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NORTH COAST DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

For the

March Meeting of the California Coastal Commission

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 11, 2010

TO: Commissioners and Interested Parties
FROM: Peter Douglas, North Coast District Deputy Director
SUBJECT: *Deputy Director's Report*

Following is a listing for the waivers, emergency permits, immaterial amendments and extensions issued by the North Coast District Office for the March 11, 2010 Coastal Commission hearing. Copies of the applicable items are attached for your review. Each item includes a listing of the applicants involved, a description of the proposed development, and a project location.

Pursuant to the Commission's direction and adopted procedures, appropriate notice materials were sent to all applicants for posting at the project site. Additionally, these items have been posted at the District office and are available for public review and comment.

This report may also contain additional correspondence and/or any additional staff memorandum concerning the items to be heard on today's agenda for the North Coast District.

DE MINIMIS WAIVERS

1. 1-10-003-W Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Attn: Jesus Viscarra, Land Planner (Humboldt County)
2. 1-10-006-W California Department Of Parks & Recreation, Attn: John E. Harris (Humboldt County)

EXTENSION - IMMATERIAL

1. A-1-EUR-01-029-A1-E4 Eureka Waterfront Partners, Attn: Dolores Vellutini (Humboldt County)

TOTAL OF 3 ITEMS

DETAIL OF ATTACHED MATERIALS

REPORT OF DE MINIMIS WAIVERS

The Executive Director has determined that the following developments do not require a coastal development permit pursuant to Section 30624.7 of the California Coastal Act of 1976.

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Project Location</i>
<p>1-10-003-W Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Attn: Jesus Viscarra, Land Planner</p>	<p>Replace a single existing wood electric transmission pole (found to be in a deteriorated state) in kind with an equivalent support structure. Because the existing electrical transmission pole is located within a freshwater wetland, the applicant proposes to conduct the work in late summer, during the driest time of the year. To minimize impacts to wetland soils, a tracked vehicle will be used to access the pole site, which will reduce soil compaction in the area. A 2-foot diameter hole will be dug immediately adjacent to the existing pole site, and clean gravel or small rock will be used to partially backfill the new pole hole in order to provide for pole stability. Soils excavated for the new pole hole will be used to backfill the hole left by the old pole once it is removed, with the top 6-inches of soil be reserved for replacement as the top soil layer of the backfilled hole. There will be no net loss of wetland habitat since the old pole and the new pole have the same basal area and equivalent hole sizes. The applicant proposes to keep vegetation trimming to a minimum but if necessary will hand-trim wetland vegetation (including willow branches) across a 5-foot radius area around the pole site. The work is expected to take approximately one half day to complete and will be completed at the driest time of the year outside of the bird nesting season. The applicant proposes to utilize existing access roads, wetland matting as needed, and best management practices for erosion and runoff control, including re-seeding exposed soils and coverage with erosion protection.</p>	<p>Between Humboldt Hill Road and South Broadway, Humboldt County</p>

<p>1-10-006-W California Department Of Parks & Recreation, Attn: John E. Harris</p>	<p>Enhancement of two undeveloped vista points by creating two new ADA-accessible viewing areas, each with an ADA-accessible bench, spotting scope, and two interpretive signs. Both viewing areas will have bases of erosion cloth and 6 inches of 3/4-inch crushed shale compacted to accept wheelchair access as well as 3-foot-high hand rails and support posts constructed of 4-inch by 6-inch wood or composite material. The proposed 12-foot-long by 8-foot-wide southern viewing area will be constructed to meet ADA standards in a flat upland area near the existing parking lot that is currently brushed regularly to maintain the vista. An 80-foot-long by 4-foot-wide trail will be constructed of erosion cloth and 6 inches of 3/4-inch crushed compacted shale from the southwest corner of the existing parking lot across flat upland terrain to the new viewing area to provide ADA access. The proposed 20-foot-long by 16-foot-wide northern viewing area will be constructed on a gently sloping upland area adjacent to the existing trail at the northern end of the existing parking lot. A rock retaining wall is proposed to support this viewing area and will be 16 feet long and 1 foot deep on the west side and 40 feet long and 2 feet deep on the north side. A 145-foot-long by 4-foot-wide trail (constructed of erosion cloth and 6 inches of 3/4-inch crushed compacted shale) is proposed immediately adjacent to the western side of the existing parking lot across flat upland terrain to connect the two new viewing areas. New viewing areas and trails will have 3-foot long 5/8-inch rebar installed every 3 feet into cribbing and trail runners constructed of wood or composite to define viewing areas and trail edges. The existing chemical toilet and associated gravel pad and fencing will be reconstructed in the same location to meet ADA standards. Finally, degraded asphalt at the north end of the existing parking lot will be removed, and a 10-foot by 28-foot area will be repaved to accommodate a new ADA-accessible parking space.</p>	<p>Palmer's Point, Patricks Point State Park, Humboldt County</p>
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REPORT OF EXTENSION - IMMATERIAL

