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NORTH COAST DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

For the

February 2017 Meeting of the California Coastal Commission

Date: February 03, 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 February 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.

REGULAR WAIVERS

The Executive Director has determined that the following developments do not require a coastal development permit pursuant to Section 13250(c), Section 13252(e) and/or Section 13253(c) of the California Code of Regulations.

Applicant	Project Description	Project Location
1-17-0131-W Humboldt County Public Works, Attn: Robert Vogt	Maintenance of existing public beach access parking lots at two locations by removing, using a loader or backhoe, wind-blown sand that has encroached onto paved parking areas and transporting the material to a site outside of the coastal zone for beneficial reuse (Baywood Golf and Country Club).	APN(s): 401-121-01, 506-341-15

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.

Applicant	Project Description	Project Location
1-17-0022-W Attn: Patrick Kelly	Drilling a domestic well and installing associated well casing, pump, pressure tank, and plumbing. No grading is proposed.	480 Cannibal Rd, Loleta, CA 95551 (APN(s): 309-191-07)
1-17-0127-W California Department of Transportation, Attn: Tamara Dart	Remove invasive plant species in an approximately 1,600-square-foot area in and around a willow thicket adjacent to a highway onramp. Invasive species to be removed include Himalayan blackberry, pampas grass, French broom, ivy, fennel and other species.	West of Highway 101 Southbound onramp at Herrick Avenue.

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Coastal Development Permit Waiver Improvements to Existing Single-Family Residences or Structures Coastal Act Sections 30610(a) and (b)

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 13250(c), Section 13252(e), or Section 13253(c), 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: 1-17-0131-W

Applicant: Humboldt County Department of Public Works, Attn: Robert Vogt

Location: Two public beach access County parking lots: (1) New Navy Base Road at Fairhaven ("Fairhaven T" APN 401-121-01) and (2) Mad River County Park (APN 506-341-15).

Proposed Development: Maintenance, for a period of five years (through December 31, 2021), of existing public beach access parking lots at two locations by removing, using heavy equipment such as loader and backhoe, wind-blown sand that has encroached onto paved parking areas. Initially, approximately 1,000 cubic yards of material will be removed from the beach parking area at Mad River County Park, including material that has built up around the rock barriers along the western edge of the parking lot, and approximately 100 cubic yards of material will be removed from the Fairhaven T parking area. After the initial sand removal, sand will be removed on an approximately monthly basis during the spring and summer months (when the sand is dryer and easier to transport), as needed. The County estimates that approximately 80-200 cubic yards of material will be removed monthly during spring and summer months from Mad River beach and approximately 40-80 cubic yards of material will be removed monthly during spring and summer months from Fairhaven. The amount of sand accumulated in parking areas varies depending on weather, variation in wind velocity and direction, and other factors. All material that is removed will be transported to a site outside of the coastal zone for beneficial reuse (Baywood Golf and Country Club).

Rationale: The proposed repair and maintenance work will occur entirely within existing paved or graveled public beach access parking areas and will not enlarge or expand the size of either of the parking areas. The proposed project requires a coastal development permit because it involves the use of mechanized equipment and the removal of sand within 50 feet of environmentally sensitive dune and riparian habitats. The proposed development will result in continued access to the public

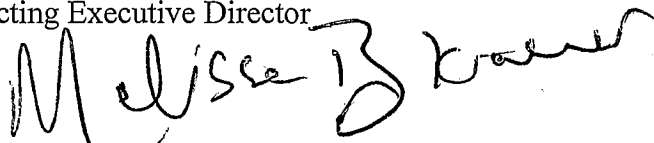
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beaches and is consistent with all applicable polies of the Coastal Act. No impacts to coastal resources are expected to result from this project.

This waiver will not become effective until reported to the Commission at its February 8, 2016 meeting. If three (3) Commissioners object to this waiver of permit requirements, a coastal development permit will be required.

Sincerely,

John Ainsworth
Acting Executive Director



Melissa Kraemer
Supervising Analyst

cc: Commissioners/File

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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: 1-17-0022-W

Applicant: Patrick Kelly

Location: 480 Cannibal Rd., Loleta, Humboldt County (APN: 309-191-07)

Proposed Development: Drilling a domestic well and installing associated well casing, pump, pressure tank, and plumbing. No grading is proposed.

Rationale: The proposed new well will serve an existing approximately 0.5-acre rural residential property that currently is developed with a single family residence (constructed in 1894), but which lacks water. Water previously had been provided to the residence by a well located on an adjacent property under separate ownership under a water service arrangement that is no longer available. The new well will be located in an upland lawn area dominated by nonnative grasses and herbs adjacent to an existing property fence. A wetland assessment completed for the project by a qualified biologist verified that the proposed well development will not affect wetlands. No grading is proposed, and excess spoils will be minimal and spread in the adjacent upland. The well will be setback a sufficient distance from the existing septic tank per County Environmental Health standards. The proposed well will not result in any visual changes to the scenic nature of the area. The proposed development will not adversely impact coastal resources, public access, or public recreation opportunities 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 February 8, 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 Commission hearing. If four (4) Commissioners object to this waiver of permit requirements, a coastal development permit will be required.

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Sincerely,

John Ainsworth
Acting Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa B. Kraemer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Melissa B. Kraemer
Supervising Analyst

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Waiver: 1-17-0127-W

Applicant: California Department of Transportation, Attn: Tamara Dart

Location: Directly west of the Highway 101 southbound onramp at Herrick Avenue.

Proposed Development: Remove invasive plant species in an approximately 1,600-square-foot area in and around a willow thicket adjacent to a highway onramp. Invasive species to be removed include Himalayan blackberry, pampas grass, French broom, ivy, fennel, and other species.

Rationale: The subject willow patch is the only riparian habitat between the highway interchange at Herrick Avenue and a large swath of tidal saltmarsh associated with the mouth of the Elk River to the west of the highway. While the willow overstory is healthy and mature, the understory is overrun by invasive species and solid and human waste from a human encampment. Caltrans proposes to remove the waste and nonnative vegetation on a periodic basis to minimize invasive species and discourage use as an encampment. Vegetation removal will be confined to non-native vegetation with potential minor incidental trimming of branches of native willows and coyote bush in the understory in the minimum amount necessary to access the nonnatives. All work in the riparian habitat will be performed with hand tools only, and a biologist will be on-site during removal to identify and prevent impacts to native species. Vegetation removal will occur outside of the bird-nesting season, or a qualified biologist will survey for the presence of active nesting habitat prior to commencement of vegetation maintenance activities, and bird nests located in areas of potential impact shall be avoided. 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 February 2017 meeting in Newport Beach and the site of the proposed development has been appropriately


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Acting Executive Director


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Coastal Program Analyst