CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

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DATE: September 8, 2014

TO: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: COMMISSION FIELD TRIP (WEDNESDAY)

(For the Commission meeting of September 10, 2014)

The Commission field trip will view **some or all** of the following sites, as time allows. Field trip departs from the parking lot of the Howonquet Lodge / Lucky 7 Casino at the conclusion of the rest of the agenda of Wednesday's meeting. The following list of tentative sites is subject to change to accommodate timing and other constraints. An aerial photo map of the route and sites with maps and photos follows the listing of sites.

Members of the public are invited to attend by following in their private vehicles and joining the Commission at designated presentation stops.

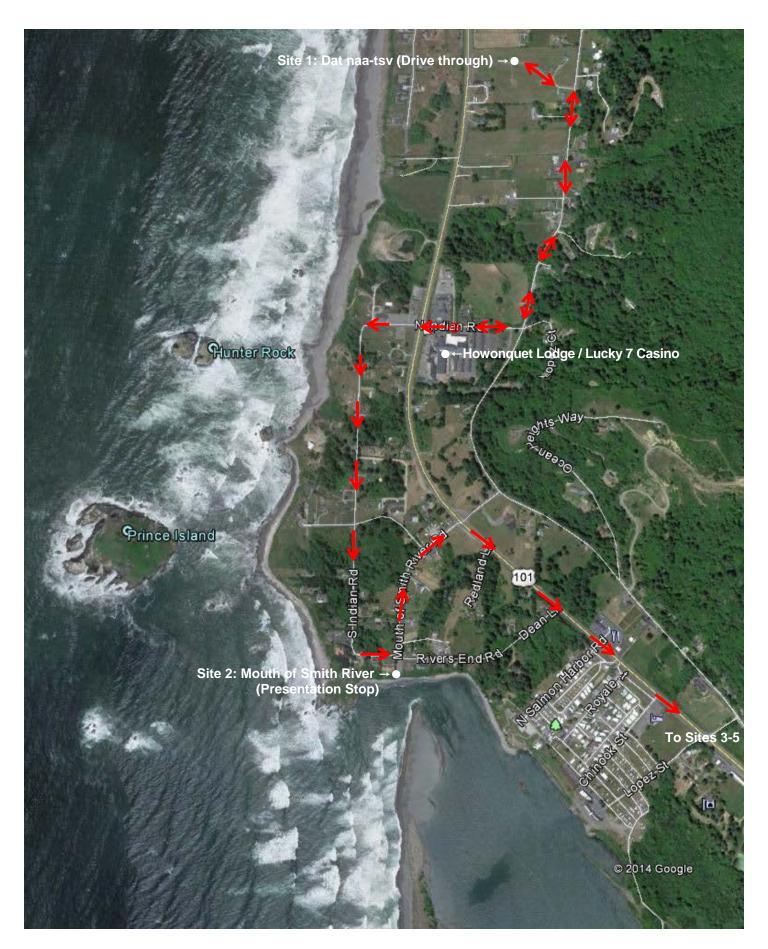
- 1. Dat naa-tsv Tribal Development Project, on west side of Oceanview Drive, approximately ½ mile north at its intersection with North Indian Road (Drive by): Close-up view of site development associated with Consistency Determination (Bureau of Indian Affairs) previously approved for housing and commercial development at Smith River Rancheria.
- 2. **Mouth of Smith River, at southern terminus of Mouth of Smith River Road (Full stop)**: Presentation by representatives of Smith River Rancheria describing recent acquisition of 57 acres of sand dunes south of river's mouth; discussion by Commission staff of associated coastal resources issues associated with Smith River watershed.
- 3. *Ee-chuu-le*' at northern terminus of Old Mill Road, approximately 3.6 miles northwest of its intersection with Northcrest Drive (Full stop): Presentation by representatives of Smith River Rancheria, Tolowa Dunes Stewards, and Commission staff. Discussion of natural and cultural resources of the coastal lagoon and associated management and development issues. Please queue vehicles at Lake Earl Wildlife Area Headquarters and pass through opened locked gate when prompted.
- 4. Jack McNamara Field Terminal and Runway Safety Area Mitigation Site Pacific Shores, at northeast corner of intersection of Distelrath Drive with Martin Street (Full stop): Presentation by staff of GHD Consulting Engineers and Commission staff at site of compensatory replacement wetlands and rare plant mitigation and enhancement

