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Prepared April 06, 2018 (for the April 11, 2018 Hearing)

To: Commissioners and Interested Parties
From: Alison Dettmer, North Coast District Deputy Director
Subject: North Coast District Deputy Director's Report for April 2018

The following coastal development permit (CDP) waivers, immaterial CDP amendments, CDP extensions, and emergency CDPs for the North Coast District Office are being reported to the Commission on April 11, 2018. Pursuant to the Commission's procedures, each item has been appropriately noticed as required, and each item is also available for review at the Commission's North Coast District Office in Arcata. Staff is asking for the Commission's concurrence on the items in the North Coast District Deputy Director's report, and will report any objections received and any other relevant information on these items to the Commission when it considers the report on April 11th.

With respect to the April 11th hearing, interested persons may sign up to address the Commission on items contained in this report prior to the Commission's consideration of this report. The Commission can overturn staff's noticed determinations for some categories of items subject to certain criteria in each case (see individual notices for specific requirements).

Items being reported on April 11, 2018 (see attached)

Waivers

- 1-18-0149-W, Caltrans - Geotech Borings Indianola (Indianola Cutoff US 101 South (Humboldt County))

Immaterial Amendments

- 1-10-002-A1, Del Norte Veterans Monument (Within Beach Front Park Near The Intersection Of Southbound U.S. 101 and Front Street, Crescent City (Del Norte County))

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April 6, 2018

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: 1-18-0149-W

Applicant: California Department of Transportation District 1 – Attn: Jason Meyer

Location: Within the Caltrans right-of-way of the Highway 101 Corridor along Humboldt Bay around Post Mile 82.7 near Indianola, Humboldt County, CA

Proposed Development: Conduct subsurface geotechnical investigation for a future highway interchange at 26 spot locations within the paved roadway and graveled roadway shoulder areas using Cone Penetration Test (CPT) exploration (18 spots) and mud-rotary boring explorations (8 spots). The exploratory work will take approximately three weeks to complete, and work will be conducted during the dry season (April-June).

Rationale: The project involves no filling of wetlands and no vegetation removal. Noise impacts will not be significant, as sound levels 25 feet away are expected to be less than 80 dB and will be short-term. CPT, unlike conventional drilling, does not generate spoils or require drilling fluid. The 1.4-inch diameter holes generated by the CPT soundings will be backfilled using neat cement grout in compliance with County Environmental Health requirements. Excess spoils and mud from the mud-rotary explorations will be contained within 55-gallon steel drums that will be disposed of at an appropriate landfill disposal site. The drilling poses no potential risks to water quality. The drilling fluid will be fully contained and recirculated, and continually monitored for leaks. BMPs for runoff control and spill control and containment will be implemented. Mud-rotary borings will be backfilled in accordance with Humboldt County Environmental Health requirements. For some spots, equipment may be staged within roadside seasonal wetlands during the dry season, when wetland disturbance and the potential for soil compaction will be minimized. In addition, temporary mats will be used for any staging off the roadway to minimize ground disturbance. Finally, equipment will be removed from the work site each day and stored at an established Caltrans maintenance yard in the corridor. Therefore, 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 all applicable Chapter Three policies of the Coastal Act.

Coastal Development Permit De Minimis Waiver

1-18-0149-W

This waiver will not become effective until reported to the Commission at its April 2018 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.

Sincerely,

John Ainsworth
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa B. Kraemer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Melissa B. Kraemer
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED IMMATERIAL PERMIT AMENDMENT

Coastal Development Permit Amendment No. **1-10-002-A1**

March 28, 2018

To: All Interested Parties

From: John Ainsworth, Executive Director

Subject: Permit No. **1-10-002** granted to Del Norte Veterans Memorial Monument Committee/
Harlan Ziegler for: Erection of a public monument to honor area military veterans.

Project Site: Beach Front Park near the Intersection of Southbound U.S. 101 and Front Street,
Crescent City, Del Norte County (APN 118-020-031)

The Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission has reviewed a proposed amendment to the above referenced permit, which would result in the following change(s):

Modify the design of the previously-approved monument to replace the singular 17.75-foot-tall structure with 5 smaller, individual solid granite obelisks (24-inch square, 7-foot-tall each).

