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MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2024

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: JULIA KROG, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

SUBJECT: LCP_2023-0003 CONSOLIDATED COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REQUEST FOR THE NATURE CONSERVANCY TO RESTORE AND ENHANCE RIVERINE HABITAT FOR JUVENILE AND ADULT SALMONIDS ALONG THE SOUTH FORK TEN MILE RIVER LOCATED IN THE CLEONE AREA

SUMMARY OF PROJECT

The Nature Conservancy (applicant) is working to increase riverine capacity for Coho Salmon through a variety of improvements to the South Fork of the Ten Mile River. The applicant has requested a consolidated permit to process all improvements under one permit, expediting the review process. The proposed work of this project is the next Phase in South Fork Ten Mile River restoration efforts by The Nature Conservancy; previous Phases of the project were consolidated with the California Coastal Commission through this process in 2017 and 2020.

The proposed improvements include both in-channel and off-channel habitat element restoration such as wood structures, numerous alcove constructions, wetland improvement, and bioengineered channels between the various habitats. Mapping from the California Coastal Commission has confirmed that marine portions of the project are under California Coastal Commission jurisdiction while terrestrial portions are in Mendocino County jurisdiction. The attached project plans show the exact location of proposed improvements. Each proposed improvement is considered development as defined in Mendocino County Code (MCC) Section 20.308.035, and therefore the improvements in each jurisdiction would require a Coastal Development Permit, as provided in MCC Section 20.532.010.

The proposed consolidation request by the Nature Conservancy 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 proposed improvements to the South Fork Ten Mile River. Otherwise, a separate Coastal Development would be processed by both the California Coastal Commission and the County for the improvements within each jurisdiction. However, at the request of the applicants, the Nature Conservancy, a resolution is being sought which would consolidate the permit review under the Coastal Commission for this specific project only, and streamline the permit process.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution to allow the California Coastal Commission to process a consolidated Coastal Development Permit for the Nature Conservancy to increase riverine capacity for Coho Salmon in the South Fork of the Ten Mile River.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) The Nature Conservancy Consolidation Request, dated May 8, 2017.
- 2) Project Application and Description
- 3) Project Plans