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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
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RE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN ADDENDUM TO THE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, IN COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT REQUIREMENTS, FOR SOUTH COAST LANDFILL FINAL CLOSURE/POST-CLOSURE MAINTENANCE PLAN (GUALALA AREA)

Honorable Board Members:

Mendocino County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is preparing for the final closure of South Coast Landfill (SCLF). Closure of SCLF will be performed in accordance with the Final Closure/Post-Closure Maintenance Plan and the applicable regulatory standards prescribed in the California Code of Regulations Title 27 and Code of Federal Regulations Title 40.

An Initial Study was performed and it was determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment with the implementation of mitigation measures, which supported the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). On August 27, 2013, following a circulation and public review period, the Board held a public hearing as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Following that hearing, the Board, by Resolution Number 13-088, adopted the MND.

The original project that was the subject of the previously adopted Initial Study and MND involved placing a two foot-thick foundation layer above existing interim cover soils, followed by a 60-mil linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE) Super Grip Net geomembrane, a separator geotextile layer and a two foot-thick vegetative soil layer. Subsequent to the adoption of the MND, the County found that a viable source of cover soil was not available. A minor change in design is proposed to accommodate the lack of a readily available soil source, which includes using a closure turf geotextile with sand infill ballast in lieu of the two foot-thick vegetative soil layer and separator geotextile layer.

According to Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines, an addendum to a previously adopted MND is the appropriate environmental document in instances when only minor technical changes or

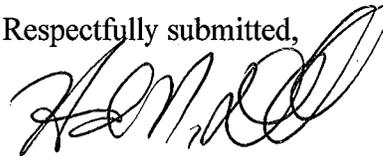
additions are necessary and when the new information does not involve new significant environmental effects beyond those identified in an adopted MND. The proposed revision to the design would have no new significant environmental effects beyond those identified in the previously adopted MND. As such, the addendum is the appropriate environmental document under CEQA. The addendum prepared by MCDOT is attached to this letter.

Therefore, MCDOT requests and recommends the Board adopt the Resolution approving and adopting the addendum to the previously adopted MND, in compliance with CEQA requirements, for South Coast Landfill Final Closure/Post-Closure Maintenance Plan.

MCDOT staff has prepared a draft Resolution for the Board's review and adoption.

I will, of course, respond to any questions that you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. N. Dashiell", written in a cursive style.

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Director of Transportation