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MEMORANDUM

DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2025
TO: JULIA KROG, COASTAL PERMIT ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: LIAM CROWLEY, PLANNER II
SUBJECT: CDP_2025-0006 (CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS)

The “Agency Comments” section of the staff report indicates that “no response” was received from the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians. However, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) participated in the October 8th, 2025 Archaeological Commission meeting, including comments and questions related to the negative findings of the survey, potential tribal monitoring, and the disposal of the demolished bridge. Further discussion led to the action of the Commission and recommended condition of approval discussed in the “Archaeological and Cultural Resources” section of the staff report.

Following the Archaeological Commission meeting, the THPO continued to correspond with State Parks and obtained a copy of the Cultural Resources Assessment that was completed for the project. Following review of the Assessment, the THPO identified several errors and recommended corrections to State Parks. State Parks subsequently edited and resubmitted the report to the tribe. Planning & Building Services staff obtained a copy of the revised report. The only revisions to the report involved clarification of the project description as the replacement of the bridge rather than repair of the bridge and a correction regarding the historic territory inhabited by the Northern Pomo within the “Natural and Cultural Context” section of the report. The revisions did not involve the methods or results of the investigation. Due to the contextual nature of the revisions, the report was not re-referred to the Archaeological Commission for further review.

On December 12, 2025, the THPO noted that all tribal corrections had been incorporated into the report and that the tribe would continue to coordinate with State Parks regarding potential monitoring of the bridge abutments. As such, condition of approval #10 remains sufficient to address the tribe’s comments and the Archaeological Commission’s determination.