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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: MARCH 10, 2026

TO: HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: LIAM CROWLEY, PLANNER II

SUBJECT: LCP\_2025-0006 Consolidated Coastal Development Permit Request for Caltrans to implement the Albion River bridge project along State Route 1 in Mendocino County.

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### **SUMMARY OF PROJECT**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requests the processing of a Consolidated Coastal Development Permit to implement the Albion River Bridge Project. According to Caltrans, the project would replace the existing bridge with a spandrel arch structure to the east of the current alignment. The new bridge would include wider shoulders and separated pedestrian access. In addition to replacing the bridge, the project would widen roadway shoulders along State Route 1, lengthen the left turn lane south of Spring Grove Road (CR 401), realign and improve Albion River North Side Road (CR 403A), and reconstruct the intersection of State Route 1 and Albion Little River Road (CR 403). The application was submitted simultaneously with LCP\_2025-0005, which requests Coastal Development Permit consolidation for Caltrans to conduct a geotechnical investigation in support of the project. More information about the project can be found here: <https://www.albionriverbridgeproject.com/>.

The project area includes land within the jurisdiction of both the County of Mendocino and the California Coastal Commission. The bridge spans Albion River, the associated beach, and campground. The span of the bridge over the beach and river is within the mapped Commission-retained permit jurisdiction, while other upland areas are within County jurisdiction. Without the Consolidated Coastal Development Permit procedure, review and approval of the Project would require the processing of separate Coastal Development Permits by both the California Coastal Commission and the County. These separate permits would be processed at different times, heard at different meetings, and likely impair analysis of the Project as a whole.

California Public Resources Code Section 30601.3 allows the processing of a Consolidated Coastal Development Permit when the local government and Coastal Commission both consent to the consolidation, provided public participation is not substantially impaired. In this case, the processing of a Consolidated Coastal Development Permit would eventually require that the Coastal Commission hold a public hearing, which would afford the same degree of public participation as the Coastal Development Permit hearing procedures in Mendocino County. Both the Coastal Commission and the County offer in-person and virtual participation options for public hearings.

The consolidation requested by Caltrans would allow for streamlined processing of this project. By authorizing the consolidation, the Board would allow the California Coastal Commission to process a Coastal Development Permit for the entirety of the project.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the Resolution authorizing the processing of a Consolidated Coastal Development Permit, LCP\_2025-0006, by the California Coastal Commission, for Caltrans implement the Albion River Bridge Project along State Route 1 in Mendocino County; and authorize Chair to sign same.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Resolution
- 2) Consolidation Letter

- 3) Jurisdictional Boundary Determination
- 4) Jurisdictional Boundary Map
- 5) County Maps