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

**FOR THE**

**JUNE 2013 MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION**

**TO: Commissioners and Interested Parties**

**FROM: Alison Dettmer  
 North Coast District Deputy Director**

**DE MINIMIS WAIVER**

APPLICANT	PROJECT	LOCATION
<b>1-12-028-W</b> California Department of Transportation	Install (1) bicyclist-activated flashing beacons and associated warning signs to alert motorists when a bicyclist is on the narrow highway bridge; and (2) a new street light at the Route 211/Fernbridge Drive intersection.	Eel River Bridge (Fernbridge), Route 211, Humboldt County



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**NOTICE OF COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT WAIVER**

DATE: June 11, 2013  
TO: California Department of Transportation, District 3 (Attn: Liza Walker)  
FROM: Charles Lester, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Waiver of Coastal Development Permit Requirement:  
**Waiver De Minimis Number 1-12-028-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 Transportation, District 3  
LOCATION: Eel River Bridge (Fernbridge), Route 211, Humboldt County (APNs 200-043-08, 200-312-15, 200-301-01, 03, -07, and -08)  
DESCRIPTION: Install (1) bicyclist-activated flashing beacons, connected with an electric cable in order to activate both signs and to alert both directions of traffic, and bicycle warning signs at each end of the bridge to alert motorists when a bicyclist is on the narrow bridge; (2) various associated road signs at the outer ends of each bridge approach ramp; and (3) a new street light at the Route 211/Fernbridge Drive intersection.

RATIONALE: The proposed development will not block public views to the Eel River or the historic Eel River bridge and will be visually compatible with the character of the surrounding area. The new electrical conduit will be trenched into existing pavement or hung under bridge ramps in a manner that is not visible from public vantage points on the river banks or bars. All new development will occur within paved and maintained road right-of-ways, so there will be no adverse impacts to wetlands or environmentally sensitive habitat areas. Therefore, the project involves no significant impacts to 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 June 12-14, 2013, in Long Beach. 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,

CHARLES LESTER  
Executive Director

By:

  
MELISSA KRAEMER  
Coastal Program Analyst

cc: Humboldt County Planning Dept.