

COUNTY OF MENDOCINO DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

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CASE#: CDP_2023-0020 DATE FILED: 4/7/2023 OWNER/APPLICANT: CALTRANS AGENT: CALTRANS, ROBERT KING

Resource Lands Protection Committee Trails Advisory Committee Native Plant Society Caltrans Department of Forestry/ CalFire -Land Use -Resource Management CA Department of Fish and Wildlife US Department of Fish and Wildlife California Highway Patrol California Coastal Commission California State Clearinghouse Cloverdale Rancheria Redwood Valley Rancheria Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians Mendocino Transit Authority Elk Community Services District Mendocino City Community Services District Mendocino Unified School District

REQUEST: Standard Coastal Development Permit for a Capital Preventive Maintenance Program (CapM) project along State Route 1 (SR 1) between post mile (PM) 33.72 and PM R51.00 including the following: road resurfacing, repair and replace shoulder dikes, shoulder backing, rail element walls, concrete medians, resurfacing of two (2) vista points, sidewalk improvements, sign panel updates, replace two (2) electrical cabinets, cable railing, and guard rail improvements.

LOCATION: In the Coastal Zone along SR 1, 950± feet south of its intersection with Philo-Greenwood Road (CR 132) and 1,000± feet north of its intersection with Little Lake Road (CR 408); located between post mile 33.72 and PM R51.00.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 5 STAFF PLANNER: STEVEN SWITZER RESPONSE DUE DATE: October 3, 2023

PROJECT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:

www.mendocinocounty.org

Select "Government" from the drop-down; then locate Planning and Building Services/Public Agency Referrals.

Mendocino County Planning & Building Services is soliciting your input, which will be used in staff analysis and forwarded to the appropriate public hearing. You are invited to comment on any aspect of the proposed project(s). Please convey any requirements or conditions your agency requires for project compliance to the project coordinator at the above address, or submit your comments by email to <u>pbs@mendocinocounty.org</u>. Please note the case number and name of the project coordinator with all correspondence to this department.

We have reviewed the above application and recommend the following (please check one):

No comment at this time.

Recommend conditional approval (attached).

Applicant to submit additional information (attach items needed, or contact the applicant directly, copying Planning and Building Services in any correspondence you may have with the applicant)

Recommend denial (Attach reasons for recommending denial).

Recommend preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (attach reasons why an EIR should be required).

Other comments (attach as necessary).

REVIEWED BY:

Signature _

Department

Date

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APN/S:	State right-of-way			
PARCEL SIZE:	N/A			
GENERAL PLAN:	See General Plan Classifications Map			
ZONING:	See Zoning Display Map			
EXISTING USES:	State Route, Minor Arterial General Plan Road Class			
DISTRICT:	5 (Williams)			
RELATED CASES:	N/A			

	ADJACENT GENERAL PLAN	ADJACENT ZONING	ADJACENT LOT SIZES	ADJACENT USES
NORTH:	See General Plan Map	See Zoning Display Map	Varies	Varies
EAST:	See General Plan Map	See Zoning Display Map	Varies	Varies
SOUTH:	See General Plan Map	See Zoning Display Map	Varies	Varies
WEST:	See General Plan Map	See Zoning Display Map	Varies	Varies

REFERRAL AGENCIES

LOCAL	Mendocino Unified School District	🛛 California Native Plant Society
Agricultural Commissioner	🖾 Mendocino Transit Authority (MTA)	🛛 California State Clearinghouse
Air Quality Management District	Planning Division (Fort Bragg)	🖾 CALTRANS
⊠ Assessor's Office	Resource Lands Protection Com.	FEDERAL
🛛 Building Division (Fort Bragg)	🖾 Sonoma State University	US Department of Fish & Wildlife
Department of Transportation (DOT)	Trails Advisory Council	TRIBAL
🛛 Environmental Health (EH)	<u>STATE</u>	🖾 Cloverdale Rancheria
🛛 Farm Advisor	⊠ CALFIRE (Land Use)	🛛 Redwood Valley Rancheria
⊠ Forestry Advisor	CALFIRE (Resource Management)	☑ Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians
Elk Community Services District	🛛 California Coastal Commission	
Mendocino City Community Services	🛛 California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife	
District (MCCSD)	🖾 California Highway Patrol	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please submit comments to switzers@mendocinocounty.org

See attached Project Description for more information on project features, standard practices, and best management practices (BMPs).

A Natural Environment Study with Minimal Impacts is available upon request.

