

To: NCRA Board of Directors

From: Executive Director Stogner

Date: June 14, 2021

Subject: Agenda Item E.1 – Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Approval of

Lease Agreement with City of Eureka for Elk River Estuary Tidal

Enhancement Project

On March 25, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) approved a proposed lease agreement between NCRA and the City of Eureka to extend the Eureka Waterfront Trail for 1 mile south, as part of the Eureka Elk River Estuary Tidal Enhancement Project. The CTC added language to the proposed lease that requires STB approval of NCRA's pending application for abandonment and railbanking of the NCRA right-of-way from Willits to Eureka, as a condition for lease approval.

Katie Marsolan, Special Projects Manager for the City of Eureka is available to answer any questions regarding the proposed lease.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the 1 mile extension of the Waterfront Trail (proposed lease agreement attached) to accommodate the Eureka Elk River Estuary Tidal Enhancement Project, conditioned upon review and approval by NCRA legal counsel.