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Notice of Determination

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CEQA Submit

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015102005

Project Title: Sordal Water Diversion Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-64964-R1C

Project Location (Humboldt): The Project to be completed is located within the Van Duzen River watershed, approximately 6 miles southeast of the town of Bridgeville, County of Humboldt, State of California. The Project is located in Section 23, T01N, R04E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Larabee Valley U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 210-054-008 and 210-062-007; latitude 40.4423 N and longitude -123.699.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-HUM-64964-R1C, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Erik Sordal. The Project is limited to two encroachments. Both encroachments are for water diversion from an unnamed tributary to Butte Creek and Mule Creek. Water is diverted for domestic use, recreational use, and fire suppression. Work for the water diversions will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure as well as invasive species management.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on February 26, 2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the **Mitigated Negative Declaration** prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures **were** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature: Docusigned by: Dave Manthorne 1B5E42F730224D2... *Date:* 3/4/2026

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Date Received for filing at LCI: