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

File Ref: A4774
SCH#: 2025030927
Item: 05

Title: City of Fort Bragg (CFB) Oneka Desalination Buoy (Iceberg) Pilot Project Description

Applicant: City of Fort Bragg

Location: Sovereign land in the Pacific Ocean, Mill Bay, near Fort Bragg, Mendocino County.

Description: The CFB proposes to deploy a single Iceberg in Mill Bay offshore of CFB's wastewater treatment plant. This deployment will test the Iceberg and its new technology to produce and deliver desalinated water to the CFB without the need for any electricity from shore to power pumps and other similar systems typically required by seawater reverse osmosis systems. The pilot project will allow for the collection of empirical data from within California waters that could be used to inform the design and permitting of a future, utility-scale array of Icebergs to augment the CFB water portfolio. The State Lands Commission action is an approval of a 2-year General Lease – Public Agency Use through August 21, 2027.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission, as ☐ Lead Agency ☒ Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on August 21, 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, CFB, adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) and approved the project on May 28, 2025. The California State Lands Commission has considered the MND as prepared for this project by the CFB and adopted the MMRP. The MND and the record of project approval may be examined at the above shown California State Lands Commission Sacramento office address.

**DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AND POSTING BY THE
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