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Subject: Extension Request for OU-E Feasibility Study Addendum
Former Georgia-Pacific Wood Products Facility (Site Code: 202276)
KJ 1965021*21

Dear Ms. Bigelow:

Mendocino Railway received the Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC's) letter, dated 28 March 2024, requesting an Operable Unit E (OU-E) Feasibility Study (FS) Addendum. The letter also requested a draft set of alternatives to be evaluated in the OU-E FS Addendum by 28 May 2024. The letter states that the request for additional alternative evaluation is in part in response to information DTSC has received from the California Coastal Commission (CCC).

Mendocino Railway and its representatives met with the CCC on 9 April 2024 to discuss their feedback on the proposed project (as submitted in Coastal Development Permit [CDP] application [CDP 9-22]). During that discussion, the CCC and Mendocino Railway discussed a range of possible alternatives that need a more in-depth analysis and evaluation. Although the current CDP application is still under review by the City of Fort Bragg and not presently within the CCC's legal jurisdiction, Mendocino Railway agreed to evaluate these alternatives in a good faith effort to address any concerns that the CCC staff may have.

Mendocino Railway and its representatives met with the DTSC, CCC, City of Fort Bragg (City), and Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) on 26 April 2024 and expressed that additional alternatives would be evaluated, but additional time is required to undertake that analysis. As stated during the meeting, Mendocino Railway intends to seek appropriate input from the agencies and the City during scoping efforts for the alternatives analysis and will keep the agencies and City updated on the progress of the alternatives analysis. Accordingly, Mendocino Railway respectfully requests that DTSC approve an extension to the draft set of alternatives to 30 August 2024 to allow for a comprehensive analysis.

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Very truly yours,
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Mike Buck
Project Manager

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References

DTSC. 2024. Letter from Morgan Bigelow, DTSC, to Mike Buck, Mendocino Railway, RE: Requirement to Complete Feasibility Study Addendum for Former Georgia-Pacific Mill Site, 90 West Redwood Avenue, Fort Bragg, Mendocino County, California (Site Code 202276). March 28.

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