

Notice of Determination

TO: Office of Planning and Research

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LEAD AGENCY (if different from above):

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2003099062

Project Title: Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) No. EPIMS-MEN-46952-R1C, Rowland Bar (Middle Fork Eel River) Gravel Extraction Project

Project Location: The project is located at the 48600 State Route 162 (Covelo Road) affecting the Middle Fork of the Eel River adjacent to the community of Dos Rios in the County of Mendocino, State of California; Section 6, Township 21N, Range 13W; Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, in the Dos Rios, Calif. 7.5-minute quadrangle, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map (°39.71255N/°123.34988W, NAD 83), APN No. 035-040-45.

Project Description: The project involves one encroachment; commercial gravel extraction of up to 50,000 cubic-yards annually from the Middle Fork of the Eel River. Specific project components include: a) extraction of gravel using agency approved skimming methods, b) water drafting up to 3,500 gallons/day and c) maintenance of an existing permanent access road.

This is to advise that the Department, 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 the Department’s jurisdiction when the Department acts as a responsible agency.)
2. An environmental impact report / A negative declaration / A timber harvesting plan was prepared for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. Mitigation measures were / were not made a condition of the Department’s approval of the project.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was / was not adopted by the Department for this project.
5. Findings were / were not made by the Department pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). The Department did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
6. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment is on file with the Department.
 - A copy of the Lead Agency’s Certificate of Fee Exemption and De Minimis Impact Finding is attached to this notice.

Lead Agency certification: The Department, as Lead Agency, has made the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, available to the General Public at the Department office identified above.

Responsible Agency statement: The final EIR, Negative Declaration or THP 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. The Department’s record of decision is available at the Department office identified above.

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Michael van Hattem

Signature:

Date: 7/16/2024

Michael van Hattem, Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor), Northern Region

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Date Received for filing at OPR: