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# **NORTH COAST DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*For the*

## *July Meeting of the California Coastal Commission*

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 14, 2011

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 July 14, 2011 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. 1-11-021-W State Coastal Conservancy, Attn: Joel Gerwein, Project Manager (, Humboldt County)
2. 1-11-025-W Jean Mendes; Becker Dairy, Attn: Jim Becker (Ferndale, Humboldt County)

***EXTENSION - IMMATERIAL***

1. A-1-MEN-07-053-E1 Gene & Toni Sampson, Curt & Doris Billings & Ron & Ursula Mc Daniel (, Mendocino 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>  |
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| <p><b>1-11-021-W</b><br/>State Coastal Conservancy,<br/>Attn: Joel Gerwein, Project<br/>Manager</p> | <p>Implementation of a pilot study to determine the efficacy of two different treatment methods (manual mowing and application of the herbicide imazapyr) for eradicating the nonnative, invasive dense-flowered cordgrass (<i>Spartina densiflora</i>) from estuarine habitats in and around Humboldt Bay. Three 15-meter by 15-meter treatment areas (totalling approximately 1.2 acres) plus three control areas will be established (with temporary PVC piping to demarcate boundaries) at each of the two project sites. Within each treatment area, either mowing or chemical treatment will be applied to thirty 0.25-square-meter plots located along five 15-meter-long transects at 2.5-meter intervals. Initial mowing treatment will occur using hand-held brush-cutters in the summer, and mowing of resprouts will occur three months following initial treatment as well as every three months thereafter as necessary. Chemical treatment will be spot-applied to target plants with a backpack sprayer approximately at the time that the <i>Spartina</i> flower is beginning to bolt (approximately July). Follow-up spray treatment will occur one year following initial treatment. Data will be collected every six months, beginning six months after initial treatment as well as upon seed-set and continuing for a two-year period. The results of this research project will inform the development of a regional invasive cordgrass eradication plan for the Humboldt Bay, Eel River, and Mad River estuaries.</p> | <p>Bracut Marsh, located at Highway 101 and Bracut, and Woodley Island Marsh, north of Highway 255 Bridge at Woodley Island, Humboldt County</p> |
| <p><b>1-11-025-W</b><br/>Jean Mendes<br/>Becker Dairy, Attn: Jim<br/>Becker</p>                     | <p>Installation of a 40-foot by 200-foot prefabricated metal roof supported by metal posts (at a maximum height of ~20 feet above natural grade) to cover an existing, previously permitted concrete slab used as a cow feeding area.</p>   | <p>869 Riverside Road, Ferndale (Humboldt County)</p>  |

### REPORT OF EXTENSION - IMMATERIAL

| <i>Applicant</i> | <i>Project Description</i> | <i>Project Location</i> |
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NORTH COAST DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONTINUED

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**A-1-MEN-07-053-E1**

Gene & Toni Sampson, Curt  
& Doris Billings & Ron &  
Ursula Mc Daniel

Develop the infrastructure of a Mutual Water Company to serve five residential lots, including four undeveloped bluff top lots in the Inversen Point subdivision on the west side of Highway One, and the subject well lot in the Iversen Landing subdivision on the east side of Highway One. The project includes (1) installation of approximately 2,850 linear feet of two-inch-diameter pipeline within the road right-of-way beginning along Iversen Road, crossing underneath Highway One, and extending to the terminus of Iversen Point Road on the west side of Highway One, (2) conversion of the source test well to a production well, and (3) construction of a below-ground 20,160 gallon reinforced concrete potable water storage facility with a 128-square-foot above-ground pump house and a 48-square-foot basement.

Approximately four miles north of Anchor Bay along the Iversen Road, Iversen Point Road, and Highway One road corridors, and at a parcel on the east side of Highway One, Mendocino County

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**NOTICE OF COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT WAIVER**

DATE: July 11, 2011  
TO: State Coastal Conservancy, Attn: Joel Gerwein, Project Manager  
FROM: Peter M. Douglas, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Waiver of Coastal Development Permit Requirement:  
**Waiver De Minimis Number 1-11-021-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: State Coastal Conservancy, Attn: Joel Gerwein, Project Manager

LOCATION: Bracut Marsh, located at Highway 101 and Bracut, and Woodley Island Marsh, north of Highway 255 Bridge at Woodley Island, Humboldt County (APN(s) 501-241-12, 405-032-08)

DESCRIPTION: Implementation of a pilot study to determine the efficacy of two different treatment methods (manual mowing and application of the herbicide imazapyr) for eradicating the nonnative, invasive dense-flowered cordgrass (*Spartina densiflora*) from estuarine habitats in and around Humboldt Bay. Three 15-meter by 15-meter treatment areas (totalling approximately 1.2 acres) plus three control areas will be established (with temporary PVC piping to demarcate boundaries) at each of the two project sites. Within each treatment area, either mowing or chemical treatment will be applied to thirty 0.25-square-meter plots located along five 15-meter-long transects at 2.5-meter intervals. Initial mowing treatment will occur using hand-held brush-cutters in the summer, and mowing of resprouts will occur three months following initial treatment as well as every three months thereafter as necessary. Chemical treatment will be spot-applied to target plants with a backpack sprayer approximately at the time that the *Spartina* flower is beginning to bolt (approximately July). Follow-up spray treatment will occur one year following initial treatment. Data will be collected every six months, beginning six months after initial treatment as well as upon seed-set and continuing for a two-year period. The results of this research project will inform the development of a regional invasive cordgrass eradication plan for the Humboldt Bay, Eel River, and Mad River estuaries.

