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27 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 28 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

29 HUMBOLDT BAYKEEPER, a program of  
 30 Ecological Rights Foundation, and  
 31 ECOLOGICAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION,  
 32 a non-profit corporation,

33 Plaintiffs,

34 v.

35 UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD  
 36 COMPANY, a Delaware corporation; and  
 37 NORTH COAST RAILROAD  
 38 AUTHORITY, a state agency; and CUE  
 39 VI, LLC, an Alaska limited liability  
 40 company,

41 Defendants.

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CASE NO. C 06-02560 JSW

**CONSENT DECREE AND ~~PROPOSED~~  
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**CONSENT DECREE AND ORDER**

This Consent Decree and Order (the “**Consent Decree**”) is entered into by and between Plaintiffs Ecological Rights Foundation (“**ERF**”) and Humboldt Baykeeper (“**Humboldt Baykeeper**”) (collectively, the “**Plaintiffs**”), on the one hand, and Defendants CUE VI, LLC (“**CUE VI**”) and Union Pacific Railroad Company (“**Union Pacific**”) (collectively, the “**Defendants**”), on the other hand. The parties shall sometimes be referred to herein individually as a “**Party**” and collectively as the “**Parties**.”

**RECITALS**

A. ERF is a 501(c)(3), non-profit, public benefit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of California whose stated purpose is “to educate the public about environmental practices that cause harm to human health, the environment and other natural resources; and to seek redress of environmental harms through litigation or alternative dispute resolution.”

B. Humboldt Baykeeper is a program of ERF, and a membership organization, which states its members “are comprised of local residents concerned with the health of the Humboldt Bay area environment as well as non-local members who also visit and use the Humboldt Bay area and who support ERF’s efforts to protect the Humboldt Bay area.”

C. Union Pacific is a corporation duly formed, and existing under, the laws of the state of Delaware, and is the former owner of that certain real property located in Eureka, California, commonly described as the “Balloon Track” property.

D. CUE VI is a limited liability company duly formed, and existing under, the laws of the state of Alaska, whose initials CUE stand for “Clean Up Eureka” and which is the current owner of the “Balloon Track” property, having acquired it from Union Pacific in 2006 with the intent of developing it into a mixed-use urban-infill retail and light industrial development known as the “Marina Center.”

E. The “Balloon Track” property is currently covered by Assessor Parcel Nos. 003-014-002; 003-031-003; 003-021-009; 003-031-006; 003-41-007; 003-031-012; 003-031-013; 003-041-005; 003-041-006; 003-051-001; 003-072-003 and hereinafter referred to as the “**Site**.”

1 A map depicting the Site is attached as **Exhibit A-1** hereto.

2 F. A portion of the Site had been a railroad maintenance facility operated by Southern  
3 Pacific Transportation Company (“**Southern Pacific**”) until about 1985. Shortly after railroad  
4 operations ceased, Southern Pacific removed underground and above ground storage tanks,  
5 associated piping and petroleum-impacted soil, containerized potentially hazardous materials, and  
6 removed wastewater from an oil/water separator at the Site. Thereafter, soil sampling,  
7 groundwater monitoring, and other environmental investigations and remedial actions were  
8 performed by Southern Pacific. Union Pacific continued these actions following a merger with  
9 Southern Pacific in 1996.

10 G. On or about May 9, 2001, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board,  
11 North Coast Region (the “**Regional Water Board**”) issued Clean Up and Abatement Order No.  
12 R1-2001-26 with regard to the Site (the “**CAO**”) to Union Pacific, which undertook further  
13 environmental investigations, monitoring, and remedial actions in connection with the CAO.

14 H. On or about May 9, 2001, the Regional Water Board issued Monitoring and  
15 Reporting Program Order No. R1-2001-29. On or about July 22, 2002, the Regional Water Board  
16 issued a replacement Monitoring and Reporting Program, Order No. R1-2002-0082, requiring  
17 periodic monitoring of groundwater and surface water at the Site, with subsequent changes  
18 documented in a letter from the Regional Water Board dated October 7, 2003 (the “**Monitoring**  
19 **Program**”).

20 I. On or about February 1, 2006, Plaintiffs provided Union Pacific with written  
21 notice of alleged violations of the federal Water Pollution Control Act, also known as the Clean  
22 Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a), *et seq.* (the “**CWA**”), and the federal Resource Conservation and  
23 Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6972(a)(1)(B), *et seq.* (“**RCRA**”) (the “**Union Pacific Notice**  
24 **Letter**”). North Coast Railroad Authority also was named by Plaintiffs as a responsible party for  
25 alleged CWA violations in the Union Pacific Notice Letter and in the subsequent Complaint  
26 referenced herein, but is not a party to this Consent Decree and is not included with in the terms  
27 “Defendants” as defined and used herein.

28 J. On or about October 12, 2006, Plaintiffs provided CUE VI with written notice of

1 alleged violations of the CWA and RCRA (the “**CUE VI Notice Letter**”).

