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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
PROGRAM PLANNING AND INTEGRATION
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

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To All Interested Government Agencies and Public Groups:

Under the National Environmental Policy Act, an environmental review has been performed on the following action.

TITLE: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Targeted Supplemental Environmental Assessment (TSEA) for the City of Arcata McDaniel Slough Expansion Project, to support NOAA Grant Award # NA10NOS4630226

LOCATION: Arcata, California

SUMMARY: The purpose of this project is to create a self-sustaining tidal estuary and restore the natural geomorphic and biologic processes within McDaniel Slough, which drains into Humboldt Bay in coastal northern California. The Project will be funded by NOAA through the Estuary Restoration Act.

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The environmental review process led us to conclude that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared. A copy of the FONSI including the supporting TSEA is enclosed for your information.

Although NOAA is not soliciting comments on this TSEA or FONSI, we will consider any comments submitted that would assist us in preparing future NEPA documents. Please submit any written comments to the responsible official named above.

Sincerely,

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NOAA NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure

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