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

*For the*

*November 2015 Meeting of the California Coastal Commission*

October 30, 2015

**To:** Commissioners and Interested Parties  
**From:** Alison Dettmer, North Coast District Deputy Director

Following is a listing for the waivers, emergency permits, immaterial amendments and extensions issued by the North Coast District Office for the November 2015 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**

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.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Project Location</b>
<b>1-15-1763-W</b> California Redwood Company, Attn: Craig Compton	As part of the permanent closure of the Brainard Remanufacturing Facility, remove equipment and accessory structures for auction, salvage, or disposal.	5151 Highway 101 North, between Eureka and Arcata in Humboldt County (APN(s): 017-081-01, 404-141-04)
<b>1-15-1814-W</b> American Hydroponics, Attn: Paul Harris	Construct a 2,592 sq. ft. greenhouse on existing paved driveway area at developed industrial park.	286 South G Street, Arcata (APN(s): 503-211-29)
<b>1-15-1833-W</b> McKinleyville Community Services District, Attn: Greg Orsini	Install six wells approximately 10 feet to 20 feet below ground surface to monitor subsurface conditions within the floodplain property to inform the design of an aquatic habitat restoration project on the Mad River.	Fischer Ranch near Fischer Road and School Road, McKinleyville (Humboldt County) (APN(s): 508-021-07)

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## Coastal Development Permit De Minimis Waiver Coastal Act Section 30624.7

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:** 1-15-1763-W

**Applicant:** California Redwood Company (Attn: Craig Compton)

**Location:** 5151 Highway 101 North, between the Cities of Eureka and Arcata in Humboldt County (APNs 017-081-01 and 404-141-04).

### Proposed Development:

As part of the permanent closure of the Brainard Remanufacturing Facility, remove equipment and accessory structures for auction, salvage, or disposal, including: (1) rolling stock (forklifts, trucks, and vehicles); (2) planing and milling equipment; (3) conveyors; (4) emission and pollution control systems; (5) air compressors; (6) electrical motor control centers; (7) saw filing equipment; (8) aboveground fuel storage tanks; (9) recycled wash water system; (10) biomass fuel silo, boiler, and associated systems; and (11) a tray sorter and resaw system and tray sorter building. Other miscellaneous materials to be removed for salvage or sale include steel rails, scrap metal, wood, wiring, ducting, piping conduit, and spare parts and supplies. All existing buildings will remain on site except for the resaw/tray sorter building, infeed chute building, wood storage building, and boiler buildings (Items 1 & 2 in Attachment A) which will be completely dismantled and removed.

### Rationale:

The Brainard facility operated under various owners as a mill complex from the early 1950s until April 2015. Before its recent closure, principle activities conducted at the facility included lumber drying, remanufacturing, and shipping. The facility is located on approximately 75 acres of historic fill between Highway 101 and the eastern shoreline of Humboldt Bay, and is protected from the bay by a perimeter levee. Over 90% of the site is covered in impervious surfaces and none of the dismantling and removal of materials will occur within wetlands and ESHA. Stormwater from the site will be controlled through the use of BMPs. A hazardous materials assessment of the facilities to be removed has been performed, including assessment of asbestos containing materials and lead based paints. As required by regulation, identified hazardous materials will be removed by appropriately licensed and certified contractor(s). No sandblasting of metals or resizing/planing of treated or painted wood will be allowed on site. Other regulated products (such as new and used oils,

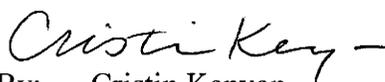
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greases, hydraulic fluids, gasoline, and diesel) in buildings and equipment associated with the auction will also be removed and properly disposed of by licensed contractors and recyclers prior to the auction. No equipment is being brought onsite to process materials. Some metal will be compacted and some wood may be cut into shorter lengths for transporting, but there will be no crushing, grinding, or planing of materials allowed onsite. Any materials stockpiled will be stored within one of the empty lumber storage buildings to protect the stockpiled materials from stormwater runoff. Therefore, as proposed, the development will not adversely impact coastal resources and is consistent with all applicable Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act.

