

## Notice of Determination

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**To:**

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2015102005

**Project Title:** Knappek Water Diversion Project (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-67174-R1C)

**Project Location (Humboldt County):** The Project to be completed is located within the Lower Mattole River watershed, approximately 2.8 miles west of the town of Honeydew, County of Humboldt, State of California. The Project is located in Section 03, T03S, R01W, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Shubrick Peak U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 107-091-007-000; latitude 40.2325 N and longitude 124.1710 W at the point of diversion (POD).

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-HUM-67174-R1C), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Brent Knappek.

The Project is limited to two encroachments. One encroachment is for water diversion from Kendall Creek, tributary to the Mattole River. Water is diverted for domestic use only. Work for the water diversion will include use and maintenance of the water diversion infrastructure. The second encroachment is for the decommissioning/removal of unused spring infrastructure. Unnatural liner shall be removed from the spring head to restore the spring location. Any large voids remaining shall be backfilled with clean, washed rock. Small voids can be filled with natural material located within the spring.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on October 15, 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.

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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.

DocuSigned by:  
Signature: Rebecca Garwood Date: 10/15/2026  
Rebecca Garwood, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: