

# NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

JUN - 8 2017

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From: County of Humboldt  
Planning and Building Department  
3015 H Street  
Eureka CA 95501

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Lead Agency (if different from above):

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**Applicant** Mercer Fraser Company

**APN:** 522-142-010

**Address:** Mercer Fraser Company  
Mark Benzinger  
77 West Second Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

**Case No:** SMP-16-002, CUP-16-013, RP-16-002, SP-16-024

**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2016082006

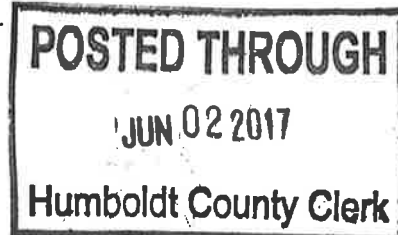
**Project Title:** Mercer Fraser Conditional Use Permit, Surface Mining Permit, Special Permit, and Reclamation Plan Approval

**Project Location:** In Humboldt County, in the Willow Creek area, on the east side of State Highway 96, just east from the intersection of State Highway 96 and Brannan Mountain Road on properties known as 533 and 775 State Highway 96.

**Project Description:** Renewal of a Conditional Use Permit, Special Permit, Reclamation Plan, and review of financial assurance cost estimates for an existing surface mining and processing operation and modification of the Conditional Use Permit to allow for the siting and operation of a concrete batch plant. A 15-year permit term renewal is requested. The project involves the extraction of 40,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel from Trinity River gravel bars. Aggregate materials are temporarily stockpiled and loaded onto trucks or off-road haulers and then transported to the existing adjacent processing site or to off-site locations. Processing operations involve material crushing and/or sorting, onsite storage of materials, production of asphalt, and weighing and hauling by truck. Site improvements existing at the southern portion of the processing area include a hot mix asphalt plant, rock crusher, screen, settling basin, gate, office and scales. A new concrete batch plant is proposed. Under the current permit, hours of operation are restricted to daylight hours Monday through Saturday, generally 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

This is to advise that the,  Lead Agency or  Responsible Agency, Humboldt County Planning Commission has approved the above described project on March 2, 2017 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project  will  will not have a significant effect on the environment.  
 An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
2.  A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures  were  were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan  was  was not adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations  was  was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings  were  were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.



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This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at: Planning Division, 3015 H St, Eureka, CA 95501

Signature: *M. Wheeler* Date: 4-3-17

Title: Senior Planner Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_