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Marin County Community Development Agency
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RE: CALTRANS COASTAL PERMIT Application No: CP 05-16

Dear Mr. Havel:

The Sierra Club wishes to comment on the above Permit: The "Project Analysis" (Pg 2 of the Staff Report to the Deputy Zoning Administrator) notes, "*The excavated materials are to be disposed of at the Redwood Sanitary Landfill.*" However, this sentence does not appear in the in the conditions of the permit as noted in the proposed RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COASTAL PERMIT 05-16

CalTrans has a decade plus history of NOT removing spoils along Highway One to a permanent out-of-the-watershed depository but instead storing/dumping them indefinitely along the Highway right-of-way, including in sites that were formerly informal traffic pullouts and along the edge of Bolinas Lagoon itself.

This improper disposition of spoils permits them to be easily recycled back into the watershed from which they were intended to be removed, impacts traffic flows and the viewshed along a designated scenic highway, and provides starter areas for invasive weeds. Thus the Section I (IV) Findings C, G, J, and O would only be true if the excavated materials were disposed of at the Redwood Landfill as described in the Project Analysis sentence

The Sierra Club there fore requests that the "Project Analysis" sentence be added to the forth sentence in the RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COASTAL PERMIT 05-16, which would then read "*The approved project includes the removal of accumulated sediment, debris, vegetation that has constrained the hydraulic capacity and functional capability of the drainage structures; the excavated materials are to be disposed of at the Redwood Sanitary Landfill*"

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

Gordon Bennett, Chair, Sierra Club Marin Group