2 K. On or about April 12, 2006, the Plaintiffs filed a Complaint against, among others,  
 3 Union Pacific, and thereafter, the Plaintiffs amended their Complaint in the Action known as  
 4 *Humboldt Baykeeper, et al. v. Union Pacific, et al.*, United States District Court, Northern District  
 5 of California, case number C 06-02560 JSW (the “**Action**”) to, *inter alia*, add CUE VI as a  
 6 Defendant. Plaintiffs’ Third Amended Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief and Civil  
 7 Penalties (Dkt. No. 136) is the operative Complaint in the Action, wherein Plaintiffs allege that  
 8 Union Pacific and CUE VI violated the CWA and RCRA. Defendants have denied the claims  
 9 and allegations in the Complaint, and denied that the Plaintiffs were entitled to any relief  
 10 whatsoever.

11 L. The Defendants deny that they have violated the CWA or RCRA and deny that  
 12 they have any liability in this Action or that Plaintiffs are entitled to any relief whatsoever. The  
 13 Parties agree that nothing in this Consent Decree shall be construed as an admission as to any  
 14 fact, finding, issue of law, or violation of law by Defendants; nor shall compliance with this  
 15 Consent Decree be construed as an admission by the Defendants of any fact, finding, conclusion,  
 16 issue of law, or violation of law.

17 M. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each of the Parties has determined that it is in its  
 18 best interests to resolve the Action without the taking of any evidence or findings of fact, or law,  
 19 and without the time and expense of trial.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE**  
 21 **PARTIES, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COURT, AS FOLLOWS:**

22 **CONSENT DECREE**

23 1. Jurisdiction and Venue. For purposes of this Consent Decree, the Parties  
 24 acknowledge and agree that the United States District Court for the Northern District of  
 25 California has jurisdiction over the Parties and the subject matter of the Action and that venue is  
 26 proper in the Northern District.

27 2. Review by the United States. Upon full execution by all Parties, this Consent  
 28 Decree shall be submitted by the Plaintiffs to the United States Department of Justice (“DOJ”)

and the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“**EPA**”) for the forty five (45) day statutory review period, pursuant to 33 U.S.C. § 1365(c), and the other procedures in 33 U.S.C. § 1365 associated with approval of consent decrees (the “**DOJ/EPA Review Process**”). If for any reason the EPA or DOJ (the “**United States Reviewing Agencies**”) should object to this Consent Decree in the exact form presented, the Parties shall meet and confer in good faith within seven (7) calendar days of receiving the United States Reviewing Agencies objections to decide whether to modify the Consent Decree so that it is acceptable to the Parties and the United States Reviewing Agencies.

3. Submission of the Consent Decree for Court Approval. Plaintiffs shall submit this Consent Decree for Court approval promptly upon conclusion of the DOJ/EPA Review Process. If for any reason the Court should decline to approve this Consent Decree in the exact form presented (including whatever modifications the Parties agree to as part of the DOJ/EPA Review Process), the Parties shall meet and confer in good faith within seven (7) calendar days of receiving the Court’s notice it declines to approve the Consent Decree to discuss modifying the Consent Decree so that it is acceptable to the Parties and the Court. The Parties will meet and confer for at least thirty (30) days, and if after this thirty (30) calendar day period the Parties are unable to modify this Consent Decree in such a mutually acceptable matter, then this Consent Decree shall be immediately null and void.

4. Effective Date. The “Effective Date” shall be the date that the Court enters an order approving this Consent Decree following the conclusion of the DOJ/EPA Review Process (the “**Effective Date**”).

5. Termination Date. This Consent Decree and Order shall automatically terminate upon the third anniversary of the Effective Date (the “**Termination Date**”).

6. 2010-11 Interim Stormwater BMPs. Plaintiffs acknowledge that CUE VI is currently working with the Regional Water Board to obtain approval for the implementation of best practices for the management of stormwater on the Site for the 2010-11 rainy season, in response to the Regional Water Board’s April 19, 2010 letter, and subsequent correspondence (the “**2010-11 Interim Stormwater BMPs**”). Plaintiffs shall not take any action to oppose or

1 interfere with the implementation of the 2010-11 Interim Stormwater BMPs. Plaintiffs shall not  
2 provide any financial or technical aid or support to others for the purpose of opposing and/or  
3 appealing the issuance of any regulatory permits, approvals or authorizations that are necessary  
4 for the implementation of the 2010-11 Interim Stormwater BMPs. CUE VI and Plaintiffs intend  
5 this portion of the Consent Decree to operate as a contractual agreement in advance of the  
6 expiration of the DOJ/EPA Review Process and Court approval of this Consent Decree. To the  
7 extent that the Effective Date does not occur, then this section shall be null and void.

8       7. CUE VI's Interim Removal Action. Upon the Regional Water Board's approval of  
9 a work plan, and the issuance of all necessary permits, CUE VI shall commence and thereafter  
10 diligently complete the following interim removal actions with regard to the Site which were  
11 previously described in CUE VI's Supplemental Interim Remediation Plan (the "SIRAP"), as  
12 approved and in a manner that is consistent with the contents of the Regional Water Board's June  
13 18, 2009, correspondence conditionally approving the SIRAP.

