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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010
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RE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROCESSING OF A CONSOLIDATED COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT BY THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION FOR THE MENDOCINO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION USAL CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON USAL ROAD, COUNTY ROAD 431, MILEPOST 5.93 (ROCKPORT AREA)

Honorable Board Members:

Mendocino County Department of Transportation (DOT) requests that the Board of Supervisors agree to consolidate the County's Coastal Development Permit (CDP) with the California Coastal Commission's CDP to allow the Commission to issue one permit for the entire Usal Creek Bridge Replacement Project on Usal Road. Permit consolidation is a tool the County has used to facilitate and streamline CDP review on similar projects that straddle the County/State coastal zone jurisdiction boundary.

This County project proposes to replace the structurally deficient Usal Creek Bridge on Usal Road (Number 10C-0139) with a new bridge over Usal Creek. The bridge replacement is 100% funded through the Federal Highway Bridge Program funding portion of 88.53% combined with the local match portion of 11.47% being provided through the Toll Credits Program. The existing single lane bridge will be replaced with a new single lane bridge designed to meet current Caltrans and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials structural design standards. The new bridge will be constructed on its current alignment and will utilize an onsite temporary detour to maintain traffic during construction.

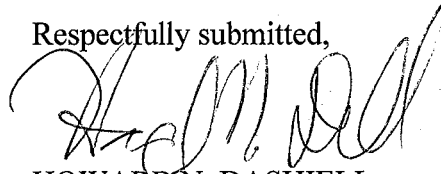
Since this project is federally funded, it is required to comply with Federal National Environmental Policy Act requirements. This includes field exploration activities consisting of excavating multiple archeological test pit areas to determine the extent of the presence of cultural resources and/or artifacts. These archaeological test pits for the Usal Creek Bridge Replacement Project on Usal Road are under the coastal development authority of both Mendocino County and the California Coastal Commission and would otherwise require a coastal development permit from both Mendocino County and the California Coastal Commission.

DOT, in consultation with the County Coastal Commission, determined that consolidation of the CDP would be the best course of action to streamline the

Commission's review of the project. Consolidating this permit, if the Board decides to do so, will not surrender the County's Local Coastal Program permit jurisdiction on any other project located within the Coastal Zone, nor will it diminish the Board's discretion to agree or disagree to consolidate permits for similar "dual jurisdiction" projects in the future.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Cc: MCDOT Project B1601