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### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Eureka Downtown Instructional Site  
605 K Street, Room 113, Eureka, CA 95501  
*Trustees Bennett, Coppini, Dorn, Emad, Mullery, Ross*

#### By Teleconference\*

600 Miller Creek Road, Garberville, CA 95542  
*Trustee Truett*

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*Trustee Biggin*

### A G E N D A

**Monday, December 15, 2008**

**8:00 a.m.**

#### Board of Trustees

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8:00 a.m.      **OPEN SESSION** Call to Order, Eureka Downtown Instructional Site,  
605 K Street, Room 113, Eureka, CA 95501

8:02 a.m.      **1.      BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

**ACTION                      1.1      Authorize the President/Superintendent to Execute a  
Memorandum of Understanding between the California  
Coastal Commission, California Department of Transportation,  
College of the Redwoods Foundation, and College of the  
Redwoods**

Provides authorization for the President/Superintendent to execute the final MOU regarding a \$2 million endowment for the improvement of the College Farm and the Agriculture Program, pending approval of the CR Foundation. To view a copy of the draft agreement, please visit the district's website at <http://www.redwoods.edu/District/Board/index.asp>. The MOU can be found in the December 2, 2008 board supporting documents beginning on page 35.

8:30 a.m.      **2.      ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING**

January 6, 2009

Eureka Campus Board Room (AD 201)  
7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka, CA

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REDWOODS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

December 15, 2008  
Agenda Item # 1.1

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Dr. Jeff Marsee  
President/Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT/SUPERINTENDENT TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION, THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS FOUNDATION, AND THE COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS

RECOMMENDATION

Pending approval of the CR Foundation, authorize the President/Superintendent to execute a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the California Coastal Commission, the California Department of Transportation, the College of the Redwoods Foundation, and the College of the Redwoods.

BACKGROUND

In the fall of 2007, the district was contacted by representatives from CalTrans and the State Coastal Commission regarding an endowment for the college farm. In order to mitigate permanent conversion of prime agricultural lands associated with Caltrans projects on the north coast, they proposed an endowment of a \$2 million fund to the Foundation for the agricultural education program at the farm. The endowment fund would be segregated into two components: a \$1.5 million component reserved for the purpose of permanently endowing a full-time teaching position in agriculture education, and a \$.5 million component for infrastructure improvements at the farm.

At its December 2, 2008 meeting, trustees discussed the MOU and raised the following concerns:

- The interest from the \$1.5 million endowment will not be sufficient to cover the salary of a teaching position in agriculture. The district needs to determine if it is willing to subsidize the salary.
- The district will be subservient to Coastal Commission. The Coastal Commission will hold the district responsible for preset conditions.
- The MOU may be terminated for good cause. Good cause includes a determination by the Commission that the Foundation is not proceeding reasonably and expeditiously to hire a faculty position. The language is nebulous.
- The MOU requires extensive fund raising and extensive activities to promote the program. This language is too vague.

- Concern regarding #15 - “As pledged by the administrators of the College, the Foundation and College shall, to the maximum extent feasible, in the future jointly endeavor to expand the financial resources of the College’s Agricultural Education program...,” the language is too vague.
- It is difficult to determine which agency the MOU refers to during the use of term “Executive Director.”

Following the December 2 board meeting, the President/Superintendent and the Executive Director of the CR Foundation met with representatives from the Coastal Commission and CalTrans to discuss these concerns. Progress is being made to address these issues.

The draft version of the MOU can be viewed at the district’s website at <http://www.redwoods.edu/District/Board/index.asp>. The MOU can be found in the December 2, 2008 board supporting documents beginning on page 35. The final MOU will be reviewed by the district’s legal counsel.

#### BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding from the yield of the \$1.5 million endowment will be used to off-set the Shivley Farm manager’s salary. The position will be announced as a combination of farm manager and qualified agriculture faculty.

JM/sa