



MEMO

To: NCRA Board of Directors

From: Executive Director Stogner

Date: December 17, 2020

Subject: **Agenda Item G.3 -Discussion and Possible Approval of Amendment to License Agreement, City of Ukiah Rails with Trails**

In conjunction with planning for the Great Redwood Trail, the City of Ukiah has installed about 2 miles of trail within NCRA right-of-way that runs through the center of town. The trail provides direct access to major employment centers, business services, shopping, hospital/medical offices, residential areas, and the future Mendocino County Courthouse.

In May, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) granted the city approval to designate the trail and adjacent rail corridor as a park to better protect the area from damage and vandalism. This has all been made possible by a lease between the city and NCRA, signed in 2014, that authorized construction of the trail within NCRA right-of-way.

The city has requested the following adjustments to the lease adopted in June 2014 and amended to include the park designation in May 2020:

- Extend the term of the License Agreement from 25-40 years, improving grant opportunities;
- Extend the southern terminus of the License Agreement from Norgard Lane to the south end of Taylor Drive, and make technical, non-substantive changes.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the City of Ukiah's request to amend its License Agreement with NCRA along the lines discussed herein.