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

1. MAC:	
GIS N/A	Airport Land Use Plan; GIS
	N/A
2. FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE:	
CALFIRE FRAP maps/GIS	14. SUPERFUND/BROWNFIELD/HAZMAT SITE:
See Fire Hazards Map	NO
3 FIRE RESPONSIBILITY AREA:	
CALFIRE FRAP maps/GIS	15. NATURAL DIVERSITY DATABASE:
State Responsibility Area (SRA)	CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Rarefind Database/GIS
	YES
4. FARMLAND CLASSIFICATION:	16. STATE FOREST/PARK/RECREATION AREA ADJACENT:
See Farmland Man	GIS; General Plan 3-10
	YES
5. FLOOD ZONE CLASSIFICATION:	
FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM)	Hazards and Landslides Map; GIS; Policy RM-61; General Plan 4-44
See Flood Zone Map	NO
6 COASTAL GROUNDWATER RESOURCE AREA	
Coastal Groundwater Study/GIS	18. WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE REQUIRED:
Critical and Marginal Water Resources	Policy RM-7; General Plan 4-34 NO
7. SOIL CLASSIFICATION:	
Mendocino County Soils Study Eastern/Western Part	19. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER: www.rivers.gov (Eel Only); GIS
See Soil Map	NO
8 PYGMY VEGETATION OR PYGMY CAPABLE SOIL	
LCP maps, Pygmy Soils Maps; GIS	Various Adopted Specific Plan Areas; GIS
NO	NO
GIS/Mendocino County Assessor's Office	
YES	NO
	22. OAK WOODLAND AREA:
NO	USDA
	NO
11. WETLANDS CLASSIFICATION:	23. HARBOR DISTRICT:
GIS	Sec. 20.512
Freshwater Forestea/Shrub Wetland	NO
12. EARTHQUAKE FAULT ZONE: Earthquake Fault Zone Maps; GIS NO	
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24. LCP LAND USE CLASSIFICATION:

LCP Land Use Maps: 20 Elk, 19 Navarro, 18 Albion, & 17 Mendocino

25. LCP LAND CAPABILITIES & NATURAL HAZARDS:

See LCP Land Capabilities & Natural Hazards Maps

26. LCP HABITATS & RESOURCES:

See LCP Habitats & Resources Maps

27. COASTAL COMMISSION APPEALABLE AREA:

See Appealable Areas Maps

28. CDP EXCLUSION ZONE: CDP Exclusion Zone maps/GIS NO

29. HIGHLY SCENIC AREA: Highly Scenic & Tree Removal Area Maps/GIS; Secs. 20.504.015, 20.504.020 YES

30. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES & NATURAL AREAS: Biological Resources & Natural Area Map; GIS; General Plan 4-9 YES

31. BLUFFTOP GEOLOGY: GIS; 20.500.020 YES

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= COASTAL ZONE APPLICATION FORM =

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Name	California Departm	ent of Transportation	on	
Mailing Address	1656 Union Street			
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				PLANNING & BUILDING SER FORT BRAGG CA
I certify	/ that the information sub for	mitted with this application	on is true and accurate.	
Signat	ure of Applicant/Agent	<u>4/5/2023</u> Date	Signature of Owner	Date

COASTAL ZONE - SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

The purpose of this questionnaire is to relate information concerning your application to the Planning and Building Services Department and other agencies who will be reviewing your project proposal. Please remember that the clearer picture that your give us of your project and the site, the easier it will be to promptly process your application. Please answer all questions. Those questions which do not pertain to your project, please indicate "Not Applicable" or "N/A".

		THE PROJECT				
1.	Describe your project and include secondary improvements such as wells, septic systems, grading, vegetation removal, roads, etc.					
This (1 beg Mend descr	Capital Preventive Maintena jinning approximately half a locino at PM R51.00. Please iption.	nce Program project is located in M mile south of Elk at post mile (PM) e see Appendix A: Project Descripti	1endocino County on State Route 33.72 and ending just north of on Continuation for the project			
2.	If the project is <u>residential</u> , plea TYPE OF UNIT Single Family Mobile Home Duplex Multifamily If Multifamily, number of dwell	se complete the following: NUMBER OF STRUCTURES N/A N/A N/A N/A ling units per building: N/A	SQUARE FEET PER DWELLING UNIT N/A N/A N/A			
3.	If the project is <u>commercial</u> , <u>inc</u> Total square footage of structur Estimated employees per shift: Estimated shifts per day: Type of loading facilities propos	hustrial, or $institutional$, complete the following set: N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A	ing:			
4.	Will the proposed project be ph If Yes, explain your plans for pl	ased? 🗌 Yes 🔳 No hasing.				

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5.	Are there existing structures of If yes, describe below and ide	on the proper entify the use	ty? U Yes	on the plot pla	an.			
6.	Will any existing structures be Will any existing structures be	e demolished e removed? [?	No No				
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	site if applicable	nbe the type	of development to	be demonshe	a or rem	oved, i	neluaing in	e relocation
	site, il applicable.							
7	Project Height Maximum he	ight of struc	ture N/A		fe	et		
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8.	Lot area (within property line	s): _N/A		square fee	et	acr	es	
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9.	Lot Coverage:	FYIST	TING	NEW DD	OPOSE	D	т	ΟΤΑΙ
	Building coverage	N/A	square feet	N/A	square f	feet	N/A	square feet
	Paved area	N/A	square feet	N/A	square f	feet	N/A	square feet
	Landscaped area	N/A	square feet	N/A	square f	feet	N/A	square feet
	Unimproved area	N/A	square feet	N/A	square f	feet	N/A	square feet
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10.	Gross floor area: N/A		square feet	(including co	vered pa	rking a	nd accessor	y buildings).
11.	Parking will be provided as fo	llows:	A	. 0	i	0		<u> </u>
	Number of Spaces	Existing_N/A		Proposed N/A	A		Total_N/A	
	Number of covered spaces		N/A		Si	ize N/A		
	Number of uncovered spaces		N/A		_ Si	ize ^{N/A}		
	Number of standard spaces		N/A		S	ize N/A		
	Number of handicapped space	es	N/A		_ Si	ize N/A		

