



**Great Redwood Trail Agency**

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Hank Seemann, Deputy Director – Environmental Services  
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RE: Notice to Proceed regarding Lease Agreement Dated July 1, 2021

Mr. Seemann,

Please accept this correspondence as confirmation from the Great Redwood Trail Agency (“GRTA”) that, pursuant to the Lease Agreement between the County of Humboldt and the GRTA’s predecessor entity, the North Coast Railroad Authority (“NCRA”), dated July 1, 2021, the Rail Corridor including the Lease Property, as defined therein, has been railbanked as it relates to the portions thereof relevant to the Lease Agreement.

GRTA has reviewed the Coastal Development Permit issued for the trail construction project contemplated for the leased premises, including the plans and specifications upon which the Coastal Commission relied in making its determination, and the terms and special conditions of the Permit. Pursuant to Special Condition 4(a) of the Permit and consistent with the Lease Agreement, GRTA hereby gives the County of Humboldt permission to undertake construction of the trail upon the leased premises.

At this time, the County of Humboldt may proceed to construction of the trail contemplated by the Lease Agreement, subject to all terms thereof, including the preservation of the Rail Corridor for potential future use for railroad purposes.<sup>1</sup> In light of railbanking of the Rail Corridor encompassing the Lease Property, the County of Humboldt may proceed with the alignment of the trail upon the current location of the rail line, so long as such construction is consistent with all terms of the Lease Agreement. Pursuant to Section 6(d), County of Humboldt is responsible for remitting all value from salvage of track and tie to GRTA. Prior to removal of rail, and pursuant to this section, GRTA requests the County of Humboldt provide GRTA with notice of the expected time frame of removal of ties, to allow GRTA the opportunity to directly undertake its own sale of salvaged material, upon its removal by the County, at the election of GRTA.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and GRTA looks forward to the completion of the contemplated trail segment by the County.

Very truly yours,

  
Karyn Gear

Interim Executive Director

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<sup>1</sup> Section 6(b) of the Lease Agreement indicates the State of California will issue a notice to proceed regarding the above construction. Because pursuant to the current terms of Government Code Sections 93000 et seq., which no longer require approval of the State of California for the lease agreements of GRTA, GRTA considers this condition to be satisfied by this notice to proceed issued by GRTA. It is the understanding of the undersigned that staff for CalSTA has similarly so indicated to County of Humboldt.