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REQUESTED EXTENSION FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY ADDENDUM, FORMER  
GEORGIA-PACIFIC MILL SITE, 90 WEST REDWOOD AVENUE, FORT BRAGG,  
MENDOCINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA (SITE CODE 202276)

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for the presentation on April 26, 2024, describing Pond 8, the regulatory landscape and history, and the next steps. It was interesting to see the pictures of the spillway and crib wall temporary repairs completed in 2010. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) requests a copy of the presentation for the project's records.

On March 28, 2024, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) sent a letter notifying Mendocino Railway of its obligation to perform an analysis of additional alternatives in a Feasibility Study Addendum (OU-E FS Addendum) to the Operable Unit E Feasibility Study (OU-E FS) for the former Georgia-Pacific Mill Site. DTSC's letter stated that Mendocino Railway has until May 28, 2024 to submit the draft set of alternatives to be evaluated in the OU-E FS Addendum. Mendocino Railway responded in a letter, dated April 29, 2024, that describes actions taken towards fulfilling DTSC's request that included meeting with the Coastal Commission on April 9, 2024, and a

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meeting with DTSC, Coastal Commission, Division of Dams, and the City of Fort Bragg on April 26, 2024. Mendocino Railway's letter also requests an extension for the submission of the draft set of alternatives to be evaluated in the OU-E FS Addendum to August 30, 2024.

The purpose of this letter is to grant conditional approval for Mendocino Railway's request to extend the deadline for submittal for the draft set of alternatives to the OU-E FS Addendum from May 28, 2024 to August 30, 2024. The extension is granted on the condition that Mendocino Railway agrees to monthly meetings with DTSC. DTSC proposes the third Friday of each month at 10 am. During each meeting, Mendocino Railway shall update DTSC on progress in developing the alternatives to be evaluated in the OU-E FS Addendum. The updates should include any communications with the Coastal Commission, the City of Fort Bragg, the Water Board, and the Division of Safety of Dams pertinent to developing alternatives for the OU-E FS Addendum. The OU-E Feasibility Study will be the first topic addressed at each meeting until the draft set of alternatives is submitted.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 540-2732 or via email at [Morgan.Bigelow@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Morgan.Bigelow@dtsc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Bigelow". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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