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North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

December 3, 2019

Blue Lake Rancheria
Attn: Michelle Fuller, Environmental Program Chair
P.O. Box 428
Blue Lake, CA 95525
MFuller@bluelakerancheria-nsn.gov

Dear Michelle Fuller:

Subject: Tribal Cultural Resources Under the California Environmental Quality Act, AB 52 (Gatto, 2014), Notification of Consultation Opportunity, Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1 for the *Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges Related to Timber Harvesting and Related Land Management Activities Conducted by Humboldt Redwood Company, LLC, in the Stitz Creek Watershed, Humboldt County*

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) is undertaking the following project: issuance of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for discharges related to timber harvesting and related land management activities conducted by Humboldt Redwood Company, LLC, in the Stitz Creek watershed, in Humboldt County, California.

Below please find a description of the proposed project, the name of our project point of contact, and a map showing the project location (Figure 1).

Description of Proposed Project:

Land use within the watershed is consistent with timber production zoning (TPZ) and has been predominantly devoted to timber production since the early 1900s. This project is a proposal to consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements that would regulate the discharge of waste to surface water from ongoing timber operations in the Stitz Creek Watershed, Humboldt County, California.

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Project Location:

Stitz Creek is a tributary to the Eel River, which drains to the Pacific Ocean. The Stitz Creek watershed is located in coastal northern California approximately 3.5 river miles upstream of the town of Scotia in Humboldt County (Figure 1). Stitz Creek's legal description at the confluence with Eel River is Township 1N Range 1E Section 22 (lower Eel HUC 18010105).

Lead Agency Point of Contact:

Name: Maggie Robinson

Title: Engineering Geologist

Phone: (707) 576-2292

Email: Maggie.Robinson@waterboards.ca.gov

Please reply if you would like to consult with the Regional Water Board regarding this proposed project. State law under Assembly Bill 52 (Public Resources Code Section 21080.3.1) allows California Native American tribes who have requested that they be provided notice of proposed projects 30 days to request consultation regarding possible significant effects that implementation of the proposed project may have on tribal cultural resources. The consultation request must be in writing. Please send your request to the Regional Water Board at either:

Email address: NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov

or

Mailing address: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A,
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Attention: Maggie Robinson

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Maggie Robinson at (707) 576-2292 or Maggie.Robinson@waterboards.ca.gov or her supervisor Jim Burke at (707) 576-2289 or James.Burke@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Matthias St. John
Executive Officer

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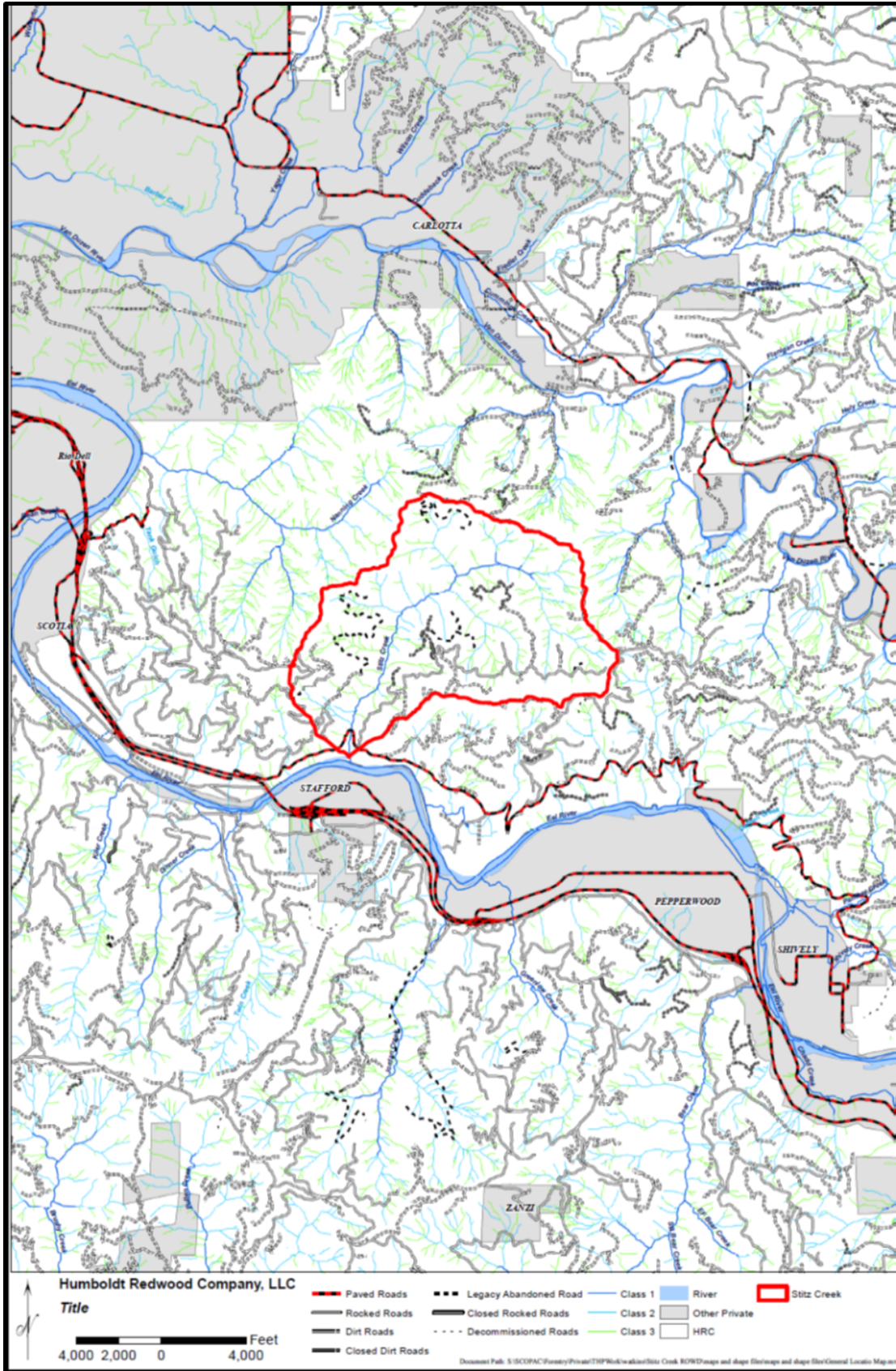


Figure 1. Stitz Creek Watershed Location Map