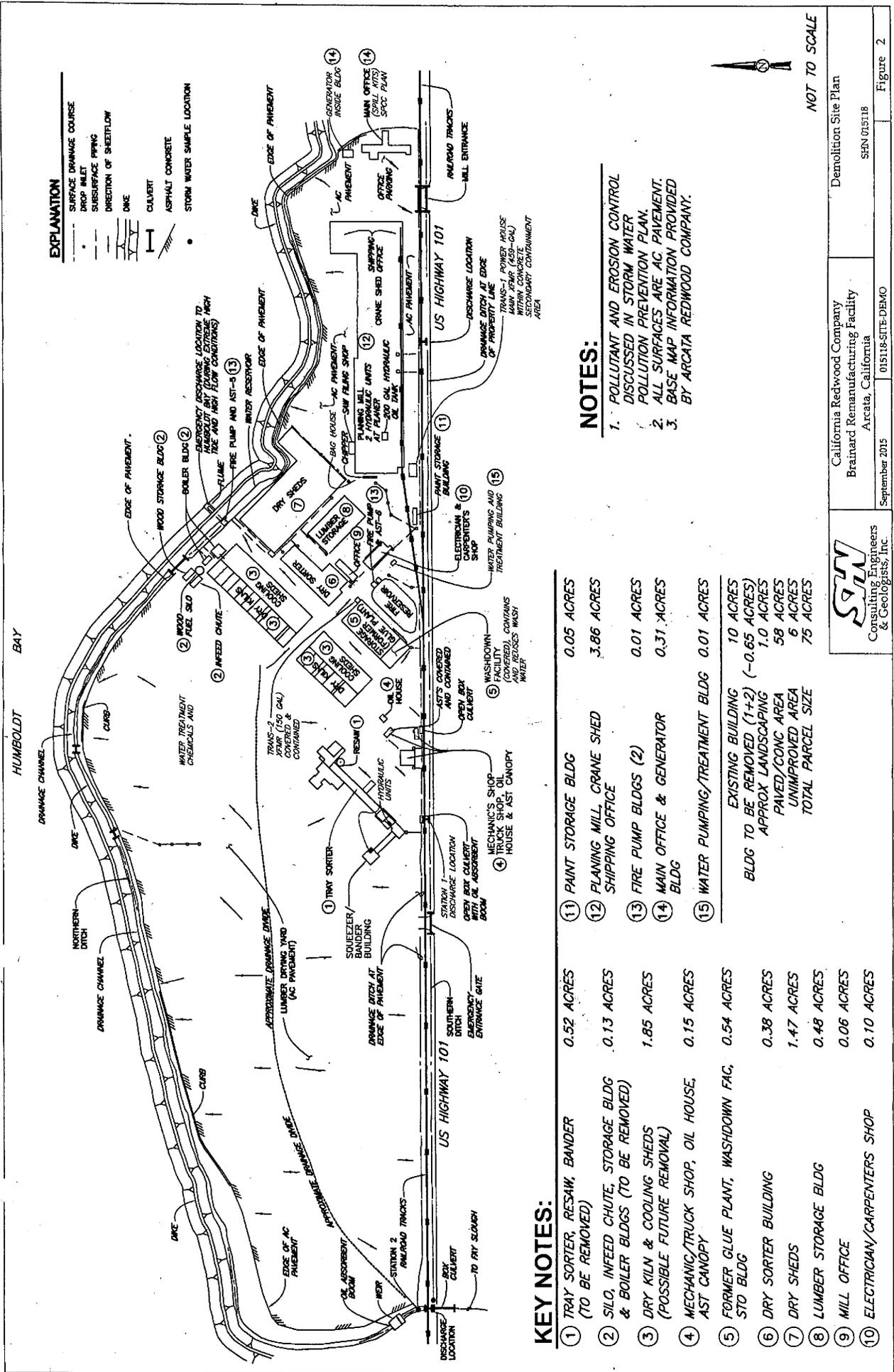
This waiver will not become effective until reported to the Commission at their November 2015 meeting and the site of the proposed development has been appropriately noticed, pursuant to 13054(b) of the California Code of Regulations. The Notice of Pending Permit shall remain posted at the site until the waiver has been validated. If four (4) Commissioners object to this waiver of permit requirements, a coastal development permit will be required.

Charles Lester,  
Executive Director

  
By: Cristin Kenyon  
Coastal Planner

encl: **Attachment A**, Site Map

cc: SHN Engineers & Geologists, Attn: Patrick Barsanti & Stein Coriell



**EXPLANATION**

- SURFACE DRAINAGE COURSE
- DROP INLET
- SUBSURFACE PIPING
- DIRECTION OF SHEETFLOW
- DIKE
- CULVERT
- ASPHALT CONCRETE
- STORM WATER SAMPLE LOCATION



NOT TO SCALE

**NOTES:**

1. POLLUTANT AND EROSION CONTROL DISCUSSED IN STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN.
2. ALL SURFACES ARE AC PAVEMENT.
3. BASE MAP INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ARCATA REDWOOD COMPANY.