14           a. Excavation of Former General Petroleum Site. CUE VI shall remove  
15 petroleum-contaminated soil located in the former General Petroleum Site as more specifically  
16 depicted on Exhibit A-2 hereto, and backfill with clean soil material.

17           b. Metals Impacted Soil Removal (Sample Location SHN-S-17): CUE VI  
18 shall remove metals-contaminated soils at the location on the Site identified by sample SHN-S-  
19 17, as located on Exhibit A-3 hereto.

20           c. Metals Impacted Soil Removal (Sample Location S-5): CUE VI shall  
21 remove metals-contaminated soils at the location on the Site identified by sample Humboldt  
22 Baykeeper S-5, as located on Exhibit A-4 hereto.

23           d. Excavation of Western Ditch. CUE VI shall remove soil and/or sediments  
24 in the Western Ditch where prior sampling activities have indicated the presence of dioxins and  
25 furans, as located on Exhibit A-5 hereto.

26           e. Excavation of Eastern Ditch. CUE VI shall remove soil and/or sediments in  
27 the Eastern Ditch where prior sampling activities have indicated the presence of dioxins and  
28 furans, as located on Exhibit A-5 hereto.

f. Removal of Debris. CUE VI shall remove the metal and railroad tie debris piles and other debris that remain on the Site as more specifically defined in sections 4.2.1. through 4.2.7., inclusive, of the SIRAP (collectively, the “**Interim Removal Action**”).

8. Interim Removal Action Work Plan. Not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the Effective Date, CUE VI shall provide the Plaintiffs with a copy of the proposed workplan to implement the Interim Removal Action in the form CUE VI intends to submit to the Regional Water Board for approval (the “**Interim Removal Action Work Plan**”), which shall describe the following elements, to the extent included in the Interim Removal Action Work Plan and in a manner that is consistent with the SIRAP and the Regional Water Board’s June 18, 2009, letter conditionally approving the SIRAP:

- a. characterization and confirmation sampling methodologies;
- b. excavation plans;
- c. disposal plans;
- d. backfill plans;
- e. plans to restore the Site once the removal work is complete; and
- f. permitting plans.

9. Dispute Resolution Re Proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan. Plaintiffs shall have fourteen (14) calendar days from receipt of the proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan within which to provide CUE VI with any comments on the proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan. To the extent that Plaintiffs do not provide comments to CUE VI within fourteen (14) calendar days from receipt of the proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan, CUE VI may submit the proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan to the Regional Water Board.

In the event that Plaintiffs’ provide comments that disagree with the proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan, CUE VI’s designated consultant(s) and the Plaintiffs’ designated consultant(s) shall meet and confer within seven (7) calendar days of CUE VI’s receipt of Plaintiffs’ comments in a good faith effort to develop a mutually acceptable proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan. In the event that CUE VI and the Plaintiffs are unable to develop a



1 mutually acceptable proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan within fourteen (14) calendar  
 2 days of the initial meet-and-confer conference, CUE VI and the Plaintiffs shall mediate the dispute  
 3 with a technically-trained mediator who is mutually acceptable.

4 If CUE VI and the Plaintiffs cannot identify a mutually acceptable technically-trained  
 5 mediator, then each shall identify a technically-trained mediator and those two mediators shall  
 6 select a third technically-trained mediator, and the three-person mediation panel shall mediate the  
 7 dispute regarding the proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan. Plaintiffs shall pay the fees  
 8 and costs associated with retention of the mediator they select; CUE VI shall pay the fees and  
 9 costs associated with retention of the mediator CUE VI selects; and CUE VI shall pay the fees and  
 10 costs associated with the retention of the mediator the first two mediators select. The mediator(s)  
 11 shall attempt to mediate any dispute to arrive at a mutually agreeable proposed Interim Removal  
 12 Action Work Plan. To the extent this is not possible, the mediator(s) shall determine the contents  
 13 of the proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan. If there are multiple mediators, the content  
 14 of the proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan shall represent the unanimous views of the  
 15 mediators to the maximum extent feasible.

16 The mediation process shall conclude no later than thirty (30) from commencement. CUE  
 17 VI shall submit said proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan to the Regional Water Board  
 18 within ten (10) calendar days of the completion of the mediation process.

19 Plaintiffs acknowledge and agree that the process described in this section shall be the  
 20 sole mechanism for the resolution of any disputes related to the Interim Removal Action and  
 21 proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan and that the Regional Water Board's decision  
 22 regarding the Interim Removal Action Work Plan shall be definitive and not subject to  
 23 administrative or judicial appeal.

24 10. Support for Agreed Upon Interim Removal Action. If Plaintiffs and CUE VI  
 25 develop a mutually acceptable proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan through either the  
 26 informal "meet and confer" or mediation processes described in the preceding section, then  
 27 Plaintiffs acknowledge and agree: a) that they shall not oppose and/or appeal the issuance of any  
 28 regulatory permits, approvals or authorizations, including those from the Regional Water Board,

that are necessary for the implementation of the proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan; b) that they shall not provide financial or technical aid or assistance to others for the purpose of opposing and/or appealing the issuance of any regulatory permits, approvals or authorizations that are necessary for the implementation of the proposed mutually acceptable Interim Removal Action Work Plan; and c) that they will support the mutually acceptable Interim Removal Action Work Plan and earliest possible issuance of any permits that are necessary for the implementation of the mutually acceptable proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan.

