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NORTH COAST DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*For the
July Meeting of the California Coastal Commission*

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 08, 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 July 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>
<p>1-14-0618-W California Department of Transportation, Attn: Brianna Ceglia</p>	<p>Perform geotechnical investigation borings to further the engineering design of the future replacement of the Highway 101 Smith River Bridge (Dr. Fine Bridge), consisting of ten 4.5-inch diameter test borings.</p>	<p>Smith River and adjoining areas, in the vicinity of the Smith River Bridge (also known as the Dr. Fine Bridge), Highway 101, Del Norte County</p>

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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#: 1-14-0618-W**APPLICANT:** California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)**LOCATION:** Smith River and adjoining areas, in the vicinity of the Smith River Bridge (also known as the Dr. Fine Bridge), Highway 101, Del Norte County.**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Perform geotechnical investigation borings to further the engineering design of the future replacement of the Highway 101 Smith River Bridge (Dr. Fine Bridge), consisting of ten 4.5-inch diameter test borings, including one boring in the roadway, one boring under the bridge structure, two borings along the existing bridge alignment, one boring within an existing bridge pier, and five borings at the north abutment area of the bridge.**RATIONALE:** All borings would be drilled in upland areas outside of the riverine wetlands except for one boring which would be drilled from the bridge deck through a supporting pier of the existing bridge. Caltrans has submitted plans for drilling procedures that ensure that drilling fluids are fully contained and re-circulated through a closed system, and that soil cuttings and drilling wastes are fully contained and stored offsite for removal to an appropriate disposal site with all necessary permits. Borings would be backfilled with cement slurry or bentonite chips. Access will be achieved via existing roads and all vehicles and materials would be staged or stored on existing roadways with minimal disturbance of vegetation. Minor trimming of adjacent trees and shrubs, and smoothing of existing dirt road surfaces may be performed to allow access by technical services equipment. All proposed work will be undertaken during the summer dry season only, and all work would be undertaken with implementation of all applicable Best Management Practices necessary to prevent sediment infiltration of the nearby river from the proposed activities. Vehicular access across the bridge will be maintained during construction by closing only one traffic lane and using a pilot car to guide traffic during the approximately 4 weeks of lane closure. By acceptance of this permit waiver, Caltrans agrees that it is abandoning the geotechnical investigation boring development previously proposed under Del Norte County CDP Permit No. CGP2011-05C and Coastal

Commission CDP Application No. 1-11-012 for borings in different locations that are no longer needed. The proposed geologic investigation borings proposed under this permit waiver would be undertaken in a manner that would not result in any significant adverse impacts to coastal resources and is consistent with all applicable Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act.

This waiver will not become effective until reported to the Commission at its July 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.

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cc: Commissioners/File