**KEY NOTES:**

① TRAY SORTER, RESAW, BANDER (TO BE REMOVED)	0.52 ACRES	⑪ PAINT STORAGE BLDG	0.05 ACRES
② SILO, INFED CHUTE, STORAGE BLDG & BOILER BLDGS (TO BE REMOVED)	0.13 ACRES	⑫ PLANNING MILL, CRANE SHED	3.86 ACRES
③ DRY KILN & COOLING SHEDS (POSSIBLE FUTURE REMOVAL)	1.85 ACRES	⑬ SHIPPING OFFICE	0.01 ACRES
④ MECHANIC/TRUCK SHOP, OIL HOUSE, AST CANOPY	0.15 ACRES	⑭ FIRE PUMP BLDGS (2)	0.31 ACRES
⑤ FORMER GLUE PLANT, WASHDOWN FAC, STO BLDG	0.54 ACRES	⑮ MAIN OFFICE & GENERATOR BLDG	0.01 ACRES
⑥ DRY SORTER BUILDING	0.38 ACRES	⑯ WATER PUMPING/TREATMENT BLDG	10 ACRES
⑦ DRY SHEDS	1.47 ACRES	EXISTING BUILDING	10 ACRES
⑧ LUMBER STORAGE BLDG	0.48 ACRES	BLDG TO BE REMOVED (1+2)	(~0.65 ACRES)
⑨ MILL OFFICE	0.06 ACRES	APPROX LANDSCAPING	1.0 ACRES
⑩ ELECTRICIAN/CARPENTERS SHOP	0.10 ACRES	PAVED/CONC AREA	58 ACRES
		UNIMPROVED AREA	6 ACRES
		TOTAL PARCEL SIZE	75 ACRES



California Redwood Company  
Brainard Remanufacturing Facility  
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September 2015 | 015118-SITE-DEMO  
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Demolition Site Plan  
Figure 2

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**Waiver:** 1-15-1814-W

**Applicant:** American Hydroponics (Attn: Paul Harris)

**Location:** 286 South G Street, Arcata, Humboldt County (APN 503-211-029).

**Proposed Development:** Construct a 2,592-square-foot greenhouse consisting of translucent polycarbonate cellular panels and roof materials over a metal structure attached to a concrete slab foundation on an existing paved area at a developed industrial park.

**Rationale:**

The proposed greenhouse will be constructed within a 4.37-acre industrial property that has multiple tenants and contains several existing buildings, structures, and fenced outdoor storage areas. The greenhouse will be constructed on an existing paved area located towards the rear (eastern edge) of the property, approximately 100 feet from the edge of wetlands that begin on the subject property and extend onto the grazing lands to the east. The greenhouse will not require any removal of vegetation or additional impervious surface. To protect the adjacent wetlands, silt fencing and/or wattles will be installed during construction at all downhill locations and as necessary to retain sediment, and temporary stockpiles will be covered and anchored. All debris generated will be disposed of at an authorized location. Post-construction, all greenhouse irrigation water and nutrients will be contained within a closed-loop system that will not generate any waste or result in any discharge to coastal waters. Therefore, as proposed, the development will not adversely impact coastal resources and is consistent with all applicable Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act.

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**Waiver:** 1-15-1833-W

**Applicant:** McKinleyville Community Services District

**Location:** Adjacent to the lower Mad River at Fischer Ranch near Fischer Road and School Road, McKinleyville, Humboldt Co. (APN 508-021-007)

**Proposed Development:** Install six wells approximately 10 feet to 20 feet below ground surface to monitor subsurface conditions within the floodplain property to inform the design of an aquatic habitat restoration project on the Mad River. Wells will be installed by a licensed drilling contractor using a limited access direct-push Geoprobe DT-22 drill rig. Wells will be constructed with 1/5-inch diameter PVC, with 5 feet of 0.010-slot screen. All wells will be completed with the casing extending at least 3 feet above ground surface, and well locations will be marked with flagging to enhance visibility of the casing.

**Rationale:** The proposed project will not be performed within any wetlands, ESHA, or public access area. The project proposes the use of various Best Management Practices (BMPs) to protect water quality, adjacent riparian and aquatic habitats, and agricultural resources: (1) heavy equipment will access the well locations using existing access routes across fields and existing pond levees; (2) there will be no on-site refueling of equipment, and spill kits will be present on the equipment; (3) work will occur only during dry weather conditions to minimize ground disturbance and the potential for sediment-laden runoff to enter coastal waters; (4) no major vegetation removal will occur; (5) straw mulch will be used on disturbed areas for erosion control; (6) no hazardous wastes will be stored onsite; and (7) any construction-related debris and excess material will be removed from the site and disposed of properly. Therefore, the proposed development will not adversely impact coastal resources, public access, or public recreation opportunities, and is consistent with the Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act.

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