12.	Utilities will be supplied to the site as follows:				
	 A. Electricity Utility Company (service exists to the parcel). Utility Company (requires extension of services to site:feetmiles On Site generation, Specify: None 				
	 B. Gas ☐ Utility Company/Tank ☐ On Site generation, Specify:				
	C. Telephone: Yes No				
13.	Will there by any exterior lighting? Yes No If yes, describe below and identify the location of all exterior lighting on the plot plan and building plans.				
14.	What will be the method of sewage disposal? Community sewage system, specify supplier Septic Tank Other, specify N/A				
15.	What will be the domestic water source?				
	 Community water system, specify supplier Well Spring Other, specify N/A 				
16.	Is any grading or road construction planned? Yes No If yes, grading and drainage plans may be required. Also, describe the terrain to be traversed (e.g., steep, moderate slope, flat, etc.).				
	No new road construction is planned. Minor grading would occur on replaced embankments behind dikes, placing an estimated 1,175 cubic yards of dirt over 42,250 linear feet to bring the embankment up to grade with the road. No cut or fill work is necessary for the project. No disposal site would be needed as any displaced material would become property of the contractor.				
	For grading and road construction, complete the following:				
	A. Amount of cut: <u>N/A</u> cubic yards				
	B. Amount of fill: N/A cubic yards				
	C. Maximum height of fill slope: <u>N/A</u> feet				
	D. Maximum height of cut slope: $\frac{N/A}{M}$ feet				
	E. Amount of import or export: $\frac{N/A}{1}$ cubic yards				
	F. Location of borrow or disposal site: As per Caltrans contract specifications, exported materials below 10,000 cubic yards are the responsibility of the contractor. The contractor will be responsible for removal and disposal in compliance with all laws and regulations				
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17.	Will vegetation be removed on areas other than the building sites and roads? Yes If yes, explain:
18.	Does the project involve sand removal, mining or gravel extraction? If yes, detailed extraction, reclamation and monitoring may be required.
19.	Will the proposed development convert land currently or previously used for agriculture to another use? Yes No If yes, how many acres will be converted? acres (An agricultural economic feasibility study may be required.)
20.	Will the development provide public or private recreational opportunities? Yes No If yes, explain:
21.	Is the proposed development visible from: A. State Highway 1 or other scenic route? B. Park, beach or recreation area? Yes No
22.	Will the project involve the use or disposal of potentially hazardous materials such as toxic substances, flammables, or explosives? Yes No If yes, explain: The project would include the removal of treated wood posts. Handling and disposal of treated wood waste would be included in the contract specifications. Personnel handling or who may come into contact with treated wood waste would be trained in identifying, handling, and disposal of treated wood waste. Storage, transport, and disposal of treated wood waste would be in compliance with all laws and regulations.
23.	Does the development involve diking, filling, dredging or placing structures in open coastal waters, wetlands, estuaries or lakes? A. Diking Yes No B. Filling Yes No C. Dredging Yes No D. Placement of structures in open coastal waters, wetlands, estuaries or lakes Yes No Amount of material to be dredged or filled? N/A cubic yards.
	Location of dredged material disposal site: N/A Has a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit been applied for? Yes

If you need additional room to answer any question, attach additional sheets.

Revised Elk to Mendocino CAPM (01-0H600) Project Description

This Capital Preventive Maintenance Program (CapM) project is located in Mendocino County on State Route (SR) 1 beginning approximately 0.5 mile south of Elk at Post Mile (PM) 33.72 and ending just north of Mendocino at PM R51.00. The project would resurface the road with new driving surfaces, repair deep cracks in the road surface, repair or replace existing shoulder dikes to maintain existing drainage patterns, replace shoulder backing, ensure smooth conforms with existing driveways and side roads, upgrade existing guardrails and add concrete vegetation control to meet current standards, and construction of Rail Element Walls (REW) to support some specific guardrail sites. Two medians and three turn lane separators located on SR 1 near the Village of Mendocino at the intersections of Jackson Street and Main St. and SR 1 would have a portion of them paved to facilitate drainage and improve driver safety. Finally, two of the three vista points located within the project area would be resurfaced.

Much of this project is exempt from Local Coastal Plan (LCP) permitting as Repair and Maintenance activities, specifically the proposed road resurfacing work and roadside dike replacement. However, the guardrail upgrades and the addition of the Minor Concrete Vegetation Control to the guardrail sites, the construction of the REW walls, as well as the additional median surfacing at SR 1 in Mendocino and sidewalk improvements at Little Lake Road, are subject to LCP review and permitting.

