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COASTAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARD PERMIT
AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY WORK
CASE FILE EM_2025-0004

OWNER/APPLICANT: CA Dept of Transportation (Caltrans), Trevor Goff
1656 Union Street
Eureka, CA 95501

AGENT: CA Dept of Transportation (Caltrans), Laurel Osborn
1656 Union Street
Eureka, CA 95501

SITE ADDRESS/APN: PM 0.6, Gualala, CA (APN: n/a); Intersection of State Route 1 (SR 1) and Old State Highway (CR 501A)

NATURE OF EMERGENCY: The CA Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has an emergency project on MEN 1 at post mile 0.6. A large sinkhole developed in the roadway at the intersection of Old State Highway and State Route 1. After inspections, it was determined that the sink was caused by the failing culvert. The project proposes replacing the existing 5-foot diameter culvert with an 8-foot diameter culvert with baffles. The existing culvert at this location, China Gulch, is listed as a total barrier to anadromous salmonids.

CAUSE OF EMERGENCY: The emergency is the result of a large sinkhole developed in the roadway at the intersection of Old State Highway and State Route 1. After inspections, it was determined that the sink was caused by the failing culvert. Heavy winter rains during late January/early February caused sudden, unexpected damage to the roadway at the intersection of State Route 1 and Old Stage Road in Gualala (post mile 0.6 on SR 1). A large sink hole developed due to a failed separated culvert. The culvert conveys China Gulch to the Gualala River estuary. Caltrans Maintenance crews made temporary repairs to the roadway to refill the sink void and repave; however, this is not sustainable as there is ongoing movement and a high risk for sudden road collapse. The roadway is in imminent danger of further damage and the traveling public. Immediate action is required to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, and essential services. Caltrans issued a Director's Order in order to obtain emergency funding for this project.

REMEDIAL ACTION: The action to be approved under this Emergency Permit is authorization of the replacement of a failed 5-foot diameter culvert with an 8-foot diameter culvert at Post Mile Marker 0.6 (PM 0.6) on State Route 1 (SR 1) prior to the issuance of a Standard Coastal Development Permit request. Caltrans prepared a project proposal (01-0P960 – MEN 1 PM 06) with the

nature of the emergency, remedial protective and preventive work with a time frame of the work to be conducted as part of the project. The proposed culvert is an 8-foot diameter pipe approximately 290-feet long and will be installed using a jack-and-bore method. There will be a slight realignment of the inlet and outlets shifting approximately 9-feet to the north, but the inlet/outlet of the culvert will be approximately the same as the existing location. All in channel work would be completed by October 31, 2025, as required by the regulatory agencies (and weather dependent). The remainder of the work is anticipated to be completed by December 2025. Access roads are required at both the inlet and the outlet. The inlet will require approximately a 150-foot access road, and the outlet will need approximately a 1,000-foot access road. This access is required for the jack and bore construction method given the topography of the site

See the attached Emergency Permit application, site plan, and Caltrans prepared a project proposal (01-0P960 – MEN 1 PM 06).

CIRCUMSTANCES TO JUSTIFY EMERGENCY:

Failure to allow this emergency work may result in a risk to the traveling public, essential services and the environment.

COMPLIANCE:

Permits for Approval of Emergency Work are subject to MCC Sec. 20.536.060 *et seq*.

This emergency permit is effective immediately and shall become null and void at the end of sixty (60) days. Prior to expiration of this Emergency Permit, the applicant shall submit a standard Coastal Development Permit application for the work authorized by this permit.

Prior to and during construction, Caltrans shall be retained to review and approve earthwork plans and provide observations during site preparation, placement, and compaction of fills, and foundation construction and excavations.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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JESSIE WALDMAN, PLANNER II

10/09/2025
DATE

APPROVED BY:

Julia Koss

COASTAL PERMIT ADMINISTRATOR

10/9/2025
DATE