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Eureka Floating Dock
CDP 1-20-0261

Mr. Bob Merrill,
District Manager
California Coastal Commission
1385 8th Street #130
Arcata, CA 95521

Dear Mr. Merrill:

Thank you for giving Caltrans the opportunity to review and comment on the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the proposed Eureka Floating Dock Project. The project description states that the existing public boat launch facility will be improved by replacing a portion of an existing floating dock and installing a second floating dock, demolishing and replacing an existing public restroom building with associated utility connections and boat storage, installing ADA-compliant pedestrian pathways connecting the public boat launch facility to Waterfront Drive and the California Coastal Trail, resurfacing and restriping the existing parking lot, and replacing signage. The project is located beneath the State Route (SR) 255 bridge in the City of Eureka. We have the following comments:

The CDP discussion titled "Other Agency Approvals" does not include Caltrans despite the area beneath the State Route 255 bridge subject to an air space lease. While we have not yet received a copy of the airspace lease language, Caltrans typically owns right of way beneath State highway structures but allows the space to be utilized for parking or other purposes. We anticipate that much of the work proposed to take place beneath the structure will be subject to an encroachment permit from Caltrans. We request that the CDP be conditioned to obtain an encroachment permit or other approvals as necessary prior to commencing work. Please refer to Chapter 500.3 (Airspace Development) of the Caltrans Encroachment Permits Manual for more information: <<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/traffic-operations/documents/f0017807-chapter-5-a11y.pdf>>.

The Caltrans Office of Structures Maintenance and Investigations in Sacramento may need to review the proposed work to ensure that any excavation, trenching, or pile driving does not impact SR 255 bridge footings or other State facilities.

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Any work within Caltrans right of way will require an approved encroachment permit. Encroachment permit applications are reviewed for consistency with State standards and are subject to Department approval. To streamline the permit application and review process, we require the applicant to consult with our Permit staff prior to submitting an application. Requests for permit applications can be sent to: Caltrans District 1 Permits Office, P.O. Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95502-3700, or requested by phone at (707) 498-5684. For additional information, the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Manual and Standard Application is available online at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep>.

Please contact me with questions or for further assistance with the comments above at (707) 684-6879, or by email at: <jesse.robertson@dot.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: State Route 255 Right-of-Way map

c: Heidi Quintrell, Chief, Caltrans District 1 Encroachment Permits