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**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
(Public Resources Code section 21108)**

File Ref: L3445; A4238

SCH#: 2022100650

Item: 09

Title: Eel River Bridge Seismic Retrofit

Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Location: Sovereign land in the Eel River, along U.S. Highway 101, near Rio Dell, Humboldt County

Description: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to partially replace and seismically retrofit the northbound U.S. 101 Eel River Bridge from post miles 53.7 - 54.2 near Rio Dell, Humboldt County, California. This bridge was identified in the Structure Replacement and Improvement Needs Report as a seismically vulnerable bridge. The project would replace Spans 1 through 4 of the northbound Eel River Bridge with a cast-in-place prestressed box girder bridge. The remaining Spans 5 through 8 would be seismically retrofitted. Additional work would include constructing a retaining wall to realign the northbound bridge approach. The State Lands Commission action is an approval of a 20-year General Lease – Right-of-Way Use through June 02, 2045.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission, as  Lead Agency  Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on June 3, 2025, and made the following determinations regarding the project.

- 1) The project  will  will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2) A  Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared for this project 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 or  was not adopted for this project.
- 5) A Statement of Overriding Considerations  was  was not adopted for the project.
- 6) Findings  were  were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The lead agency for the project, Caltrans, adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Environmental Commitments Record (ECR) and approved the project on May 18, 2023. The California State Lands Commission has considered the MND as prepared for this project by the Caltrans and adopted the ECR. The MND and the record of project approval may be examined at the above shown California State Lands Commission Sacramento office address.

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