

**Hanks Coastal Development Permit and Special Permit**  
**Record Number: PLN-2017-13733**  
**Assessor's Parcel Number: 514-112-019**

**Recommended Action**

1. Describe the application as part of the Consent Agenda;
2. Survey the audience for any person who would like to discuss the application;
3. If no one requests discussion, make the following motion to approve the application as part of the consent agenda:

Find that the Zoning Administrator has found the project categorically exempt under Section 15304 of the State CEQA Guidelines; make the required findings for approval of the Coastal Development Permit and Special Permit; and approve the Hanks Coastal Development Permit and Special Permit as recommended by staff and subject to the recommended conditions.

**Executive Summary:**

A follow-up Coastal Development Permit (CDP) and Special Permit (SP) to an Emergency CDP and SP (CDP 17-047E, SP-17-074E approved August 29, 2017), under Humboldt County Code Section 312-15, which allowed the applicant to remove up to 15 hazardous trees from within 50 feet of a habitable structure. The subject trees were mature redwood trees, 20"-50" DBH, with an estimated age of 50 years. The trees showed a measurable lean towards the residence and were close to rubbing against the roof. The roof of the residence and other accessory structures were damaged from falling branches from past storms, and other trees had existing branches that appeared to be weakening. Inspection of the area immediately south of the property revealed that the area the trees were located in is not protected and therefore vulnerable to strong winds from the south, increasing the risk to windthrow and falling branches. The residence has previously been damaged by falling branches during winter wind events in 2016/2017. A letter from a Registered Professional Forester was submitted verifying that the trees pose a danger to the residence.

**Alternative:** The Zoning Administrator could recommend denial of the proposed Coastal Development Permit and Special Permit if the Administrator finds that the submitted evidence does not support making all of the required findings. However, based on this staff report, planning staff believes the submitted evidence does support making all of the required findings and does not recommend further consideration of this alternative.