

Notice of Determination

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Planning and Building Department
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Office of the General Counsel

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 1992013033

Project Title: Incidental Take Permit 2081-2019-031-01, Humboldt Redwood Company Gravel Bar Extraction Project.

Project Location: HRC extracts gravel from the Middle Reach of the Eel River in the vicinity of Scotia, California under Vested Rights granted by Humboldt County. The upstream boundary of the Middle Eel Reach begins approximately 5.7 miles above the confluence of the Middle and South Forks of the Eel River, and extends down river approximately 25 miles to the confluence of the main stem Eel with the Van Duzen River.

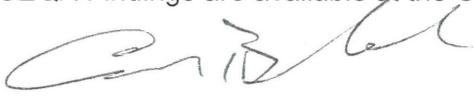
Project Description: The gravel extraction operations consist of the harvest of gravel, rock, and sand from specified gravel bars within the bank-full river channel along the main stem of the Eel River near Scotia. Extraction is by one or more of the following methods: skimming, horseshoe pits, alcoves, wet or dry trenches, and/or wetland pits. Extraction during 2019 is anticipated to occur at five gravel bars: Scotia Dam Bar, Lower Truck Shop Bar, Dinner Creek Bar, Three Mile, and Elinor Bar. Operations at the Dinner Creek and Lower Truck Shop Bars also include the installation and removal of a low water temporary bridge. The Army Corps of Engineers Letter of Permission for gravel mining in Humboldt County requires the bridge to be placed after June 15 and removed before October 15.

This is to advise that the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), acting as **the lead agency** / **a responsible agency** approved the above-described project and has made the following determinations:

1. The project **will** / **will not** have a significant effect on the environment. (This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's jurisdiction when CDFW acts as a responsible agency.)
2. **A program environmental impact report** / **A negative declaration** / **A timber harvesting plan** was prepared for this project pursuant to CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures **were** / **were not** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was** / **was not** adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. Findings **were** / **were not** made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
6. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code section 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment is on file with CDFW.
 - A copy of the CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form signed by the Department is attached to this notice.

- Lead Agency certification: CDFW, as Lead Agency, has made the final PEIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, available to the General Public at the CDFW office identified above.
- Responsible Agency statement: The final PEIR that was prepared by the Lead Agency for this project is available to the General Public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's CEQA Findings are available at the CDFW office identified above.

Signed: _____



Date: _____

8/15/19

for Tina Bartlett, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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