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

*For the
April Meeting of the California Coastal Commission*

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 07, 2014

TO: Commissioners and Interested Parties
FROM: Alison Dettmer, 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 April 2014 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.

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>
1-14-0557-W Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District	Temporary use of an aquaponics pilot facility for the culture of lettuce and rainbow trout in a greenhouse using a recirculating water system that involves no discharge.	Redwood Marine Terminal, Berth 1, Cookhouse Road, Samoa (Humboldt County) (APN 401-031-40)

REPORT OF IMMATERIAL AMENDMENTS

The Executive Director has determined that there are no changes in circumstances affecting the conformity of the subject development with the California Coastal Act of 1976. No objections to this determination have been received at this office. Therefore, the Executive Director grants the requested Immaterial Amendment, subject to the same conditions, if any, approved by the Commission.

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Project Location</i>
1-10-032-A2 Humboldt Co. Resource Cons. Dist., Attn: Donna Chambers	Modify permit granted for Salt River Restoration project to include two additional parcels for temporary stockpiling and sediment reuse.	Across ~808 acres of mostly agricultural properties under a variety of different ownerships, including the 440-acre Riverside Ranch owned by the Department of Fish & Game, along ~7.5 miles of the Salt River near Ferndale, Humboldt County
1-11-007-A1 Union Pacific Railroad, Attn: James Diel	Modify permit granted for soil contamination remediation to include trenching, collecting soil samples, and backfilling the trenches on an adjacent parcel.	701 First Street, Eureka (Humboldt County) (APN 001-121-31)

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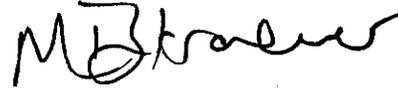
SUBJECT: Waiver of Coastal Development Permit Requirement/De Minimis Developments-Section 30624.7 of the Coastal Act

Based on the project plans and information provided in your permit application for the development described below, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission hereby waives the requirement for a Coastal Development Permit pursuant to Section 13238.1, Title 14, California Code of Regulations. If, at a later date, this information is found to be incorrect or the plans revised, this decision will become invalid; and, any development occurring must cease until a coastal development permit is obtained or any discrepancy is resolved in writing.

WAIVER#: 1-14-0557-W**APPLICANT:** Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District**LOCATION:** Redwood Marine Terminal, Berth 1, Cookhouse Road, Samoa (Humboldt County), (APN(s) 401-031-40)**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Continuing use, for one additional year beyond the originally approved eight months (approved under de minimis waiver number 1-13-0213-W in May of 2013), of a temporary demonstration aquaponics pilot facility that will culture lettuce and rainbow trout in a greenhouse using a recirculating water system that involves no discharge.**RATIONALE:** The proposed development is located on a vacant coastal-dependent industrial site and will not involve any ground disturbance or permanent construction. Proposed as a temporary facility, to be dismantled and removed after one additional year, the temporary development will not displace any coastal-dependent industrial use of the site or preclude the future use of the site for coastal-dependent industry. The development will not involve any intake from or discharge to Humboldt Bay. Fish tanks will be covered with netting as a precautionary measure to ensure that no fish escape, and the fully enclosed greenhouse structure, located at least 50 feet from the bay, will provide secondary biological containment. The fire district chief for the Samoa Peninsula has confirmed that the proposed 200 gallon per day water use will not impact the district's fire suppression capabilities. The development involves no discharge of wastewater, as the water is recirculated through the aquaponic system, with only a relatively small amount of daily make-up water needed due to uptake and evapotranspiration of the water by the plants. An existing portable toilet on the site, which is serviced regularly, has sufficient capacity to support the proposed number of expected visitors to the temporary facility. The temporary greenhouse structure does not block public views to the bay and is visually compatible with the character of the surrounding area, which is developed with existing large warehouses. Therefore, the proposed development will not adversely impact coastal resources, public access, or public recreation opportunities, and is consistent with past Commission actions in the area and Chapter Three policies of the Coastal Act.

This waiver will not become effective until reported to the Commission at its April 10, 2014 meeting and the site of the proposed development has been appropriately noticed, pursuant to 13054(b) of the California Code of Regulations. The Notice Card shall remain posted at the site until the waiver has been validated and no less than seven days prior to the Commission hearing. If four (4) Commissioners object to this waiver of permit requirements, a coastal development permit will be required.

CHARLES LESTER,
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Kraemer', written in a cursive style.

