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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1090
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RE: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION INCLUDING ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTING AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRASH CAPTURE DEVICES ON STORM DRAINS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE GREATER UKIAH AREA (COUNTY WIDE)

Honorable Board of Supervisors:

On June 1, 2017, the State Water Board Executive Director issued Water Code Section 13383 Order letters (Orders) requiring Phase II Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permittees to submit a method to comply with the new statewide Trash Provisions. The Order required permittees to select from two compliance methods or “Tracks” and to develop a jurisdictional map identifying Priority Land Use areas, the corresponding storm drain network and associated drainage areas, and proposed locations for certified Full Capture System installations.

On August 21, 2017, the County notified the State Water Board that the County will comply with the Order by implementing Track 1. By selecting Track 1, the County must install, operate, and maintain Full Capture Systems for the storm drain network that capture runoff from the Priority Land Use areas in the MS4 jurisdictional area. In December 2018, the County submitted final jurisdictional maps to the State Water Board as required.

DOT Agreement No. 220006 with Schaaf & Wheeler provides for completion of the design and construction support of the remaining trash capture devices required in the MS4 jurisdictional area around Ukiah.

Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, an Initial Study (IS) has been completed for this project. The study supports the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). CEQA further requires that the lead agency hold a public hearing to determine whether the environmental impacts identified for the project can be adequately

mitigated so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result. If so, the Board can then adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

No public comments on the IS/MND for this project were received during the public review period (March 14, 2024, through April 12, 2024).

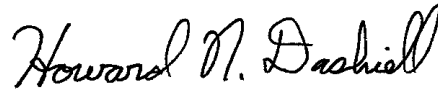
The Department of Transportation maintains, based on the Initial Study, it is appropriate for the Board to adopt the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project. The draft report is available for review at the following website: <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/transportation/environmental-documents>.

Based on the foregoing considerations, I recommend and request adoption of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, and that the Director of Transportation be given authorization and direction to file the applicable Notice of Determination.

A draft Resolution for adoption of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and related documents are enclosed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Howard N. Dashiell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

HOWARD N. DASHIELL
Director of Transportation

Enclosures

cc: DOT Project File MS4TRASH