Miscellaneous Activities - Median Paving, HMA Dike Replacement, Sidewalk Curb Ramps, Electrical Cabinets, Cable Railing, and Signage

The project includes improvements to concrete medians at the north end of the project area at Mendocino, removal and replacement of Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA) dikes, sidewalk curb ramp upgrades at Little Lake Road in Mendocino, and replacement and upgrades to electrical cabinets at the north end of the project area (Appendix A. Sheet C-13).

The existing concrete median areas located at the intersection of Jackson and Main St. and SR 1 are raised curbs with side drain inlets. These areas include long centerline medians both north and south of the intersection as well as turn lane separators north and south of Main St and south of Jackson Street. These raised concrete medians would be removed and replaced with asphalt at the same level as the driving surface to improve safety and would be marked with pavement delineators and traffic striping. As a result of resurfacing, the existing drainage inlet frames and covers in some locations may need to be adjusted to the new road grade level, though current flow-paths to existing drainage inlets and overside drains would be maintained. One median side facing drainage inlet south of the intersection at PM 50.48 would be replaced with a top-facing inlet to accommodate the new surfaces. The unpaved center median located north of the intersection at PM 50.55 would have the 125' concrete curb removed and replaced, and an additional 0.02 acre portion of the same median would be paved with asphalt from the existing drainage inlet to the end of the existing curb (Appendix A: Sheet C-13).

Roughly 34,700 linear feet of existing HMA dike would be removed and replaced throughout the project area. Locations by post mile and lengths of the dikes are shown in Appendix A (Appendix A, Sheet Q -2). There would be a 3' wide shoulder backing section installed behind

the back of the replaced dike where possible (Appendix A: Sheet X- to X-3, Q-3). Shoulder backing would be installed to the top of the dike. Existing drainage patterns would be perpetuated in all locations.

The four existing sidewalk curb ramps at the Little Lake Road intersection would be upgraded to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards (Appendix A: Sheets C-16 to C-18). There is a single curb ramp on the northeast corner, two on the southeast corner, and a single ramp on the southwest corner of the intersection that would receive updated yellow detectable warning surfaces at the crosswalk entrances and be graded to appropriate slopes. On the northeast corner a barrier railing would be placed to prevent people from crossing SR 1 on the north side of the intersection outside of sidewalks.

Two existing electrical cabinets with traffic loops would be replaced (Appendix A: Sheet E-1, E-2, ED-1, EQ-1). The existing electrical cabinet at PM 42.95 contains a traffic census station. This cabinet would be replaced with a larger cabinet on the existing foundation, the roadway traffic loops would be replaced, and the system would be updated to include truck classification. At PM 49.35, the existing cabinet would be replaced with a new one of the same size on the existing foundation and the roadway traffic loops would be replaced. There is a Call Box with an ADA pad located at PM 40.87 in the southbound turnout. The ADA pad would be removed and the Call Box pole would be temporarily relocated by the controlling agency (Mendocino SAFE) during the cold plane/paving operations and then reinstalled in the original location after those activities are complete.

The cable railing at PMs 40.90 - 40.91, 41.08 - 41.11, and 41.15 - 41.18 near the Navarro Bluffs would be replaced. This cable railings are located on top of an existing retaining wall and is currently 3 strands of steel cable showing evidence of weathering from the coastal influence. The new cable railing would be 4 strands of cable but no additional posts or other materials would be added. Total replacement measures 337.5 linear feet behind three sections of guardrail. There would be no increase in length of the existing cable railings because of the replacement (Appendix A: Sheets C-9, Q-4).

The sign panel updates would replace existing signs throughout the project area with new signs. Existing wooden signposts would be replaced with steel posts, and some signs would be increased from one to two signpost. Some sign panels would be replaced with a different size panel due to updated designs, a few sign panels/posts would be moved to accommodate new road striping, and some sign panels/posts would be left as is. Signs are included in the quantity sheets of the plan set and are referenced by post mile (Appendix A: SQ-1 to SQ-15). Some signs may be moved to accommodate new road striping or adjusted to avoid conflicts with extended guardrails. No new signs will be placed in entirely new locations. All signs are replacements in kind, though minor design changes may result in different sizes, upgrades to two posts from one, or movement of a few feet. New signs will be substantially similar to existing signage in size and content, though likely to be brighter and more reflective than the signs they are replacing.

There are 3 vista points within the project limits. The vista point at PM 49.37 at Brewery Gulch Road would not be resurfaced as part of this project because of utility conflicts. The other two

vista points, one located just north of Big River at approximately PM 50.45 and the other at PM 49.73, would be resurfaced.

Guardrail and Minor Vegetation Control

The project proposes to upgrade Metal Beam Guardrail (MBGR) to Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) using steel posts at 30 locations throughout the project limits, shown in the plan set on sheets C-7 through C-12 (PDF page 11-16). All proposed MGS are replacing existing guardrails except for 5 sites where extensions will be added. These sites are discussed below. Where MBGR cannot be upgraded, the existing MBGR would be adjusted or reconstructed.

