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## NORTH COAST DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*For the  
January 2017 Meeting of the California Coastal Commission*

January 06, 2017

**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 January 2017 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.

**EMERGENCY PERMIT WAIVER**

The Executive Director has determined that the following developments do not require a coastal development permit pursuant to Section 30611 of the California Coastal Act of 1976.

Applicant	Project Description	Project Location
<p><b>G-1-17-0001-W</b>                      Betty Kwan Chinn                      Homeless Foundation,                      Attn: Betty Kwan Chinn                      and                      City of Eureka,                      Attn: Greg Sparks,                      City Manager</p>	<p>Relocate and operate a temporary encampment for homeless individuals consisting of multiple shipping cargo containers, each converted into four separate housing units for double occupancy within a fenced area with lighting, bathroom facilities, and supportive services, including food.</p>	<p>City of Eureka parking lot along the south side of Washington Street approximately 200 feet east of Koster Street, Eureka (Humboldt County) (APN(s): 003-121-18)</p>



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December 2, 2016

VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Bob Merrill, District Manager North Coast  
California Coastal Commission  
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RE: City of Eureka and Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation – Follow-Up to Application for  
Emergency Permit Waiver

Dear Mr. Merrill:

On October 19, 2016, the City of Eureka requested the issuance of an emergency permit waiver pursuant to the Coastal Act Section 30611 for the operation of a shelter to be located at Washington and Koster Streets. The Shelter had previously been operating at a site located at 3rd and Commercial within the City of Eureka pursuant to an emergency permit waiver under Section 30611.

The Shelter at 3rd and Commercial was slated to operate for a period not to exceed six (6) months from May 2, 2016 through November 1, 2016. Transitional and supportive services, including food, have been administered during this time period and overseen by the Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation and in cooperation with existing City and County agencies.

The Shelter operated by the Foundation has been highly successful with a total of 101 individuals residing at the Shelter, for lengths of 90 days each, since May 2 (99 of which came from the Palco Marsh). Those numbers include 39 individuals who have found permanent housing and 40 individuals who have found employment.

The City, per Council direction and as indicated in its correspondence of October 19, 2016 has relocated the Shelter and the many services that are provided to those in need. The City has provided space at the parking lot located at Washington and Koster Streets in Eureka. The site has been enclosed with fencing on all four sides and is closely monitored and operated by the Foundation. A separate Operating and Funding Agreement has been entered into between the City and the Foundation. A copy of that Agreement is enclosed. The site is asphalt and is used by the City as a public parking lot. It has no coastal resources.

Since the relocation of the Shelter, it has welcomed 22 new residents. All of the new residents used to live in the Palco Marsh or in the temporary sleeping sites set up by the City. Ms. Chinn has indicated



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that "On their first morning at the shelter the individuals expressed feeling safe and eager to make plans to improve their lives." The Shelter has unquestionably reduced the impacts to the physical environment and resources resulting from camping and lodging activities within the City, especially in the coastal areas such as the Palco Marsh area behind the Bayshore Mall.

In addition, the Shelter has provided a place for those individuals camping in the Palco Marsh area who were removed on May 2, 2016 due to the construction of the City's new trail system and sleeping at the sites provided by the City (and now closed) and has connected them with services, including housing and employment.

If you have any questions related to the Shelter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Betty Kwan Chinn  
Founder

Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation City of Eureka

Sincerely,

Greg L. Sparks  
City Manager

cc: City Attorney, Cyndy Day-Wilson