If Plaintiffs and CUE VI *cannot* develop a mutually acceptable proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan through either the informal “meet and confer”, the mediation processes described in the preceding section, or if the Plaintiffs fail to provide comments to the Interim Removal Action Work Plan within fourteen (14) days of initial receipt, then Plaintiffs acknowledge and agree a) that they shall not oppose and/or appeal the issuance of any regulatory permits, approvals or authorizations, including those from the Regional Water Board, that are necessary for the implementation of a proposed Interim Removal Action Plan; and b) that they shall not provide financial or technical aid or assistance to others for the purpose of opposing and/or appealing the issuance of any regulatory permits, approvals or authorizations that are necessary for the implementation of the proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan.

11. Final Site Characterization Plan. No later than 8 months prior to CUE VI’s application for any land use entitlements necessary for development at the Site, including but not limited to the Marina Center, or such earlier time as directed by the Regional Water Board, CUE VI shall provide Plaintiffs with a proposed plan for conducting soil and sediment sampling in order to characterize the Site (the “**Final Site Characterization Plan**”) consistent with the preparation of a final Remedial Action Plan for development at the Site including but not limited to the Marina Center (“**Final Remedial Action Plan**”).

12. Dispute Resolution Re Proposed Final Site Characterization Plan. Plaintiffs shall have fourteen (14) calendar days from receipt of the proposed Final Site Characterization Plan within which to provide CUE VI with any comments on the proposed Final Site Characterization Plan. If CUE VI and Plaintiffs agree on the proposed **Final Site Characterization Plan**, it shall

1 be submitted in the approved form to the relevant federal, state, or local agencies. CUE VI shall  
2 subsequently perform the work contemplated in the proposed **Final Site Characterization Plan**  
3 for investigation and characterization upon receipt of approval by the necessary regulatory  
4 agencies. To the extent that Plaintiffs do not provide comments to CUE VI within 14 calendar  
5 days from receipt of the proposed Final Site Characterization Plan, CUE VI may submit the  
6 proposed Final Site Characterization Plan to the Regional Water Board.

7 In the event that Plaintiffs provide comments that disagree with the proposed Final Site  
8 Characterization Plan, CUE VI's designated consultant(s) and the Plaintiffs' designated  
9 consultant(s) shall meet and confer within seven (7) calendar days of CUE VI's receipt of  
10 Plaintiffs' comments in a good faith effort to develop a mutually acceptable proposed Final Site  
11 Characterization Plan. In the event that CUE VI and the Plaintiffs are unable to develop a  
12 mutually acceptable proposed Final Site Characterization Plan within fourteen (14) calendar days  
13 of the initial meet-and-confer conference, CUE VI and the Plaintiffs shall mediate the dispute with  
14 a technically-trained mediator that is mutually acceptable.

15 If CUE VI and the Plaintiffs cannot identify a mutually acceptable technically-trained  
16 mediator, then each shall identify a technically-trained mediator and those two mediators shall  
17 select a third technically-trained mediator, and the three-person mediation panel shall mediate the  
18 dispute regarding the proposed Final Site Characterization Plan. Plaintiffs shall pay the fees and  
19 costs associated with retention of the mediator they select; CUE VI shall pay the fees and costs  
20 associated with retention of the mediator CUE VI selects; and CUE VI shall pay the fees and costs  
21 associated with the retention of the mediator the first two mediators select. The mediator(s) shall  
22 attempt to mediate any dispute to arrive at a mutually agreeable proposed Final Site  
23 Characterization Plan. To the extent this is not possible, the mediator(s) shall determine the  
24 contents of the proposed Final Site Characterization Plan. If there are multiple mediators, the  
25 content of the proposed Final Site Characterization Plan shall represent the unanimous views of the  
26 mediators to the maximum extent feasible.

27 The mediation process shall conclude no later than thirty (30) from commencement. CUE  
28 VI shall submit said proposed Final Site Characterization Plan to the Regional Board within ten

1 (10) calendar days of the completion of the mediation process.

2 Plaintiffs acknowledge and agree that the process described in this section shall be the  
3 sole mechanism for the resolution of any disputes related to the Final Site Characterization Plan  
4 and that the Regional Water Board's decision regarding the Final Site Characterization Plan shall  
5 be definitive and not subject to administrative or judicial appeal.

