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CDP 1-21-0770 (Trinidad Rancheria)

NOVEMBER 18, 2022

CORRESPONDENCE

Trinidad Rancheria Stormwater Project - App# 1-21-0770

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Tue 11/8/2022 3:09 PM

To: NorthCoast@Coastal <NorthCoast@coastal.ca.gov>

Humboldt Alliance for Responsible Planning,

PO Box 361,
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Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.

California Coastal Commission,
North Coast District Office,
1385 8th St., Suite 130,
Arcata, CA 95521

Re: November 18, 2022 Coastal Commission Meeting,
Agenda Item F9a; Application # 1-21-0770 – Upgrade to Trinidad Harbor Parking Lot.

Dear Commissioners and staff:

The Humboldt Alliance for Responsible Planning was formed in 2019 to inform the local community about proposed developments that might affect the character and nature of the community, to provide opportunity for input from residents and others, and to ensure that ~~local~~ developments are compatible with natural landscapes and our communities' character.

We have received notice of the proposed stormwater drainage project at the Trinidad Harbor by the Trinidad Rancheria. Having reviewed the staff report and project description, we believe that this project will be a benefit to the Trinidad Rancheria, the City of Trinidad, coastal resources, and the general public. We support the recommendations in the staff report and encourage the Coastal Commission to approve this project.

Sincerely,
HARP Steering Committee:

Don Allan,
Richard Johnson,
David Hankin,
Ted Pease,
Bryce Kenny,
Ken Miller

**Public Comment on November 2022 Agenda Item Friday 9a - Application No. 1-21-0770
(Trinidad Rancheria, Trinidad)**

Stanley Binnie <sbinnie1@icloud.com>

Fri 11/11/2022 4:46 PM

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Dear Coastal Commissioners,

I have not had a chance to thoroughly read through the above staff report, but from what I did read, I am pleased to see that the project involves the removal of the unsightly and inappropriately placed concrete chunks along Launcher Beach. These chunks of concrete take away from the character of the Trinidad Harbor area. Also, as someone who would frequently pick up trash in the parking lots and beach areas of the Trinidad Harbor, I can attest that the rocks often became a depository for garbage that either washed up on shore or were just used as a trash can of sorts. I am hoping that the installation of the natural rock wall will make it easier to clean up any trash that washes up into those areas.

I am also pleased to see that asphalt will be replaced by pervious, surfaces. For too long, I have felt that the Trinidad Harbor was unnecessarily paved over, once again taking away from the natural surroundings. Any time we can rid our beach areas of asphalt is a positive move.

I am also pleased that native plants are to be planted in the project area. Once again, I am hopeful that Coastal Commission staff will insure that this is actually done, as I have seen too many CDP projects approved in Humboldt County in which the conditions of permits involving the planting of native plants are not met.

I do not know if non-native plant removal is a part of this project, but I am hoping that there could be some efforts to remove the Pampas grass that has become very invasive in the project area.

I approve this project as conditioned, as it will improve the health of the ocean and marine life and bring back a more natural, pleasing look to Trinidad Harbor.

P.S. I am also hoping, at some point in the future, the light pollution from the Trinidad pier can be addressed. Arcata staff can explain the problem with the approval of the lighting plans for the permit that covered the reconstruction of the pier back in 2012. The pier lighting was not supposed to leave the immediate dock area, but light pollution from the pier can be seen along Scenic Drive, down to Clam Beach and to the McKinleyville Scenic Overlook.

Sincerely, Kimberly Tays
Arcata, CA

Sent from my iPad