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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018022036

Project Title: Humboldt Bay Trail South Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-HUM-19108-R1)

Project Location: The overall Project is located along the Eureka-Arcata Highway 101 and railroad transportation corridor between Eureka Slough and Brainard Slough, for a total length of approximately 4.25 miles, with a portion proposed on the perimeter levee between the Brainard mill site property and Humboldt Bay. The Project, and subject of this Agreement is a single encroachment (40.830796, -124.083769) at Brainard Slough in the County of Humboldt, State of California; Section 23, Township 5N, Range 1W; Humboldt Base and Meridian, in the Arcata South, CA U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle. The Assessor's Parcel Number is 501-241-031.

Project Description: An approximately 80-foot long, single span bridge will be installed across Brainard Slough. The bridge structure is a pre-manufactured, precast, concrete slab with an asphalt trail surface. The bridge would be supported on each end with abutments and wingwalls and seven 14-inch diameter CISS piles approximately 50 feet deep. The failed railroad crossing at Brainard Slough will be retrieved including two 48-inch collapsed and heavily rusted corrugated metal culverts, as well as a significant amount of fill material from the railroad grade. As part of the project, the failed culvert pieces, and debris (timber ties, supports, and rock) would be removed from the primary slough channel. The remaining unstable railroad embankment will be regraded to provide a stable slope and rock-slope protection would be installed to stabilize the shoreline and reduce the potential for ongoing erosion. The embankment stabilization will extend approximately 33 feet on each side of the slough channel. The proposed work window is July 1 through September 30, 2022.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as \square the Lead Agency / \boxtimes 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.
- An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 CDFW considered the Environmental Impact Report 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 Environmental Impact Report prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.