The majority of WB guardrail transitions would be replaced with WB-31 guardrail transitions and terminal sections would be replaced with in-line terminal systems. The end sections are called alternative inline terminal sections (AITS) and are approximately 50 ft long. These AITS provide crash cushions at the end of the guardrail and allow the end sections to be spliced into the mid section of the rails rather than at the post, which increases strength. Some guardrail transitions would continue to use the existing thrie beam sections in addition to using Asymmetrical Rail Assembly height transitions, such as the north end of Greenwood Creek Bridge. In these cases, the Asymmetrical Rail Assembly is relatively new and meets current standards and therefore does not need to be replaced. In total, about 14,825 linear feet of guardrail work would be included in the project scope.

The following guardrail numbers are proposed to be extended, mostly to accommodate new AITS. In one case, guardrail 5, the extension is not only to provide for the AITS but also to enhance road safety by extending the guardrail through the entire corner. Extended guardrails include:

- guardrail 5 (PM 36.23) would be extended 312.5ft to bring it through the tight curve and accommodate the new Buried Post End Anchors
- guardrail 9 (PM 37.29) would be extended by 12.5ft to accommodate the new AITS
- guardrail 19 (PM 41.41) would be extended by 12.5ft to accommodate the new AITS
- guardrail 24 (PM 45.5) would be extended by 12.5ft to accommodate the new AITS
- guardrail 29 (PM 49.55) would be extended by 25ft to accommodate the new Buried Post End Anchors

Minor Concrete Vegetation Control would be added at all guardrail locations for a total length of approximately 15,710 linear feet over the extent of the project. This results in a New Impervious Surface amount of 0.89 acre over the length of the project.

The guardrails at both ends of the Albion River Bridge would be replaced. There would be concrete end anchor blocks incorporated at the four quadrants of both Salmon Creek Bridge and Little River Bridge to create standard guardrail transition connections. The wood fence on the south side of Little River Bridge next to the southbound lane of traffic would be reduced in length by 50 linear feet to accommodate this concrete anchor block. This reduction in length of the wood fence is needed to incorporate concrete end anchor blocks at the connection to the

bridge railings and extend the new guardrails to the minimum design length. These end blocks would be connected to the existing bridge to meet modern crash safety standards.

All guardrails would be treated to reduce reflectivity and blend the new guardrail with the surrounding environment. The treatment is a chemical treatment that occurs prior to delivery to the site and pre-weathers the metal to reduce glare. There is no paint or other material to flake off as the guardrail ages, and no chemicals that would impact water quality.

Rail Element Walls

Rail Element Walls (REW) are proposed in conjunction with the MGS upgrades at specific locations to provide adequate horizontal space for the proposed concrete weed mat. They also provide additional lateral support to the guardrails by stabilizing the guardrail posts where steep slopes do not provide enough ground on the downhill side to adequately support the posts in the event of a collision. About 1,594 square feet of REW in total would be added behind and slightly beyond guardrail terminal systems. The REW in all locations are approximately 75 feet long, supporting the last 50 feet of the guardrail adjacent to it and extending an additional 25 feet beyond the end of the guardrail. In all cases the REW is located on the west side of the road and would be below the road surface and therefore not highly visible from the travelled way. Rail element walls are proposed at the following locations (Table 1):

Location	Guardrail	Dlan Sheet	Notes
			INDICS
(by post mile)	Number	Page	
	(per Plan Set)	Number	
33.92	2	C-7	Located opposite the Philo/Greenwood
			Road
34.81	3	C-7	Located at both the north and south
			ends of the guardrail
36.18	4	C-7	Located at the southern end of the
			guardrail
41.41	19	C-9	Located at the northern end of the
			guardrail
44.75	22	C-10	Located at the northern end of the
			guardrail
50.27	30	C-12	Located at the northern end of the
			guardrail
50.49	31	C-12	Located at the northern end of the
			guardrail

Table 1: Locations and Lengths of Proposed Rail Element Wall

Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas

Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHA) in or adjacent to the ESL include aquatic resources, sensitive natural communities, riparian habitat, and habitat for special status species. Riparian habitat is not described further in the report because when present in the ESL, it was

mapped as a California Coastal Commission wetland or a 3-Parameter Wetland. In some locations, ESHA types overlap (e.g., a special status plant occurrence mapped in an area that is also a wetland); therefore, the total ESHA for all types is not cumulative. All ESHAs adjacent to guardrail upgrades or staging areas are listed with a description of the habitat type in Table 2 and shown in maps in Appendix B. However, all proposed work for this project would occur within the existing roadway prism, beneath existing guardrail, or below existing signs. All areas that would potentially experience soil disturbance are previously disturbed areas that are routinely maintained through activities such as mowing, trimming, or scraping. As such, Caltrans has determined that the proposed project would not have any impacts on ESHA. Temporary High Visibility Fencing (THVF) will be placed by a qualified biologist during pre-construction surveys for ESHA sites listed below in Table 2 as a precautionary measure. All other ESHA identified and described in the Natural Environment Study (NES) were determined to be outside the construction footprint and will not be impacted by the proposed project.

