

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**Office of Planning and Research
[CEQA Submit](#)**From:**Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
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State Clearinghouse Number: 2020069006

Project Title: Increasing Climate Resiliency Through Restoration on the North Coast (Restoration Management Permit No. RMP-2023-0006-R1)**Project Location:** The Project is located in the Waduhl Unit of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge), in the County of Humboldt, State of California; Latitude 40.90612 N and Longitude 124.13923 W.**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued this Restoration Management Permit (RMP) pursuant to section 2081(a) of the Fish and Game Code to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. This Project will restore coastal dune habitat with the removal of invasive species such as European beachgrass (*Ammophila arenaria*), yellow bush lupine (*Lupinus arboreus*), iceplant (*Carpobrotus edulis* x *C. chilense*), and invasive annual grasses. The Project is expected to benefit beach layia (*Layia carnosa*) and Humboldt Bay wallflower (*Erysimum menziesii*), referred to as the Covered Species. The Project is estimated to take 400 beach layia and 15 Humboldt Bay wallflower in the form of incidental mortality of the Covered Species during restoration activities. CDFW has determined and expects that the Project will benefit, aid in the conservation of, and assist in the recovery of the Covered Species. This notice is to advise that CDFW issued the above-described RMP on the date signed below and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on August 29, 2023, and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [will / 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. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service completed an Environmental Assessment for this project and adopted a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Lead Agency is using the project FONSI pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15221.
3. Additional mitigation measures [were / were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings [were / were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
7. Responsible Agency statement: The FONSI used by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's record of issuance of the Restoration Management Permit is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature

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Date:

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