

Mitigated Negative Declaration

This statement and attachments constitutes the Mitigated Negative Declaration as proposed for adoption by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) for the project described below.

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Project Name: Draft Order No. R1-2024-0002 *General Waste Discharge Requirements and General Water Quality Certification for Rural Road and Watercourse Construction and Reconstruction in the North Coast Region*

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Project Description: The project is the adoption of draft Order No. R1-2024-0002, General Waste Discharge Requirements and General 401 Water Quality Certification to address pollutant discharges and potential impacts to waters of the state from activities associated with projects that include construction, reconstruction or decommissioning of rural road segments and watercourse crossings and to ensure that such projects incorporate appropriate best management practices (BMPs) for water quality protection described below. The purpose of the Order is to ensure that rural road projects implement all applicable provisions of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region (Basin Plan), provide an efficient permitting mechanism to insure adequate regulatory oversight and that covered projects are designed and implemented to prevent or minimize sediment discharges and other impacts to beneficial uses of water.

Project Location: North Coast region, which includes all of Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte Counties, and portions of Trinity, Siskiyou, Modoc, Glenn, Lake, Sonoma, and Marin Counties, and comprises all basins including Lower Klamath Lake and Lost River Basins draining into the Pacific Ocean from the California-Oregon state line southerly to the southerly boundary of the watershed of the Estero de San Antonio and Stemple Creek in Marin and Sonoma Counties.

Environmental Finding: The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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Public Hearing: Thursday or Friday, **April 4 or 5, 2024**, at 8:30 a.m. in the Regional Water Board Hearing Room, 5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A, in Santa Rosa, California.

Attachments:

Initial Study; and Draft Order No. R1-2024-0002 *General Waste Discharge Requirements and General Water Quality Certification for Rural Road and Watercourse Construction and Reconstruction in the North Coast Region*

How to Submit Comments: The Lead Agency invites comments on the proposal from all interested persons and parties. Written comments may be submitted by US mail, email, or fax to Jim Burke at:

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