Table 2: Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHA) adjacent to guardrails to be replaced or potential staging areas.

Name	ESHA	Acres	Post	Map &	Avoidance Measures
	Description		Mile	Sheet	
W13	Scrub - shrub wetland	0.008	50.00	Appendix B, Wetland maps, Sheet 2	140' feet of THVF to prevent entry into ESHA from staging area
W11	Riparian wetland	0.023	48.05	Appendix B, Wetland maps, Sheet 4	Riparian areas behind guardrail and at back of staging areas/pull outs at Little River. THVF to be placed at back of work area to prevent entry and minimize disturbance from construction effort
W12	Riparian Wetland	0.018	48.05	Appendix B, Wetland maps, Sheet 4	Riparian areas behind guardrail and at back of staging area/pull outs at Little River. THVF to be placed at back of work area to prevent entry and minimize disturbance from construction effort
OW5	Perennial Drainage	0.002	46.35	Appendix B, Wetland maps, Sheet 5	20' of THVF will be placed at the site, centered on the drainage inlet (DI), to prevent entry and minimize disturbance from

					resurfacing and shoulder
W8	Vegetated Ditch	0.006	44.90	Appendix B, Wetland maps, Sheet 5	THVF would be placed from the roadside bank at the south end of the guardrail site and extending 90' north to prevent entry and protect the ditch and associated species from construction disturbance.
W9	Fresh Emergent Wetland	0.003	44.90	Appendix B, Wetland maps, Sheet 5	THVF would be placed from the roadside bank at the south end of the guardrail site and extending 90' north to prevent entry and protect the ditch and associated species from construction disturbance.
W7	Scrub - shrub wetland	0.007	44.05	Appendix B, Wetland maps, Sheet 9	40' of THVF will be placed at site, centered on the DI, to prevent entry and minimize disturbance from resurfacing and shoulder backing work
W6	Vegetated Ditch	0.005	41.85	Appendix B, Wetland maps, Sheet 11	THVF will be placed around the culvert inlet from the end of the dike on SR 1 to the end of the dike on the side road to enclose the identified wet area.
CALPUSA_11	Coastal bluff Morning glory	-	41.85	Appendix B, Rare Plants maps, Sheet 11	Outside of the ESL at the intersection of SR 1 and the unnamed street to the east. The THVF installed for W6 (above) will prevent entry during construction.
W5	Scrub - shrub wetland	0.003	40.90	Appendix B, Rare Plants maps, Sheet 12	THVF will be placed along the back of the entire staging area/ pullout to keep staged equipment or other

					vehicles from leaving the
					gravel surface and
					prevent disturbance.
W4	Riparian Wetland	0.005	40.15	Appendix	THVF will be placed 5'
				В,	behind guardrail to
				Wetland	match guardrail line and
				maps,	prevent unnecessary
				Sheet 13	entry. Riparian wetland
					area is the edge of
					Navarro River riparian
					forest. No direct impact
					is anticipated.
W3	Fresh Emergent	0.003	36.65	Appendix	THVF will be placed
	Wetland			В,	from inlet grate north
				Wetland	until wetland indicators
				maps,	are no longer visible.
				Sheet 18	THVF will prevent
					accidental entry during
					resurfacing and
					placement shoulder
11/2	Comple alemate	0.027	24.95	Annandin	backing.
VV Z	Scrub - shrub	0.027	54.85	Appendix	aulyert inlet extending
	wettanu			D, Watland	20' to each side of
				wetialid	20 to each side of
				Sheet 20	accidental entry or other
				Sheet 20	impacts associated with
					resurfacing or placing
					shoulder backing
					Originally identified as
					potentially impacted
					when culverts
					replacements were
					included in this project.
					this area is being
					delineated out of an
					abundance of caution
					and no impacts are
					anticipated.
OW1	Intermittent	0.001	33.80	Appendix	THVF will be placed at
	Drainage			В,	back of gravel pullout
				Wetland	for 25' on each side of
				maps,	the mile marker to
				Sheet 21	prevent entry and
					disturbance from staged
					equipment or other uses.

W1	Fresh Emergent	0.003	33.80	Appendix	THVF will be placed to
	Wetland			В,	protect both OW1 and
				Wetland	W1, which are located
				maps,	immediately adjacent to
				Sheet 21	each other at the pullout
					at PM 33.8. No direct
					impacts are anticipated.

Reduced Buffer Analysis

The following section is the Reduced Buffer Analysis required by and outlined in Section 20.496.020 of the Mendocino County Coastal Zoning Code.

