



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Humboldt, as Lead Agency, in accordance with the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (finding of no significant adverse environmental effect) on the project described below. **This notification is to advise you that the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department will receive public comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration from November 1, 2019 to December 2, 2019.**

PROJECT TITLE: Marshall Ranch Streamflow Enhancement Project

APPLICANT: Salmonid Restoration Federation

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construction of a 16-million-gallon off-channel reservoir on the Marshall Ranch, adjacent to Redwood Creek, a tributary to the South Fork Eel River. The Project seeks to improve habitat for coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) in Redwood Creek, an important salmon bearing tributary, by addressing the limiting factor of low summer streamflows. The reservoir has been sited and designed to fill during the winter wet season and release approximately 50 gallons per minute of high-quality stored water directly to Redwood Creek throughout the five-month summer dry season which will be wholly dedicated to instream values including reasonable and beneficial fish and wildlife uses of the water. In addition the Project includes cooling gallery, associated pipelines and diversion pump station (requiring Appropriative Water Rights), ancillary water storage and supply for domestic use and fire suppression, erosion control structures within intermittent streams, instream habitat enhancement structures along the Redwood Creek mainstem, and a solar energy generation system to provide revenue to cover the long-term operations and maintenance of the Project. Quantifiable long-term objectives include increased summer streamflow, enhanced fish and wildlife habitat, and improved water quality.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located in Humboldt County, in the Briceland area, on both sides of Old Somerville Creek Road, approximately 1,700 feet south from the intersection of Old Briceland Road and Old Somerville Creek Road, on the property known as 195 Old Somerville Creek Road.

ADDRESS WHERE COPIES OF THE PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND WHERE COMMENTS MAY BE MAILED:

**Humboldt County Planning and Building Department
3015 H Street
Eureka, CA 95501**

Specific questions regarding the proposed project and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be directed to Joshua Dorris, Planner, at (707) 268-3779.

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