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To: Planning and Building Services

From: Noyo Harbor District

Re: PTA Description for CDBG Application

### Noyo Harbor District – Master Environmental Studies

The Noyo Harbor District is looking for planning and technical assistance funding to complete a Master Environmental Studies report – The Ecology of Noyo Harbor. The report will focus on specific study requirements to fulfill a variety of environmental requirements to meet local (Coastal Development Permit, etc.), state (consultation with California Coastal Commission, Fish and Wildlife, etc.), and federal (NEPA, etc.) laws and provisions. This report will form the bases to assess the impacts and give proper consideration to the environment prior to any new undertaking. This Master report will inform the Noyo Harbor District for the future development and implementation of the Community Sustainability Plan. The ecological report will contain the following studies:

- 1) Eel Grass Study
- 2) Archeological Studies
- 3) Botanical/ Wildlife Survey
- 4) Floodplain Management Study
- 5) Marine Mammal Monitoring Plan
- 6) Dredge Spoil Site Feasibility/Alternatives Analysis

In the coming years the Noyo Harbor District plans to move aggressively toward completing the 11 projects set forth in the Community Sustainability Plan. The Community Sustainability Plan was published by the Harbor District in 2019 and is a completion of projects that the public wants the District to undertake. The Projects are as follows:

1. Fuel Dock Installation
2. Flake Ice House
3. Dredging
4. North Harbor Vehicle Access and Parking
5. Mooring Basin Redevelopment and reconstruction
6. Fish Cleaning Station
7. Local Coastal Program Update
8. Attraction of new or more fish-buyers, receiver and processors
9. Gear Storage and Repair Site
10. Improved Hoist Facilities
11. Boatyard/Marine Services and Supplies

Several of the projects on the above list mix local jurisdictions or public and private businesses however, many of them are going to require the development or redevelopment of local infrastructure and therefore pushing the District to understand the environmental impacts before implementation.

Fort Bragg has traditionally been a community that is heavily dependent on natural resource-based industries like fishing and logging. As these industries have waned tourism has blossomed. This shift has tasked the Noyo Harbor District with the challenge of supporting the traditional fishing industry as well as the development of a new economic opportunities based in tourism. It is important to note that the fishing industry still plays an important role in the economic stability to the region. Commercial and recreational dungeness crab, groundfish, rockfish, salmon, and tuna fisheries dominate the area and the overall commercial ex-vessel revenues for Noyo Harbor fall just over 6 million dollars annually.