



## MEMO

**To:** NCRA Board of Directors

**From:** Executive Director Stogner

**Date:** December 17, 2020

**Subject:** **Agenda Item G.2 – Discussion and Possible Approval of Lease Agreement, County of Humboldt Bay Trail South Project**

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The proposed Humboldt Bay Trail South project will achieve a critical link in the California Coastal Trail, and will partially fulfill NCRA's mandate under SB 1029 (McGuire) to use NCRA right-of-way to create the Great Redwood Trail

This project, which was described in detail when the NCRA Board met in January in Eureka, entails construction of a 4.2-mile paved pedestrian and bike path between Eureka and Arcata along the 101 and NCRA transportation corridor. The project is located between the Eureka Slough (near the Target Store) and the Brainard Slough (near Bracut Industrial Park). The project will connect trail projects recently completed by the City of Eureka and the City of Arcata to form a 14-mile network of trails around Humboldt Bay.

Humboldt County has submitted an application package to NCRA requesting adoption of a Lease Agreement for the Humboldt Bay Trail South project which is modeled after the agreement for the Annie & Mary Trail approved by NCRA and the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in 2019.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Approve the Lease Agreement for the Humboldt Bay Trail South Project, conditioned on review and approval by NCRA Legal Counsel. Once approved by Legal Counsel, the Lease Agreement would be forwarded to CTC for review and approval.