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Location</i>
<p>A-1-EUR-01-029-A1- Eureka Waterfront Partners, Attn: Dolores Vellutini</p>	<p>Develop two mixed-use, three-story building containing visitor-serving, retail commercial, and residential uses totaling 56,855 square feet and two on-site parking lots providing 72 off-street parking spaces.</p>	<p>Along Humboldt Bay between D & F Streets, Eureka, Humboldt County</p>

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**NOTICE OF COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT WAIVER**

DATE: March 8, 2010
TO: Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Attn: Jesus Viscarra, Land Planner
FROM: Peter M. Douglas, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Waiver of Coastal Development Permit Requirement:
Waiver De Minimis Number 1-10-003-W

Based on project plans and information submitted by the applicant(s) named below regarding the development described below, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission hereby waives the requirement for a Coastal Development Permit, pursuant to Title 14, Section 13238 of the California Code of Regulations.

APPLICANT: Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Attn: Jesus Viscarra, Land Planner

LOCATION: Between Humboldt Hill Road and South Broadway, Humboldt County (APN(s) 305-101-12)

DESCRIPTION: Replace a single existing wood electric transmission pole (found to be in a deteriorated state) in kind with an equivalent support structure. Because the existing electrical transmission pole is located within a freshwater wetland, the applicant proposes to conduct the work in late summer, during the driest time of the year. To minimize impacts to wetland soils, a tracked vehicle will be used to access the pole site, which will reduce soil compaction in the area. A 2-foot diameter hole will be dug immediately adjacent to the existing pole site, and clean gravel or small rock will be used to partially backfill the new pole hole in order to provide for pole stability. Soils excavated for the new pole hole will be used to backfill the hole left by the old pole once it is removed, with the top 6-inches of soil be reserved for replacement as the top soil layer of the backfilled hole. There will be no net loss of wetland habitat since the old pole and the new pole have the same basal area and equivalent hole sizes. The applicant proposes to keep vegetation trimming to a minimum but if necessary will hand-trim wetland vegetation (including willow branches) across a 5-foot radius area around the pole site. The work is expected to take approximately one half day to complete and will be completed at the driest time of the year outside of the bird nesting season. The applicant proposes to utilize existing access roads, wetland matting as needed, and best management practices for erosion and runoff control, including re-seeding exposed soils and coverage with erosion protection.

RATIONALE: As proposed, the project includes measures to avoid significant impacts to wetlands from the pole replacement project. The proposed project will not otherwise impact coastal resources and is consistent with all applicable Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act.

IMPORTANT: This waiver is not valid unless the site has been posted AND until the waiver has been reported to the Coastal Commission. This waiver is proposed to be reported to the Commission at the meeting of Thursday, March 11, 2010, in Santa Cruz. If four Commissioners object to this waiver, a coastal development permit will be required.

Persons wishing to object to or having questions regarding the issuance of a coastal permit waiver for this project should contact the Commission office at the above address or phone number prior to the Commission meeting date.

Sincerely,
PETER M. DOUGLAS
Executive Director



By: MELISSA KRAEMER
Coastal Program Analyst

cc: Local Planning Dept.