6 13. Support for Agreed Upon Proposed Final Site Characterization Plan. If Plaintiffs  
7 and CUE VI develop a mutually acceptable proposed Final Site Characterization Plan through  
8 either the informal "meet and confer" or mediation processes described in the preceding section,  
9 then Plaintiffs acknowledge and agree: a) that they shall not oppose and/or appeal the issuance of  
10 any regulatory permits, approvals or authorizations, including those from the Regional Board, that  
11 are necessary for the implementation of the proposed Final Site Characterization Plan; b) that  
12 they shall support that mutually acceptable proposed Final Site Characterization Plan and the  
13 earliest possible issuance of any permits that are necessary for the implementation of the mutually  
14 acceptable proposed Final Site Characterization Plan; and c) that they shall not provide financial  
15 or technical aid or assistance to others for the purpose of opposing or appealing the mutually  
16 acceptable proposed Final Site Characterization Plan.

17 If Plaintiffs and CUE VI *cannot* develop a mutually acceptable proposed Final Site  
18 Characterization Plan through either the informal "meet and confer", the mediation processes  
19 described in the preceding section, or if the Plaintiffs fail to provide comments to the Final Site  
20 Characterization Plan within fourteen (14) days of initial receipt, then Plaintiffs acknowledge and  
21 agree: a) that they shall not oppose and/or appeal the issuance of any regulatory permits,  
22 approvals or authorizations, including those from the Regional Water Board, that are necessary  
23 for the implementation of the proposed Final Site Characterization Plan; and b) that they shall not  
24 provide financial or technical aid or assistance to others for the purpose of opposing or appealing  
25 the proposed Final Site Characterization Plan.

26 14. Final Remedial Action Plan. Not later than 30 calendar days prior to submitting a  
27 proposed Final Remedial Action Plan to the Regional Water Board, CUE VI shall provide  
28 Plaintiffs with a copy of the proposed Final Remedial Action Plan in the form CUE VI intends to

1 submit to the Regional Water Board for approval. Plaintiffs shall have fourteen (14) calendar  
2 days from receipt of the proposed Final Remedial Action Plan within which to provide CUE VI  
3 with any comments to the proposed Final Remedial Action Plan. Plaintiffs and CUE VI will meet  
4 and confer in good faith with regard to the proposed Final Remedial Action Plan and Plaintiffs  
5 comments thereto. CUE VI will provide an agreed upon Final Remedial Action Plan or, absent  
6 agreement, a modified Final Remedial Action Plan together with Plaintiffs' comments, to the  
7 Regional Water Board, with each Party reserving their rights with respect to the submission.

8 15. General Dispute Resolution and Retention of Jurisdiction. With the exception of  
9 disputes regarding the proposed Interim Removal Action Work Plan (the sole mechanism for  
10 dispute resolution being set forth in section 9 above) and the proposed Final Site Characterization  
11 Work Plan (the sole mechanism for dispute resolution being set forth in section 12 above), if a  
12 dispute arises concerning the terms of this Consent Decree, or if any Party believes that a breach  
13 of this Consent Decree has occurred, the Parties shall meet and confer within ten (10) calendar  
14 days of receiving written notification from the other Party of a request for a conference. This  
15 notification shall explicitly state the nature, underlying facts and bases for the dispute or alleged  
16 breach. The Parties shall discuss the merits of the dispute and shall seek to develop a mutually  
17 agreed upon plan, including implementation dates, to resolve the alleged breach or dispute.

18 If the Parties fail to meet and confer or cannot resolve the issue, and after at least seven (7)  
19 calendar days have elapsed since the meet-and-confer conference occurred or should have  
20 occurred, either party may bring a motion before the United States District Court for the Northern  
21 District of California (Chief Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James), which shall retain jurisdiction  
22 over the action for the limited purposes of enforcement of the terms of this Consent Decree. The  
23 Parties agree that in the event that such a dispute is brought before the United States District  
24 Court for the Northern District of California, the prevailing Party, as determined by the Court  
25 shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees, expert fees and costs. This Consent  
26 Decree constitutes the Parties' contractual agreement in that regard.

27 If CUE VI claims an inability to pay as the basis for its failure to comply with any section  
28 of this Consent Decree, CUE VI shall submit adequate financial documentation to Plaintiffs to

1 support its claim of inability to pay no later than thirty (30) days from its failure to comply.

2 Plaintiffs reserve the right to require the submission of additional financial documents in order to  
3 analyze any asserted claim of inability to pay, and the party asserting an inability to pay agrees to  
4 provide said documents.

5 16. Payments. Within seven (7) calendar days of the Effective Date, CUE VI shall  
6 make an irrevocable deposit in an escrow account in the amount of \$1,800,000 on behalf of itself  
7 and Union Pacific in full satisfaction of any and all monetary relief that was or could have been  
8 sought in the Action (the “**Escrow Account**”). The escrow agent shall make payments from the  
9 Escrow Account (individually, a “**Payment**,” collectively, the “**Payments**”), according to the  
10 following schedule, pursuant to escrow instructions substantially identical to the form attached  
11 hereto as Exhibit B, but which shall be updated once the Effective Date occurs to include the  
12 Effective Date, the escrow company, the escrow agent, and the calendar dates (based on the  
13 Effective Date) for each of the payments identified below:

14 a. The escrow agent shall pay the Plaintiffs the sum of \$900,000 within  
15 fourteen (14) calendar days of the Effective Date of this Consent Decree;

16 b. The escrow agent shall pay the Plaintiffs the sum of \$400,000 within ninety  
17 (90) calendar days of the Effective Date of this Consent Decree;

18 c. The escrow agent shall pay the Plaintiffs the sum of \$500,000 within five  
19 hundred forty (540) calendar days of the Effective Date (the “**Final Payment**”);

20 d. As set forth in Exhibit B, each of the Payments shall be made in the form  
21 of a check payable to “*Lawyers for Clean Water Attorney Client Trust Account*” addressed to:  
22 1004-A O’Reilly Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94129, sent overnight delivery. Plaintiffs intend to  
23 allocate the Payments to their attorneys’ fees and costs, consultant and expert fees and costs,  
24 and/or litigation expenses in the Action.

