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Planning & Building Services

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Julia Krogg
Assistant Director
County of Mendocino
Planning and Building Services
860 N. Bush Street
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Re: CDP-2019_0034 (Caltrans)

Dear Ms. Krogg,

The Coastal Conservancy supports Coastal Development Permit Application #2019_0034 as submitted by Caltrans to repair an eroding drainage system and road embankment adjacent to Highway 1 in the vicinity of Navarro Ridge Road. Two decades ago, Caltrans implemented emergency road work which altered the drainage system and has resulted in increasing gully erosion in this area, making planning for an off-highway segment of the California Coastal Trail challenging.

The Caltrans project design, as submitted, includes a "bench" area in the slope that will allow for the future development of an off-highway segment of the California Coastal Trail. This crucial design element provides the opportunity for the future development of a safe pedestrian route for the coastal trail, downslope and separated from Highway 1. Caltrans staff have indicated their support to work with the Coastal Conservancy and other trail partners to process an encroachment permit to allow for the future development of a trail in the Caltrans right-of-way. If the permit is not approved, design and implementation of the trail segment will be delayed into the future.

Sincerely,

Mary Small

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Acting Executive Officer
State Coastal Conservancy

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