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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
(Public Resources Code section 21108)

File Ref.: 9835; A5675
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Item: 08

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

Applicant: City of Fort Bragg

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

Description: The City of Fort Bragg (City) proposes to deploy a single Iceberg buoy in Mill Bay offshore of the City's wastewater treatment plant. 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 City's water portfolio. The State Lands Commission action is amendment of a 2-year General Lease – Public Agency through December 31, 2027.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission as ☐Lead Agency ☒Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on October 21, 2026, 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 ☐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 City of Fort Brag, adopted the MND and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and approved the project on May 28, 2025. The California State Lands Commission has previously considered the MND as prepared for this project by the City and adopted the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, which remains in full force. The MND and the record of project approval may be examined at the California State Lands Commission office address.



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