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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 1992013033

**Project Title:** Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-48003-R1C – Hauck Bar Gravel Extraction Project.

**Project Location:** The project is situated at the confluence of the Van Duzen River with the Eel River, a tributary to the Pacific Ocean. The project is located in County of Humboldt, State of California; Sections 14, 15 and 22, Township 2 North, Range 1 West, Humboldt Base and Meridian; Fortuna U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 201-261-001, 201-261-006, 201-221-009; latitude 40.5485 N and longitude 124.1504 W (processing plant).

**Project Description:** The project is limited to one encroachment for aggregate extraction from the channel of the Van Duzen River and Eel River for commercial purposes. The gravel extraction volume approved under a Vested Rights Determination by the County of Humboldt is 150,000 cubic yards of gravel annually from the Hauck Bar. Over the last five years (2019 through 2023), annual extraction volumes averaged approximately 35,000 cubic-yards.

Aggregate extraction consists of removal of flood-washed alluvial material using heavy equipment (e.g., front-end loaders, excavators, bulldozers, and dump trucks) from the Van Duzen River and Eel River channels and adjacent areas. Aggregate extraction methods and volumes shall be consistent with approved annual extraction work plans. Extraction occurs during the summer low-flow period when alluvial deposits are exposed. Fisheries- and riparian-enhancement or off-channel extractions may be included annually and involve connection of extraction areas to the wetted channel and reshaping of the low flow channel to enhance passage conditions. Often, the channel at Hauck bar lacks surface flow during the extraction season, however, temporary crossings of the wetted channel may be needed to access gravel deposits in wet years, or years when seasonal precipitation events cause surface flow to re-occur. If the channel becomes "re-wetted" during operations, the Permittee shall immediately contact CDFW to coordinate the installation of temporary crossings. Timing of the installation and removal of these crossings is conducted to avoid periods of peak flows, salmonid migration and spawning, other aquatic organisms, and requires coordination with CDFW scientific staff. Crossings are also designed to minimize the extent of channel disturbance and avoid sensitive aquatic habitat.

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  program environmental impact report /  negative declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
CDFW considered the  program environmental impact report /  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  program environmental impact report /  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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