MEMO
HUMBOLDT COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
LAND USE DIVISION

TO: Meghan Ryan, Planner

FROM: Robert W. Bronkall, Associate Engineer

DATE: 03/19/2010

RE: WHEELER, CUP 09-11, SMP 09-01, RP 09-01
APN 214-116-006

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The Department of Public Works review fee for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is $149. The fee collected by Community Development Services Department staff was $110. ***Prior to the project being presented to the Planning Commission, the applicant shall pay in full the correct fee. In this case, the an additional amount of $39 is due.***

The Department is requesting that all new surface mining permits, and extensions of existing surface mining permits comply with the following:

All on-site and off-site access roads (both County-maintained and non-County maintained) shall be suitable for truck traffic. In general, roads must meet Category 4 road standards in being at least 18 feet in width when 2-way traffic is expected. In addition, a 4 foot wide shoulder is necessary when pedestrians are expected. However, 2-way traffic on a single lane road (Category 2 road) may be appropriate when a road serves only the mining operation and when no other parcels of land use the road for access. Access roads and driveways not meeting the above standards must be improved to those standards, unless otherwise approved by the Department.

In lieu of constructing road improvements, the Department may approve a neighborhood traffic management plan. The Department's criteria for approving a neighborhood traffic management plan is based upon site specific conditions; sound engineering judgment; the ADT and DHV of the roads; the need to accommodate other road users (pedestrians, bicycles, equestrians, etc.); the time period in which haul-off of material will be done; and the frequency and quantity of trucks.

Entrances from "private" roads or driveways onto paved County maintained roads must be paved for the first 50 feet (roads) and the first 25 feet (driveways). The roads and driveways at the intersection of the County maintained road must meet the standards set forth in the County Visibility Ordinance.

Prior to constructing any improvements on any road within the County Maintained Road System, an encroachment permit must be issued from this Department.

Also, please refer to the attached letter from Director Will Kempton of the California Department of Transportation dated 09/30/2008. The letter indicates that it is critical to increase California's permitted aggregate resource reserves. The letter also states that upon request, staff from the local District Office will be made available to attend public meetings and speak on the importance of increasing California's aggregate supply.

Attachment:

- 09/30/2008 letter from Will Kempton, Director, California Department of Transportation

c Steve Werner, Supervising Planner
Glen Anderson, Engineering Technician
Tom Mattson, Director, Department of Public Works
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