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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
(Public Resources Code section 21108)

File Ref.: A4204
SCH#: 2010052024
Item: 13

Title: Russian River Estuary Management Project

Applicant: Sonoma County Water Agency

Location: Sovereign tide and submerged land in the Russian River and the Pacific Ocean, at Goat Rock State Beach, near Jenner, Sonoma County

Description: The Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) is implementing adaptive management of the Russian River Estuary with the dual objectives of enhancing rearing habitat for juvenile salmonids, particularly steelhead, and managing estuary water levels to minimize flood hazard. The State Lands Commission action is Issuance of a 20-year General Lease – Public Agency Use through January 1, 2044.

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, SCWA, certified the EIR and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) and approved the project on August 16, 2011. The

California State Lands Commission has previously considered the EIR as prepared for this project by SCWA and adopted the MMRP, which remains in full force. The EIR and the record of project approval may be examined at the California State Lands Commission office address.



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