FINDINGS

Pursuant to 14 Cal. Admin. Code Section 13166(b) this amendment is considered to be IMMATERIAL and the permit will be amended accordingly if no written objections are received within ten working days of the date of this notice. If an objection is received, the amendment must be reported to the Commission at the next regularly scheduled Commission hearing. This amendment has been considered "immaterial" for the following reason(s):

The applicant seeks to reduce the overall size and visual scale of the Veterans' Memorial Monument. The height of the previously-approved monument would have partially obstructed a portion of coastal views from the adjoining street and highway frontages, whereas the proposed modification would project no more than 7 feet above the finished grade and would reduce view blockage. The monument design will not expand or enlarge the size of the previously-approved structure, as all modifications would occur within the footprint of the previously-approved foundation for the monument "plaza." The proposed amendment will not modify any of the previously-approved lighting or landscaping that are designed to ensure compatibility of the development with the nearby Elk Creek watercourse.

The applicant has submitted structural plans and supplemental information approved by a State of California registered engineer demonstrating that the design of the footings and

Notice of Proposed Immaterial Permit Amendment

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attachment of the solid granite obelisks can withstand hydrodynamic forces from storm surge during coastal flooding events. Therefore, the monument design modifications will minimize risk to life and property from hazards, and assure stability and structural integrity, and neither create nor contribute significantly to erosion, geologic instability, or destruction of the site or surrounding area.

Special Condition 1 of CDP No. 1-10-002 required that construction of the monument occur in substantial conformance with the approved monument plan, as represented in Exhibit 4 of the Commission's adopted findings for approval of CDP No. 1-10-002. Special Condition 1 is being amended to include reference to the revised plans that incorporate the new monument design.

Special Condition 2 of CDP No. 1-10-002 required that final project plans be submitted for the review and approval of the Executive Director prior to issuance of the coastal development permit and that the permittee undertake development in accordance with the approved final plans. Special Condition 2 is being amended to require development in accordance with the approved final plans as modified by the plans submitted for this amendment. All other conditions of the permit will remain in full force and effect.

As the amended development does not have a potential for adverse impacts, either individually or cumulatively on coastal resources or public access, the Executive Director has determined that the proposed amendment is immaterial.

See Attachment A for the proposed changes to the above condition.

If you have any questions about the proposal or wish to register an objection, please contact Tamara Gedik at the phone number provided above.

Attachment A: Amendments to Special Condition 1

cc: Commissioners/File

Attachment A

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CDP No. 1-10-002-A1

Text to be deleted is shown in ~~strikethrough~~, and text to be added appears in **bold underline**.

1. **Development in Accordance with Approved Monument Plans.** The permittee shall ensure that all construction is performed in substantial conformance with the proposed "Point of Honor" monument project, ~~attached hereto as Exhibit 4,~~ **as depicted on the approved plans that include: Sheet T1 ("Title Sheet/Project Data") dated April 17, 2012; Sheet T2 ("General Notes") dated April 17, 2012; Sheet C1 ("Plot Plan/Notes," undated); Sheet A1 ("Site Plan/Floor Plan") dated March 13, 2012; Sheet A2 ("Foundation Plan/Electrical Plan and Floor Plan") dated March 14, 2012, and Sheet L1 ("Landscape Plan") dated June 5, 2014; and as modified by Sheet C0-0 pages 1-3 ("Cover-Vicinity Map," "Site Layout & Grades," and "Electrical & Details" dated January 12, 2018,** ~~as modified by the special conditions.~~ The Executive Director may approve minor changes to the approved monument plan that are *de minimis* in nature and scope and are not inconsistent with the special conditions of this permit. Such minor changes may require an immaterial amendment approved by the Executive Director, unless the Executive Director determines no amendment is legally required. No other changes to the approved monument plan shall occur without a Commission approved material amendment to this coastal development permit.

2. **Revised Final Project Plans.** A. PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF THE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, the Permittee shall submit two full size sets of drawn-to-scale Final Project Plans to the Executive Director for review and approval. The Revised Final Project Plans shall be substantially in conformance with the preliminary project plans (**Exhibit 4**) except that they shall be revised and supplemented to comply with the following requirements:
...
B. The permittee shall undertake development in accordance with the approved final plans **as modified by the plans approved pursuant to Amendment No. 1-10-002-A1 and listed in Special Condition 1.** Any proposed changes to the approved final plans shall be reported to the Executive Director. No changes to the approved final plans shall occur without a Commission amendment to this coastal development permit, unless the Executive Director determines that no amendment is legally required.