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

*for the  
September 2016 Meeting of the California Coastal Commission*

**Date:** August 31, 2016  
**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 September 2016 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>
1-16-0761-W Paul and Kristen Decker	Removal of one hazardous fir tree with existing tree decay.	3058 Patricks Point Drive, Trinidad area, Humboldt County (APN(s): 517-271-08)

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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:** 1-16-0761-W

**Applicant:** Paul and Kristen Decker

**Location:** 3058 Patricks Point Drive, Trinidad area, Humboldt County (APN: 517-271-08)

**Proposed Development:** Removal of one approximately 130-foot-tall Douglas fir tree with existing tree decay.

**Rationale:** The tree proposed for removal is hazardous due to trunk decay, susceptibility to windfall, and proximity to existing structures, as documented by a Certified Arborist who inspected the tree. The toppling of the tree could severely damage life and property associated with residential development, including a nearby carport and existing single family residences. The tree does not constitute environmentally sensitive habitat and will be removed outside of the bird breeding and nesting seasons to avoid adverse impacts to any nesting habitat that may be present. The tree does not screen development on the subject property from public views and is not visible from the first public road parallel to the sea, Patricks Point Drive, or any other public vantage points. The proposed tree removal will have no significant impact on visual resources. The tree stump will be left in the ground to avoid contributing to geologic instability and soil erosion. 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.

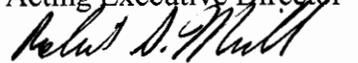
**This waiver will not become effective until reported to the Commission at their September 2016 meeting and the site of the proposed development has been appropriately noticed, pursuant to 13054(b) of the California Code of Regulations.** The Notice of Pending Permit shall remain posted at the site until the waiver has been validated and no less than seven days prior to the

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Commission hearing. If four (4) Commissioners object to this waiver of permit requirements, a coastal development permit will be required.

Sincerely,

John Ainsworth  
Acting Executive Director

  
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