25 17. Force Majeure. No Party shall be considered to be in default in the performance of  
26 any of its obligations when a failure to perform is due to circumstances beyond the Party’s  
27 reasonable control, which shall be referred to as a “Force Majeure.” A Force Majeure event  
28 renders performance impossible, or impracticable, and includes such events as an act of God, war,

1 fire, earthquake, flood, restraint by court order, or action or inaction by, or inability to obtain the  
 2 necessary authorizations or approval from, any governmental agency. If a Party seeks to invoke  
 3 this paragraph, it shall notify the other Party in writing as soon as reasonably possible, specifying  
 4 the particular action that could not be performed and the specific reason for the non-performance.  
 5 The Parties will thereafter meet and confer regarding an alternative schedule for completion of  
 6 the action that could not be performed, or an alternative action. Any dispute regarding the  
 7 applicability of this paragraph, or any future action to be taken, that remains after the meet and  
 8 confer session will be handled as a dispute pursuant to section 15.

9 18. Releases.

10 a. Plaintiffs' Release of CUE VI. Upon receipt of the Final Payment,  
 11 Plaintiffs, on their own behalf and on behalf of their voting members, subsidiaries, successors,  
 12 assigns, affiliated entities, directors, officers, agents, attorneys, representatives, and employees,  
 13 do hereby release CUE VI and its officers, directors, employees, shareholders, agents, attorneys,  
 14 representatives, related or affiliated companies including without limitation Security National  
 15 Master Holding Company, LLC, Security National Properties, SN Servicing Corporation, or any  
 16 of their affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors and assigns, past and present  
 17 (collectively, the "**Security National Entities**"), from any and all liens, losses, claims, debts,  
 18 liabilities, demands, obligations, promises, acts, agreements, costs, and expenses (including,  
 19 without limitation, attorneys' fees), injunctive relief, penalties, fines, sanctions, mitigation,  
 20 damages, whether known or unknown, anticipated or not anticipated, actual or contingent,  
 21 suspected or unsuspected, including, without limitation, those based on, arising out of, incidental  
 22 to, appertaining to, in connection with and/or emanating from, in any way, the facts and matters  
 23 set forth in the Recitals, the CUE VI Notice Letter, and/or the Action up to and including the  
 24 Effective Date of this Consent Decree.

25 b. Plaintiffs' Release of Union Pacific. Upon receipt of the Final Payment,  
 26 Plaintiffs, on their own behalf and on behalf of their voting members, subsidiaries, successors,  
 27 assigns, affiliated entities, directors, officers, agents, attorneys, representatives, and employees,  
 28 do hereby release Union Pacific and its officers, directors, employees, shareholders, agents,

attorneys, representatives, related or affiliated companies including without limitation, parents, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors and assigns, past and present, from any and all liens, losses, claims, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, promises, acts, agreements, costs, and expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees), injunctive relief, penalties, fines, sanctions, mitigation, damages, whether known or unknown, anticipated or not anticipated, actual or contingent, suspected or unsuspected, including, without limitation, those based on, arising out of, incidental to, appertaining to, in connection with and/or emanating from, in any way, the facts and matters set forth in the Recitals, the Union Pacific Notice Letter, and/or the Action up to and including the Effective Date of this Consent Decree.

c. Union Pacific and CUE VI's Release of Plaintiffs. Upon delivery of the Final Payment, CUE VI and Union Pacific, on their own behalf and on behalf of their subsidiaries, successors, assigns, affiliated entities, directors, officers, agents, attorneys, representatives, and employees, do hereby release Plaintiffs and their member, officers, directors, employees, shareholders, agents, attorneys, representatives, related or affiliated companies including without limitation, parents, subsidiaries, predecessors, successors and assigns, past and present, from any and all liens, losses, claims, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, promises, acts, agreements, costs, and expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees), injunctive relief, penalties, fines, sanctions, mitigation, damages, whether known or unknown, anticipated or not anticipated, actual or contingent, suspected or unsuspected, including, without limitation, those based on, arising out of, incidental to, appertaining to, in connection with and/or emanating from, in any way, the facts and matters set forth in the Recitals and/or the Action.

d. Waiver of California Civil Code § 1542. The Parties further expressly waive any rights or benefits available to them under the provisions of California Civil Code § 1542, which provides as follows:

