

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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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 March 22, 2021 April 22, 2021.

PROJECT TITLE: Baker Creek Quarry renewal of Surface Mining Permits

APPLICANT: Restoration Forestry, Inc.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: 15-year renewal of the entitlements for the existing Baker Creek Quarry, to allow for continued commercial production of run-of-mine hard rock aggregate products. The quarry covers approximately three acres and the mineral reserve covers approximately 11 acres. The volume of available material is estimated in excess of one million cubic yards. The maximum annual rate of extraction remains at 50,000 cubic yards. Quarry operations involve excavation by ripping and pushing broken rock over the hillside to the stockpile area where run-of-mine rock is loaded into highway transports for off-site processing. Limited drilling and blasting are required. Excavation would not occur below the adjacent stream elevation of Baker Creek, a perennial stream, located adjacent to the Quarry site.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located in Humboldt County, in the Whitethorn area, on the east side of Baker Creek Road, approximately 1.02 miles east from the intersection of Baker Creek Road and Briceland Thorne Road, on the properties known to be in the southwest and southeast quarters of the southwest quarter of Section 14, and on the properties known to be in the northwest and northeast quarters of the northwest quarter and the northeast and northwest quarters of the northeast quarter of Section 23 of Township 05 South, Range 03 East, Humboldt Base & Meridian.

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 Trevor Estlow, Senior Planner, at (707) 268-3740.