Mitigation measures ☒were ☐were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4) A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ☒was ☐was not adopted for this project.
- 5) A Statement of Overriding Considerations ☐was ☒was not adopted for this project.
- 6) Findings ☒were ☐were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The lead agency for the project, the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (District), certified the EIR and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and approved the project on August 10, 2023. The District then adopted an Addendum on November 7, 2025, following changes to the project from the California Coastal Commission's Coastal Development Permit. The California State Lands Commission has considered the EIR and Addendum as prepared for this project by the District and adopted an independent Mitigation Monitoring Program incorporating the District's document. The EIR, Addendum, and the record of project approval may be examined at the California State Lands Commission office address.



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