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CALTRANS Office of Outdoor Advertising

Re: Billboard with ODA permit #'s 12109, District 1, Hwy 101 in Humboldt County, Postmile 80.41L, .43 mi. S. of Airport Rd.

Re: Billboard with ODA permit #'s 12107, District 1, Hwy 101 in Humboldt County, Postmile 80.77L, .07 mi. S. of Airport Rd.

Re: Billboard with ODA permit #'s 27715, District 1, Hwy 101 in Humboldt County, Postmile 80.64L, .25 mi. S. of Airport Rd.

Dear Ms. Kelley:

I represent the North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA), a state government entity created by the California State Legislature in 1989. The NCRA owns property and maintains a railroad right of way between U. S. Highway 101 and Humboldt Bay in the City of Eureka including the locations described above. Three billboards are maintained by at least two separate owners on NCRA property at the above-described locations. These owners are believed to be Moser Outdoor Advertising and Allpoints Signs.

In recent years, these billboard owners may have obtained permits from Caltrans pursuant to its implementation of the Outdoor Advertising Act (ODA). As you know, the ODA requires that billboard owners obtain and maintain the lawful consent of the property owner upon whose property the billboards are to be maintained as a precondition for a permit under the ODA. As stated below, neither of these owners have NCRA's current permission to maintain these structures on NCRA property. NCRA objects to these billboards being maintained on its parcels.

Accordingly, the purpose of this letter is to inform Caltrans formally that: 1) the NCRA does not give consent for the three billboards and/or the advertisements affixed thereto to be placed or maintained on its above-described property; if any prior consent was given by a predecessor in interest to NCRA, such consent has been and is withdrawn and no longer applies to these billboards; 2) the NCRA requests that Caltrans immediately revoke any and all active permits that it may have issued or renewed for the billboards on the above-described property pursuant to section 2443 of the regulations implementing the ODA; 3) the NCRA requests that Caltrans take any and all action pursuant to its broad authority and powers under the ODA to hasten and secure the prompt removal of these three billboards that are improperly and illegally maintained on NCRA property.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mitch Stogner
Executive Director
North Coast Railroad Authority

Cc: James Arbis - Northern Area Manager, ODA Department, Caltrans, Sacramento
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