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**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
 (Public Resources Code section 21108)**

File Ref: PRC 7934.9  
 SCH#: 2002122066  
 Item: C31

Title: Breaching of Pajaro River Sandbar

Proponent: Santa Cruz County

Location: Sovereign land in the Pajaro River, near city of Watsonville, Santa Cruz County.

Description: The proposed project is for the breaching of the Pajaro River sandbar, as required to avoid the potential health and safety effects of localized flooding that results from rising water levels in the lagoon behind the bar. Project location is at the junction of Sunset State Beach and Zmudowski State Beach, adjacent to the community of Pajaro Dunes, and at the mouth of the Pajaro River. The State Lands Commission action is an approval of a 10-year General Lease – Public Agency through June 27, 2029.

This is to advise that the California State Lands Commission, as  Lead Agency  Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on June 28, 2019, and made the following determinations regarding the project.

- 1) The project  will  will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2) A  Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was adopted for this project 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 or  was not adopted for this project.
- 5) A Statement of Overriding Considerations  was  was not adopted for the project.
- 6) Findings  were  were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The lead agency for the project, Santa Cruz County, adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring Program and approved the project on January 22, 2003. The California State Lands Commission has considered the MND as prepared for this project by Santa Cruz County. The MND and the record of project approval may be examined at the above shown California State Lands Commission Sacramento office address.

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