RATIONALE: The proposed development involves no significant impacts on coastal resources or public access to the shoreline. Treatment areas will be accessed on foot during low tides by individual researchers a limited number of times over a limited period. Treatment areas will be demarcated by temporarily installing PVC piping, which will be removed upon completion of the study. The PVC piping will extend only ~6 inches above ground level, so it will not be readily visible from public vantage points. All treatments will be applied by hand, and no heavy equipment will be involved. The chemical treatment will be applied with a backpack sprayer directly to target plants at a point in the tide cycle that will result in a 4-6 hour dry time. The chemical to be used (Imazapyr) is considered safe for aquatic environments since it works by inhibiting a particular enzyme that is present in plants but not in birds, mammals, fish, or invertebrates. No rare plant species occur within the proposed treatment areas, so the treatments will not impact sensitive plant or animal species. Based on data collected in a similar study conducted on the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, revegetation of treatment areas (either by native plants, if the

treatment is effective, or by Spartina) is expected to be complete within 1-2 years. Therefore, the proposed development will have no significant adverse effects on 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, July 14, 2011, in San Rafael . 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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**NOTICE OF COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT WAIVER**

DATE: July 11, 2011  
 TO: Jean Mendes; Becker Dairy, Attn: Jim Becker  
 FROM: Peter M. Douglas, Executive Director  
 SUBJECT: Waiver of Coastal Development Permit Requirement:  
**Waiver De Minimis Number 1-11-025-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: **Jean Mendes; Becker Dairy, Attn: Jim Becker**  
 LOCATION: **869 Riverside Road, Ferndale (Humboldt County) (APN(s) 100-111-02)**  
 DESCRIPTION: **Installation of a 40-foot by 200-foot prefabricated metal roof supported by metal posts (at a maximum height of ~20 feet above natural grade) to cover an existing, previously permitted concrete slab used as a cow feeding area.**  
 RATIONALE: **The proposed development involves no significant impacts on coastal resources or public access to the shoreline. The project site is located on a rural agricultural property with a number of existing barns, and the proposed metal roof structure is compatible with the agricultural character of the surrounding area. Erection of the metal roof structure, which will be visible from Riverside Road, a public road, will not affect public views to the ocean. Although the site is located within a FEMA-mapped floodway, the existing concrete slab upon which the metal roof structure will be erected is located at least one foot above base flood elevation (BFE), and the proposed metal support posts will be located at least 1-ft to 5-ft above BFE. The purpose of the proposed roof cover, which is being funded by a grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, is to prevent stormwater runoff from from the cattle feeding area on the existing concrete slab from polluting coastal waters (the Salt River and Eel River estuaries). Therefore, the proposed development will help to protect water quality, will not affect public views, and will not increase flood hazards. The proposed project will have no adverse impacts on coastal resources and is consistent with all applicable Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act.**

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Sincerely,  
 PETER M. DOUGLAS  
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D.C.I. Builders, Attn: Dennis Del Biaggio

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June 30, 2011

## NOTICE OF EXTENSION REQUEST FOR COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that: **Gene & Toni Sampson, Curt & Doris Billings & Ron & Ursula Mc Daniel**

has applied for a one year extension of Permit No: **A-1-MEN-07-053-E1**

granted by the California Coastal Commission on: **November 12, 2008**

for **Develop the infrastructure of a Mutual Water Company to serve five residential lots, including four undeveloped bluff top lots in the Iversen Point subdivision on the west side of Highway One, and the subject well lot in the Iversen Landing subdivision on the east side of Highway One. The project includes (1) installation of approximately 2,850 linear feet of two-inch-diameter pipeline within the road right-of-way beginning along Iversen Road, crossing underneath Highway One, and extending to the terminus of Iversen Point Road on the west side of Highway One, (2) conversion of the source test well to a production well, and (3) construction of a below-ground 20,160 gallon reinforced concrete potable water storage facility with a 128-square-foot above-ground pump house and a 48-square-foot basement.**

at **Approximately four miles north of Anchor Bay along the Iversen Road, Iversen Point Road, and Highway One road corridors, and at a parcel on the east side of Highway One, Mendocino County (APN(s) 142-010-32, 142-031-27, 142-031-26, 142-031-25, 142-031-23).**

Pursuant to Section 13169 of the Commission Regulations the Executive Director has determined that there are no changed circumstances affecting the proposed development's consistency with the Coastal Act. The Commission Regulations state that "if no objection is received at the Commission office within ten (10) working days of publishing notice, this determination of consistency shall be conclusive. . . and the Executive Director shall issue the extension." 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: ROBERT MERRILL  
District Manager