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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 3, 2017

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Julia Acker, Senior Planner

Subject: CDP_2017-0025 The Nature Conservancy, Various Improvements to the South Fork of the Ten Mile River to increase winter survival and rearing capacity for Coho Salmon

The Nature Conservancy (applicant) is working to increase winter survival and rearing 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 improvements include a single off channel pond, a split flow side channel to maintain pond inlet accessibility, and two engineered log jams. Mapping from the California Coastal Commission has confirmed that the engineered log jams are under California Coastal Commission jurisdiction while the off channel pond and split flow channel 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 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 winter survival and rearing capacity for Coho Salmon in the South Fork of the Ten Mile River.

Attachments:

- 1) Board of Supervisors' Resolution
- 2) TNC BOS Memo
- 3) The Nature Conservancy Consolidation Request, dated May 8, 2017
- 4) Location Map
- 5) Project Plans Submitted by The Nature Conservancy