(A) Buffer Areas. Sizable buffers are not possible for this project. Temporary high visibility fencing (HVF) would be used, where appropriate, to exclude the ESHAs and thus avoid any impacts from construction activities. To the extent possible, buffers between the ESHAs and construction activities would be maximized. Avoidance and minimization measures would be coordinated with CDFW as necessary to ensure protection of the ESHAs.

(1) Width. No ESHAs would be directly impacted by construction. Impacts would be avoided through the use of THVF and other avoidance and minimization measures described in Section 1.3 of the NES and in the Standard Measures and Best Practices section of this document.

(a) Biological Significance of Adjacent Lands. The project area itself has a low biological value as the ESL is within the developed road prism of State Route (SR) 1. Minimization measures have been developed to maintain the habitat functions of the surrounding lands (Section 1.3). Habitats that exist adjacent to the proposed activities will continue to function following project implementation as none of the proposed project elements would change the nature or function of the road in relation to the surrounding landscape.

(b) Sensitivity of Species to Disturbance. Because the project area does not have habitat that supports sensitive species, these species would not be disturbed by the proposed development. The continued use of the project area by non-sensitive species is expected to continue after the project is completed and all minimization measures have been implemented (NES Section 1.3). Sensitive species identified in the NES were found in close proximity to the road but are not within the project footprint and would not be impacted by the proposed activities.

(c) Susceptibility of Parcel to Erosion. Potential for erosion would be minimized by implementing BMPs to control sediment and erosion in accordance with the current Caltrans Construction BMP Manual. A Water Pollution Control Program would be prepared for the project and/or appropriate BMPs would be employed to protect water quality. Once the project is completed there would be no increase in the erosion susceptibility.

(d) Use of Natural Topographic Features to Locate Development. All development is within the existing developed footprint. Avoidance and minimization measures would be utilized to protect ESHAs adjacent to the project.

(e) Use of Existing Cultural Features to Locate Buffer Zones. Previously disturbed existing paved and gravel turnouts would be used for staging to prevent impacts to ESHAs. No road expansions or additional development outside of the road prism is proposed.

(f) Lot Configuration and Location of Existing Development. The project is within the existing developed footprint of SR 1.

(g) Type and Scale of Development Proposed. The proposed project is not anticipated to have any impacts. The project is entirely within existing development. Measures have been proposed to protect ESHAs adjacent to the project area during construction (Section 1.3).

(2) Configuration. The buffer area is not applicable due to the close vicinity of the ESHA to the construction area which is within the already developed area of SR 1. HVF and BMPs would be installed to protect the ESHA from adjacent construction activities. While some guardrails would be extended along the roadside to provide additional protection for the travelling public, no additional impacts to ESHA adjacent to the road prism would be expected as the proposed extensions would be within the existing developed footprint of the road shoulder. No expansion of the road is proposed as part of this project.

(3) Land Division. No new subdivision or boundary line adjustments are proposed in conjunction with this development.

(4) Permitted Development.

(a) The proposed development would not impact the functional capacity of the habitat areas identified in the NES or these habitat areas' ability to be self-sustaining and maintain species diversity.

(b) Work would only be conducted within the footprint of existing development. No other sites would be feasible or less environmentally damaging. Structures within the buffer and within ESHAs include the existing roadway, and the proposed improvements. Equipment necessary to complete the work would remain entirely within the prism of the existing roadway and previously developed areas.

(c) Proposed work within the ESHA buffers would not have an impact on the adjacent habitat areas.

(d) The project would be compatible with the continuance of such habitat areas by maintaining their functional capacity and their ability to be self-sustaining and to maintain natural species diversity.

(e) The project proposes to rehabilitate the pavement, upgrade existing guardrails and install minor vegetation control throughout the project along SR 1, replace drainage inlets, update ADA curb ramps at the Little Lake intersection at PM 50.7, and remove raised curb areas at the Little Lake and Main Street intersection with SR1, which is necessary to enhance safe driving conditions through this stretch of roadway. No other feasible locations are available. No vegetation removal is anticipated and hence no revegetation within the ESL or within the buffer is required.

(f) The proposed development would result in 0.91 acre of new impervious surface area as a result of the Minor Concrete Vegetation Control (0.89 acre) and median work (0.02 acre) at Main Street and SR 1. The project would incorporate all standard BMPs and there is no anticipated removal of vegetation. The proposed development would not cause an increase in artificial light, nutrient runoff, or air pollution. There would be no intrusion in wetlands for this project. Once construction is completed, human intrusion would decrease to below the normal level of human intrusion associated with the project area due to a reduction in maintenance activities associated with the vegetation control (minor concrete).

(g) No riparian vegetation is anticipated to be removed for construction.

(h) No impacts resulting from this project to potentially jurisdictional aquatic features are anticipated.

(i) This project includes the replacement of existing drainage inlets. There would be no interference with the hydrologic processes or biological diversity on site upon completion of the proposed construction. Measures have been proposed to protect hydrological

processes adjacent to the project area during construction (Section 1.3). Existing drainage patterns would be maintained.

(j) The proposed project contains no structures that will interrupt the flow of groundwater within the project area or within any amount of buffer surrounding the project area.

