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MEMORANDUM

DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2025

TO: HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: LIAM CROWLEY, PLANNER II

SUBJECT: LCP_2025-0003 CONSOLIDATED COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REQUEST FOR CALTRANS TO IMPLEMENT A CULVERT REPLACEMENT AND FISH PASSAGE PROJECT (EA 001-0K680) ALONG STATE ROUTE 128 IN MENDOCINO COUNTY.

SUMMARY OF PROJECT

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requests the processing of a Consolidated Coastal Development Permit to implement a culvert replacement and fish passage project (EA 001-0K680) along State Route 128. According to Caltrans, the project is needed to repair deteriorating drainage systems to prevent erosion and potential roadway embankment failures. Work would occur at one hundred three (103) locations throughout the entire portion of State Route 128 in Mendocino County. Fourteen (14) of the work locations are within the Coastal Zone, between Post Mile (PM) 0.04 and 2.59. Three (3) of the work locations are within the jurisdiction of the Coastal Commission. Within the Coastal Zone, the work would primarily consist of culvert replacements using the "cut and cover" method. At one location, an existing culvert would be replaced with a bridge to improve fish passage, but this location is outside of the Coastal Zone. More information about the project can be found in the attached Summary of Proposed Work and here: <https://ceganet.lci.ca.gov/2024110567>.

The project area includes lands within the jurisdiction of both the County of Mendocino and the California Coastal Commission. California Public Resources Code Section 30601.3 allows the processing of a Consolidated Coastal Development Permit when the local government and Coastal Commission both consent to the consolidation, provided public participation is not substantially impaired. In this case, the processing of a Consolidated Coastal Development Permit would eventually require that the Coastal Commission hold a public hearing, which would afford the same degree of public participation as the Coastal Development Permit hearing procedures in Mendocino County. Both the Coastal Commission and the County offer in-person and virtual participation options for public hearings.

The consolidation requested by Caltrans would allow for streamlined processing of this project. The alternative would be the processing of multiple Coastal Development Permits by multiple jurisdictions, which would not allow analysis of the project as a whole. By authorizing the consolidation, the Board would allow the California Coastal Commission to process a Coastal Development Permit for the entirety of the project. Otherwise, a separate Coastal Development would be processed by both the California Coastal Commission and the County for the improvements within each jurisdiction.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution authorizing the processing of a Consolidated Coastal Development Permit, LCP_2025-0003 (Caltrans), by the California Coastal Commission, for Caltrans to implement a culvert replacement and fish passage project (EA 001-0K680) along State Route 128.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Consolidation Request Letter
- 2) Summary of Proposed Work
- 3) Vicinity Map
- 4) Plans
- 5) Jurisdictional Determination