**A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor.**

19. Covenant Not to Sue. Except for the pending actions identified in the last sentence



of this section 19, for the period beginning on the Effective Date and ending on the Termination Date, Plaintiffs agree that neither they, their officers, directors, voting members, agents, representatives, or affiliates will file or maintain any lawsuit against the Defendants and/or the Security National Entities, or commence any formal administrative petition or administrative appeal proceedings involving Defendants and/or the Security National Entities, relating in any way, directly or indirectly, to allegations in the Union Pacific Notice Letter, the allegations in the CUE VI Notice Letter, the allegations in the Action, the Site, and/or Clark Slough. Regarding the pending actions known as *Humboldt Baykeeper v. City of Eureka and CUE VI*, Humboldt County Superior Court Case Nos. CV 090822 and CV100494, Plaintiffs agree they will not seek a remedy that would prevent the implementation of the Interim Removal Actions or Final Site Characterization Plan, as set forth in sections seven (7) and eleven (11).

20. Comment on Monitoring Program. CUE VI shall continue to monitor surface water on the Site pursuant to the Monitoring Program, in its current form or as modified by the Regional Water Board. Notwithstanding any other section of this Consent Decree, Plaintiffs may comment to the Regional Water Board regarding monitoring and reporting requirements for the Site.

21. Dismissal. Plaintiffs will dismiss their Third Amended Complaint with prejudice immediately after the Defendants provide confirmation of deposit of the Payments into the Escrow Account pursuant to section 16 of this Consent Decree.

22. Notice Sections. Any notices given hereunder shall be provided as follows:

**If to CUE VI, LLC:**

Michael Casey  
Vice President, CUE VI, LLC  
Security National Properties  
3665 Bleckely Street  
Mather, CA 95655

with copy to  
Clifton McFarland  
Andrew Collier  
Downey Brand LLP  
621 Capitol Mall, 18th Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**If to Union Pacific**

Robert C. Bylsma  
Senior Regional Environmental Counsel  
Union Pacific Railroad  
10031 Foothills Blvd.  
Roseville, CA 95747

with copy to  
Christopher Locke  
Paul P. "Skip" Spaulding, III  
Farella Braun + Martel LLP  
235 Montgomery St., 17th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94104

**If to Plaintiffs:**

Michelle D. Smith  
Humboldt Baykeeper  
217 E St  
Eureka, CA 95501

Layne Friedrich  
Lawyers for Clean Water, Inc.  
1004A O'Reilly Ave  
San Francisco, CA 94129

Any notices or documents required or provided for by this Consent Decree or related thereto that are to be provided shall be sent both by facsimile or email transmission and first class mail to the above representatives. Notices or communications shall be deemed given and received on the date received by facsimile or email transmission, if such notice is given by facsimile or e-email transmission to all recipients between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time ("PST") on a business weekday. If notice is given by facsimile or email transmission after 5:00 pm. PST on a weekday or at any time on a weekend day, notice shall be deemed received the next succeeding weekday. Any change of address or addresses shall be communicated in writing in the manner described above for giving notices.

23. Construction. The language in all parts of this Consent Decree shall be construed according to its plain and ordinary meaning, except as to those terms are defined by law, in the CWA, RCRA, in regulations implementing these statutes, or specifically herein.

24. Severability. In the event that any section or sentence of this Consent Decree is held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable sections shall not be adversely affected.

25. Counterparts. This Consent Decree may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one original document. Telecopy, .pdf, and/or facsimile copies of original signature shall be deemed to be originally executed counterparts of this Consent Decree.

26. Assignment. Subject only to the express restrictions contained in this Consent Decree, all of the rights, duties and obligations contained in this Consent Decree shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Parties, and their successors and assigns.

27. Modification of the Consent Decree. This Consent Decree, and any sections herein, may not be changed, modified, waived, discharged or terminated, unless by a written

instrument, signed by the Parties.

28. Full Settlement. This Consent Decree constitutes a full and final settlement of this matter. The Parties expressly understand and agree that each Party has freely and voluntarily entered into the Consent Decree with and upon advice of counsel.

29. Integration Clause. This is an integrated Consent Decree. This Consent Decree is intended to be a full and complete statement of the terms of the agreement between the Parties and expressly supersedes any and all prior oral or written agreements, covenants, representations and warranties (express or implied) concerning the subject matter of this Consent Decree.

30. Negotiated Agreement. The Parties have jointly negotiated and prepared this Consent Decree the terms and conditions of which are contractual and, as a result, any uncertainty or ambiguity herein shall be not interpreted against any one Party.

31. Authority. The undersigned representatives for the Plaintiffs, Union Pacific, and CUE VI each certify that they are fully authorized by the Party whom he represents to enter into the terms and conditions of this Consent Decree.

32. Final Judgment. The Parties hereto enter into this Consent Decree and submit it to the Court for its approval and entry as a final judgment.