Melissa Kraemer
Coastal Program Analyst

cc: Commissioners/File

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMIT AMENDMENT (Immaterial)**
Coastal Development Permit Amendment No. 1-10-032-A2

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Charles Lester, Executive Director *by NBLc*

DATE: March 26, 2014

SUBJECT: Permit Amendment Request No. **1-10-032-A2 – Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, Attn: Donna Chambers**

ORIGINAL PROJECT:

Implementation of the Salt River Ecosystem Restoration Project, a multi-year, region-wide, collaborative restoration and flood alleviation project comprised of three major components: (1) Phase 1 involves restoring approximately 400 acres of estuarine marsh, estuarine aquatic, riparian, and freshwater wetland habitats on the lower 2.5 miles of the Salt River and on the 440-acre Riverside Ranch former dairy farm property owned by the Department of Fish & Game; (2) Phase 2 involves restoring hydraulic capacity, in-stream fish habitat, riparian vegetation, and improved water quality along an additional approximately 5 miles of the Salt River, ~2,900 feet of lower Francis Creek, and ~500 feet of lower Eastside Drainage; and (3) long-term maintenance and adaptive management activities to ensure the project meets its goals and objectives to be performed over multiple years.

PROJECT SITE:

Across ~808 acres of mostly agricultural properties under a variety of different ownerships, including the 440-acre Riverside Ranch owned by the Department of Fish & Wildlife, along ~7.5 miles of the Salt River near Ferndale, Humboldt County

The Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission has reviewed a proposed amendment to the above referenced permit, which would result in the following change(s):

Increase areas available for temporary stockpiling and sediment reuse for phase 2 construction to include areas on APNs 100-241-04 and 106-011-13.

FINDINGS

Pursuant to 14 Cal. Admin. Code Section 13166(b) this amendment is considered to be IMMATERIAL and the permit will be amended accordingly if no written objections are received within ten working days of the date of this notice. If an objection to this immaterial amendment is received, the amendment must be reported to the Commission at the next regularly scheduled Commission hearing.

The amended permit will not become effective until the 10-working-day noticing period has completed and the permit amendment has been issued.

This amendment has been considered "immaterial" for the following reason(s):

Expansion of the project area footprint to include the two additional APNs will not result in any additional or changed impacts to agricultural resources, wetlands, riparian habitat, sensitive species habitat, water quality, or public access. The supporting site-specific information such as upland delineations, sediment reuse plans, and final design plans will be provided prior to commencement of phase 2 construction consistent with the requirements of Special Conditions 5, 6, and 13 of the original permit. Therefore, the Executive Director has determined that the requested amendment is not a material change to the permit.

If you have any questions about the proposal or wish to register an objection, please contact Melissa Kraemer at the phone number provided above.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMIT AMENDMENT (Immaterial)
Coastal Development Permit Amendment No. 1-11-007-A1

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Charles Lester, Executive Director *by WJK*

DATE: March 26, 2014

SUBJECT: Permit Amendment Request No. 1-11-007-A1 – Union Pacific Railroad, Attn: James Diel

ORIGINAL

PROJECT: Remediate soil contamination at a former metal salvage operation site by (1) clearing vegetation from an approximately 7,000-square-foot upland area adjacent to the shoreline and demolishing an existing ~6,400 square foot warehouse building; (2) excavating approximately 13,580 cubic yards of contaminated soils from the upland portion of the site and backfilling the area with clean imported earthen material; (3) preparing the ~1-acre intertidal mudflat portion of the site for dredging of contaminated sediments by installing a temporary turbidity barrier; (4) dredging approximately 4,350 cubic yards of contaminated sediments from the intertidal mudflat and backfilling with clean imported earthen material; (5) installing shoreline stabilization materials along the length of the site above mean high water following excavation, including a "marine mattress" composed of a rock-filled geogrid container buried beneath the backfill between MHW and the high tide line (HTL), rows of live willow fascines and coir matting above HTL, and a row of 3-ft by 3-ft gabion baskets buried just below final grade along the upland strip of land above the HTL; and (6) temporarily stockpiling the dredged and excavated material on the upland portion of the site for dewatering purposes prior to transport to off-site disposal facilities.

PROJECT SITE: 701 First Street, Eureka, Humboldt County (APN 001-121-31)

The Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission has reviewed a proposed amendment to the above referenced permit, which would result in the following change(s):

Trenching, collecting soil samples, and backfilling the trenches on the parcel adjacent to the original project site in preparation for the remaining cleanup work necessary to complete the Remedial Action Plan to North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board standards.

FINDINGS:

Pursuant to 14 Cal. Admin. Code Section 13166(b) this amendment is considered to be IMMATERIAL and the permit will be amended accordingly if no written objections are received within ten working days of the date of this notice. If an objection to this immaterial amendment is

received, the amendment must be reported to the Commission at the next regularly scheduled Commission hearing.

The amended permit will not become effective until the 10-working-day noticing period has completed and the permit amendment has been issued.

This amendment has been considered "immaterial" for the following reason(s):

The proposed development will not result in any additional or changed impacts to marine resources, coastal wetlands, riparian habitat, sensitive species habitat, water quality, or public access. Therefore, the Executive Director has determined that the requested amendment is not a material change to the permit.

If you have any questions about the proposal or wish to register an objection, please contact Melissa Kraemer at the phone number provided above.