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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2023110319

Project Title: Eel River Trail Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-44585-R1C)

Project Location (include county): The Project is located within the Eel River watershed, in the City of Rio Dell, County of Humboldt, State of California. The Project is located in Section 5, T1N, R1E, Humboldt Base and Meridian; in the Scotia U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 053-011-028, 053-011-024, 053-011-017, 053-011-009, 053-011-005, 053-051-015, and 053-051-014; latitude 40.497711 N and longitude 124.092670 W.

Project Description: The Project is limited to one encroachment across approximately 6.8 acres of Eel River floodplain and riparian habitats. Encroachment is for work associated with the development of the Rio Dell Eel River Trail Project, a paved Class I shared-use path, with a ten-foot-wide trail and two-foot-wide gravel shoulders. Work will include tree and vegetation removal, grading to achieve suitable slopes and trail width, rock slope protection, drainage and stormwater improvements, and the construction of ancillary trail features. Mitigation will include on-site invasive species removal and management, and riparian habitat restoration; details are contained in the revised Habitat Mitigation & Monitoring Plan prepared by GHD and received by CDFW on February 5, 2024.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as the Lead Agency / a Responsible Agency approved the above-described project 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. A mitigated negative declaration / negative declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
CDFW considered the mitigated negative declaration / negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
- 3. 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 not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21081, subdivision (a).

The mitigated negative declaration / 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 related to the Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature Michael van Hattem Date: 3/12/2024
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____