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TO: California Department Of Parks & Recreation, Attn: John E. Harris
FROM: Peter M. Douglas, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Waiver of Coastal Development Permit Requirement:
Waiver De Minimis Number 1-10-006-W

Based on project plans and information submitted by the applicant(s) named below regarding the development described below, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission hereby waives the requirement for a Coastal Development Permit, pursuant to Title 14, Section 13238 of the California Code of Regulations.

APPLICANT: California Department Of Parks & Recreation, Attn: John E. Harris

LOCATION: Palmer's Point, Patricks Point State Park, Humboldt County (APN(s) 517-081-11, 517-081-12, 517-111-01)

DESCRIPTION: Enhancement of two undeveloped vista points by creating two new ADA-accessible viewing areas, each with an ADA-accessible bench, spotting scope, and two interpretive signs. Both viewing areas will have bases of erosion cloth and 6 inches of 3/4-inch crushed shale compacted to accept wheelchair access as well as 3-foot-high hand rails and support posts constructed of 4-inch by 6-inch wood or composite material. The proposed 12-foot-long by 8-foot-wide southern viewing area will be constructed to meet ADA standards in a flat upland area near the existing parking lot that is currently brushed regularly to maintain the vista. An 80-foot-long by 4-foot-wide trail will be constructed of erosion cloth and 6 inches of 3/4-inch crushed compacted shale from the southwest corner of the existing parking lot across flat upland terrain to the new viewing area to provide ADA access. The proposed 20-foot-long by 16-foot-wide northern viewing area will be constructed on a gently sloping upland area adjacent to the existing trail at the northern end of the existing parking lot. A rock retaining wall is proposed to support this viewing area and will be 16 feet long and 1 foot deep on the west side and 40 feet long and 2 feet deep on the north side. A 145-foot-long by 4-foot-wide trail (constructed of erosion cloth and 6 inches of 3/4-inch crushed compacted shale) is proposed immediately adjacent to the western side of the existing parking lot across flat upland terrain to connect the two new viewing areas. New viewing areas and trails will have 3-foot long 5/8-inch rebar installed every 3 feet into cribbing and trail runners constructed of wood or composite to define viewing areas and trail edges. The existing chemical toilet and associated gravel pad and fencing will be reconstructed in the same location to meet ADA standards. Finally, degraded asphalt at the north end of the existing parking lot will be removed, and a 10-foot by 28-foot area will be repaved to accommodate a new ADA-accessible parking space.

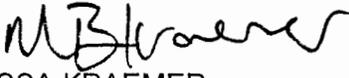
RATIONALE: The proposed project will occur in existing developed areas and adjacent upland areas that do not contain any environmentally sensitive habitat. All construction debris (e.g., degraded asphalt, vegetation/soil spoils) will be hauled off-site for proper disposal. The proposed project will not adversely impact coastal resources and will enhance public access by improving two coastal viewing areas. The proposed project is consistent with all applicable Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act.

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March 9, 2010

NOTICE OF EXTENSION REQUEST FOR COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that: Eureka Waterfront Partners, LLC
has applied for a one year extension of: Coastal Development Permit No. A-1-EUR-01-029-A1
granted by the California Coastal Commission on: October 14, 2004
for: Develop two mixed-use, three-story buildings containing visitor-serving, retail commercial, and residential uses totaling 56,855 sq. ft. and two on-site parking lots providing 72 off-street parking spaces.
at: Along Humboldt Bay between D and F Streets, Eureka (Humboldt County) (APNs 001-054-24 & -25).

Pursuant to Section 13169 of the Commission's Administrative Regulations (14 CCR §13000 *et seq.*), the Executive Director has determined that there are no changed circumstances affecting the proposed development's consistency with the Coastal Act. The Commission's Regulations state that "the time for commencement of development shall be extended for one year from the expiration date of the permit if both of the following occur: (1) no written objection to the executive director's determination is received within 10 working days after mailing notice, and three commissioners do not object to the executive director's determination." If an objection is received, the extension application shall be reported to the Commission for possible hearing.

Persons wishing to object or having questions concerning this extension application should contact the district office of the Commission at the above address or phone number.

Sincerely,
PETER M. DOUGLAS
Executive Director


By: JAMES R. BASKIN AICP
Coastal Planner

