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MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: ROBERT LAPORTE, PLANNING TECHNICIAN II

SUBJECT: CDP_2016-0026 (CALTRANS ALBION BRIDGE) CONSOLIDATED COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

The California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) is requesting a consolidated Coastal Development Permit to authorize geotechnical drilling at the Albion River Bridge of State Route 1. The geotechnical drilling will occur adjacent to the existing Albion River Bridge and on both sides of the Albion River. The project is necessary for bridge foundation design for the proposed bridge replacement project. The project area is located on parcels with split jurisdiction between the County of Mendocino and the California Coastal Commission.

Since 2007, coastal project proponents on sites within the jurisdiction of both the Coastal Commission and a Local Coastal Program can request that permit review be consolidated with the California Coastal Commission. Prior to 2007, an applicant would first garner approval from the County's Local Coastal Program and then apply to the Coastal Commission for their separate approval. Permit consolidation is limited to coastal development permits.

Coastal Development Permit Consolidation may proceed when public participation is not substantially impaired by the consolidation, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 30601.3, which was added by SB 1843. Public participation will not be substantially impaired, as the Coastal Commission will hold a public hearing.

The proposed consolidation request by Caltrans would allow for streamlined processing of the geotechnical drilling phase of the project in one permit. The alternative would be the processing of separate Coastal Development Permits by the County and the California Coastal Commission, which could impede 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 application to conduct geotechnical drilling at the Albion River Bridge on State Route 1. At the request of the applicant, CalTrans, a resolution is requested from the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, which would consolidate the permit authority with the California Coastal Commission for this specific project only and streamline the permit process.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution authorizing the California Coastal Commission to process a consolidated Coastal Development Permit for the portions of the geotechnical drilling project located in the jurisdiction of the County of Mendocino.

Attachments:

- A. CalTrans Consolidation Request, dated June 17, 2016