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Sent via email

Re: Comments on Revised Staff Report, Sequoia Forest Products LLC, Application No. 1-23-0136; Agenda item w12b-9-2023

Dear Ms. Garcia,

I am writing on behalf of Humboldt Baykeeper, which works to safeguard coastal resources for the health, enjoyment, and economic strength of the Humboldt Bay community through education, scientific research, and enforcement of laws to fight pollution.

These comments are in response to the revised Staff Report for Sequoia Forest Products' CDP dated August 17, 2023. We support the revisions to Special Condition 5 that were added in response to July 28, 2023 comments submitted on our behalf by our consultant (Matt Hagemann, P.G., C.Hg). Revised Special Condition 5 now requires provisions for conducting five-point composite confirmation soil and sediment sampling from the walls and the floor of the area planned for the OWTS to evaluate contaminant concentrations in the area, including dioxins and furans. It also requires evaluation of constituents of concern using the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board environmental screening levels (ESLs). Using these ESLs will ensure that Humboldt Bay aquatic life will be protected from remobilizing dioxins, PCBs, and other harmful pollutants that may be present on the site from past uses, since the OWTS will be in contact with groundwater that may be tidally connected to Humboldt Bay.

Thank you for incorporating our recommendations to protect our coastal resources.

Sincerely,

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