(k) The proposed project would not cause any impacts to any ESHA. Work would occur within the developed area of the existing ESHA buffer. No new development would occur that would reduce the buffer size or function.

Standard Measures and Best Practices

The following Standard Measures and Best Practices were provided in the NES and are included here for ease of reference. These are considered part of the Project Description and are prescriptive and sufficiently standardized to be generally applicable, and do not require special tailoring to a project situation. These are generally measures that result from laws, permits, guidelines, and resource management plans that are relevant to the project. They contain refinements in planning policies and implementing actions. These practices predate the project's proposal and apply to all similar projects.

Biological Resources

BR-1: General

Before start of work, as required by permit or consultation conditions, a Caltrans biologist or Environmental Construction Liaison (ECL) would meet with the contractor to brief them on environmental permit conditions and requirements relative to each stage of the proposed project, including, but not limited to, work windows, drilling site management, and how to identify and report regulated species within the project areas.

BR-2: Animal Species

- A. To protect migratory and nongame birds (occupied nests and eggs), if possible, vegetation removal would be limited to the period outside of the bird breeding season (removal would occur between September 16 and January 31). If vegetation removal is required during the breeding season, a nesting bird survey would be conducted by a qualified biologist within one week prior to vegetation removal. If an active nest is located, the biologist would coordinate with CDFW to establish appropriate species-specific buffer(s) and any monitoring requirements. The buffer would be delineated around each active nest and construction activities would be excluded from these areas until birds have fledged, or the nest is determined to be unoccupied.
- B. *Northern Spotted Owl and Marbled Murrelet:* No construction activities generating sound levels 20 or more decibels (dB) above ambient sound or with maximum sound levels (ambient sound level plus activity-generated sound level) above 90 dB would occur between February 1 and August 5. Between August 6 and September 15, work that generates sound levels equal to or greater than 10 dB above ambient sound levels

or above 90 dB max would observe a daily work window beginning 2 hours postsunrise and ending 2 hours pre-sunset. Sound-related work windows would be lifted between September 16 and January 31. Further, no construction activities would occur within a visual line-of-sight of 131 feet or less from any known active nest locations for northern spotted owl or marbled murrelet.

BR-3: Invasive Species

Invasive non-native species control would be implemented. Straw, straw bales, seed, mulch, or other material used for erosion control or landscaping which would be free of noxious weed seed and propagules. All equipment would be thoroughly cleaned of all dirt and vegetation prior to entering the job site to prevent importing invasive non-native species.

BR-4: Plant Species, Sensitive Natural Communities, and ESHA

- A. Seasonally appropriate, pre-construction surveys for sensitive plant species would be updated by a qualified biologist prior to construction in accordance with Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Natural Communities (CDFW 2018).
- B. Prior to the start of work, Temporary High Visibility Fencing (THVF) and/or flagging would be installed around sensitive natural communities, environmentally sensitive habitat areas, rare plant occurrences, intermittent streams, and wetlands and other waters, where appropriate. No work would occur within fenced/flagged areas.

Water Quality and Stormwater Runoff

WQ-1: Water Quality and Stormwater Runoff

The project would comply with the Provisions of the Caltrans Statewide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (Order 2012-0011-DWQ) as amended by subsequent orders, which became effective July 1, 2013, for projects that result in a land disturbance of one acre or more, and the Construction General Permit (Order 2009-0009-DWQ).

Before any ground-disturbing activities, the contractor would prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) (per the Construction General Permit Order 2009-0009-DWQ) or Water Pollution Control Program (WPCP) (projects that result in a land disturbance of less than one acre), that includes erosion control measures and construction waste containment measures to protect waters of the State during project construction.

The SWPPP or WPCP would identify the sources of pollutants that may affect the quality of stormwater; include construction site Best Management Practices (BMPs) to control sedimentation, erosion, and potential chemical pollutants; provide for construction materials management; include non-stormwater BMPs; and include routine inspections and a monitoring and reporting plan. All construction site BMPs would follow the latest edition of the Caltrans Storm Water Quality Handbooks: Construction Site BMPs Manual

to control and reduce the impacts of construction-related activities, materials, and pollutants on the watershed.

The project SWPPP or WPCP would be continuously updated to adapt to changing site conditions during the construction phase. Construction may require one or more of the following temporary construction site BMPs:

• Any spills or leaks from construction equipment (i.e., fuel, oil, hydraulic fluid, and grease) would be cleaned up in accordance with applicable local, state, and/or federal regulations.

• Accumulated stormwater, groundwater, or surface water from excavations or temporary containment facilities would be removed by dewatering.

- Temporary sediment control and soil stabilization devices would be installed.
- Existing vegetated areas would be maintained to the maximum extent practicable.
- Clearing, grubbing, and excavation would be limited to specific locations, as delineated on the plans, to maximize the preservation of existing vegetation.
- Vegetation reestablishment or other stabilization measures would be implemented on disturbed soil areas, per the Erosion Control Plan.
- Soil disturbing work would be limited during the rainy season.







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