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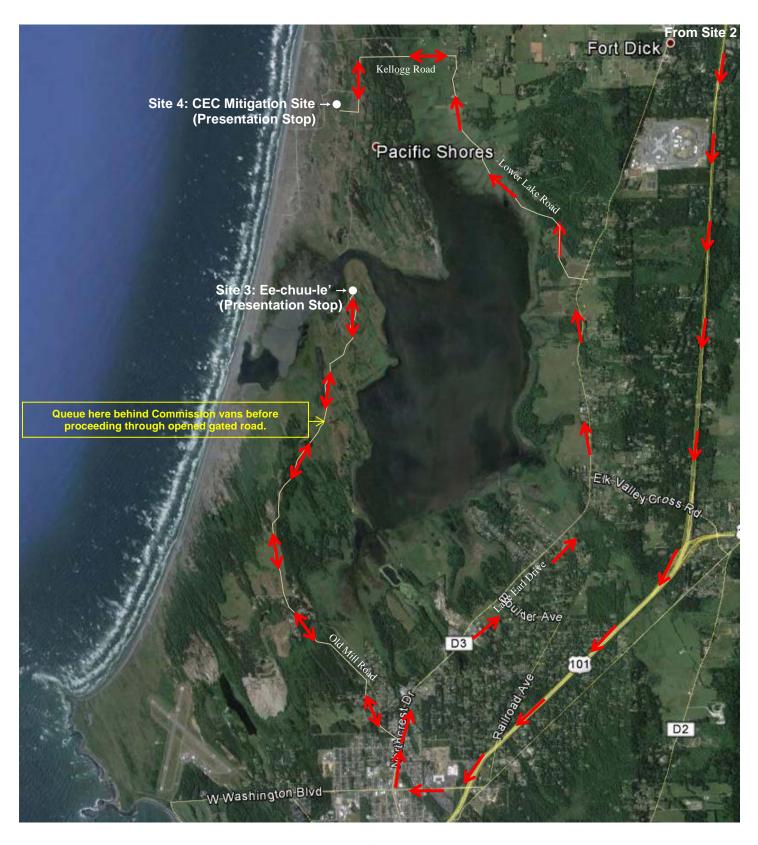
- project as proposed for compliance with A-1-DNC-09-048 and 1-13-009 (Border Coast Regional Airport Authority).
- 5. U.S. 101 Dr. Fine Bridge Replacement Project, on Dr. Fine Bridge crossing of Smith River (Full Stop): Presentation by Caltrans representatives and Commission staff to introduce Commissioners to coastal resource issues and engineering logistics associated with the replacement of the existing two-lane bridge structure. Queue vehicles on Lake Earl Drive near intersection with U.S. 101. Caltrans will be closing one lane of the bridge and exercising traffic control for this field trip stop. Private vehicles on the field trip must follow behind the Commission vans as we turn onto 101 and pass onto the bridge.



Map 1: Field Trip Overview



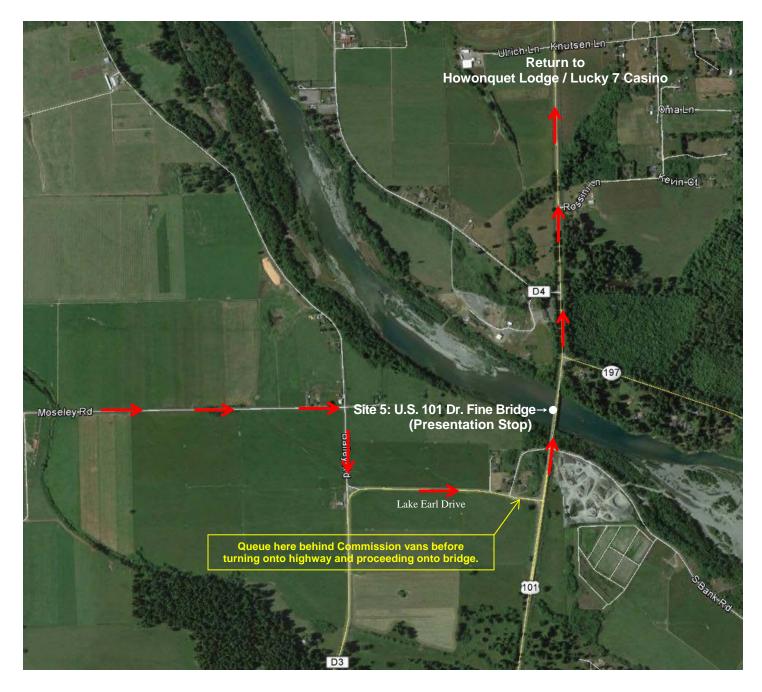
Map 2: Site 1 and 2 Detail



Map 3: Site 3 Detail



Map 4: Site 4 Detail



Map 5: Site 5 Detail