Date: 9/20/10

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD  
COMPANY

By: Michael L. Whitcomb  
AVP - Law Department

CUE VI, LLC

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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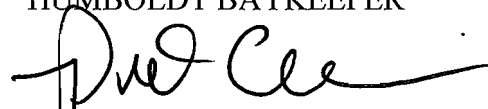
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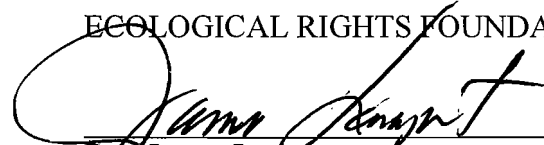
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

For UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By:  
FARELLA, BRAUN + MARTEL LLP


For CUE VI, LLC:

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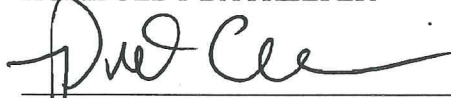
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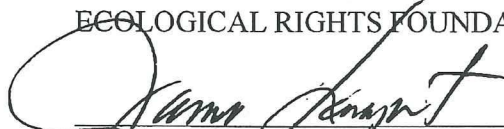
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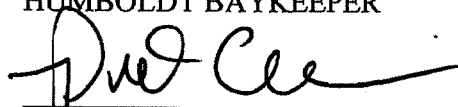
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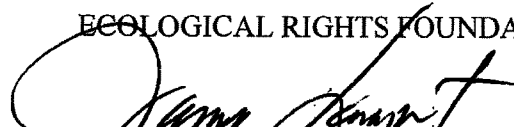
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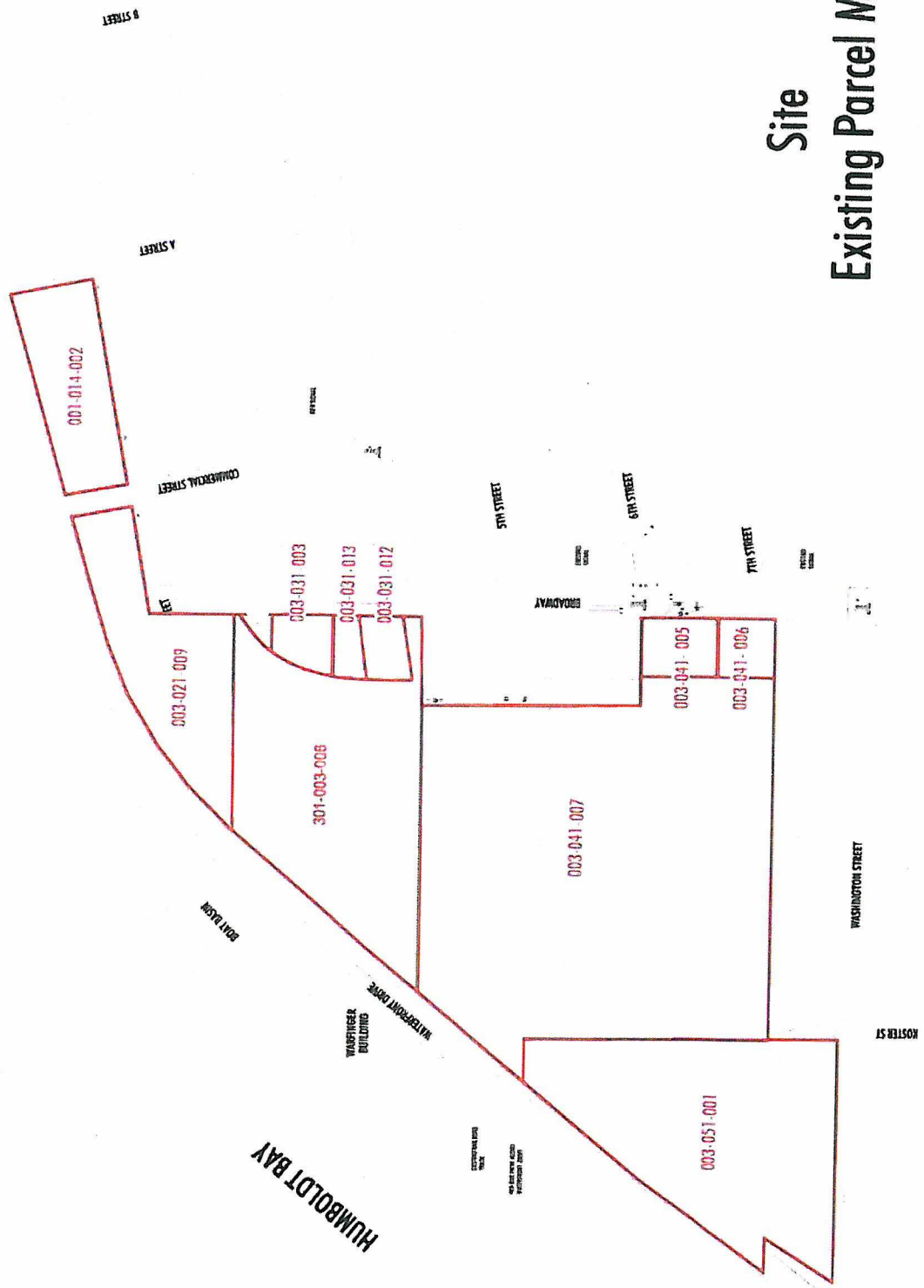
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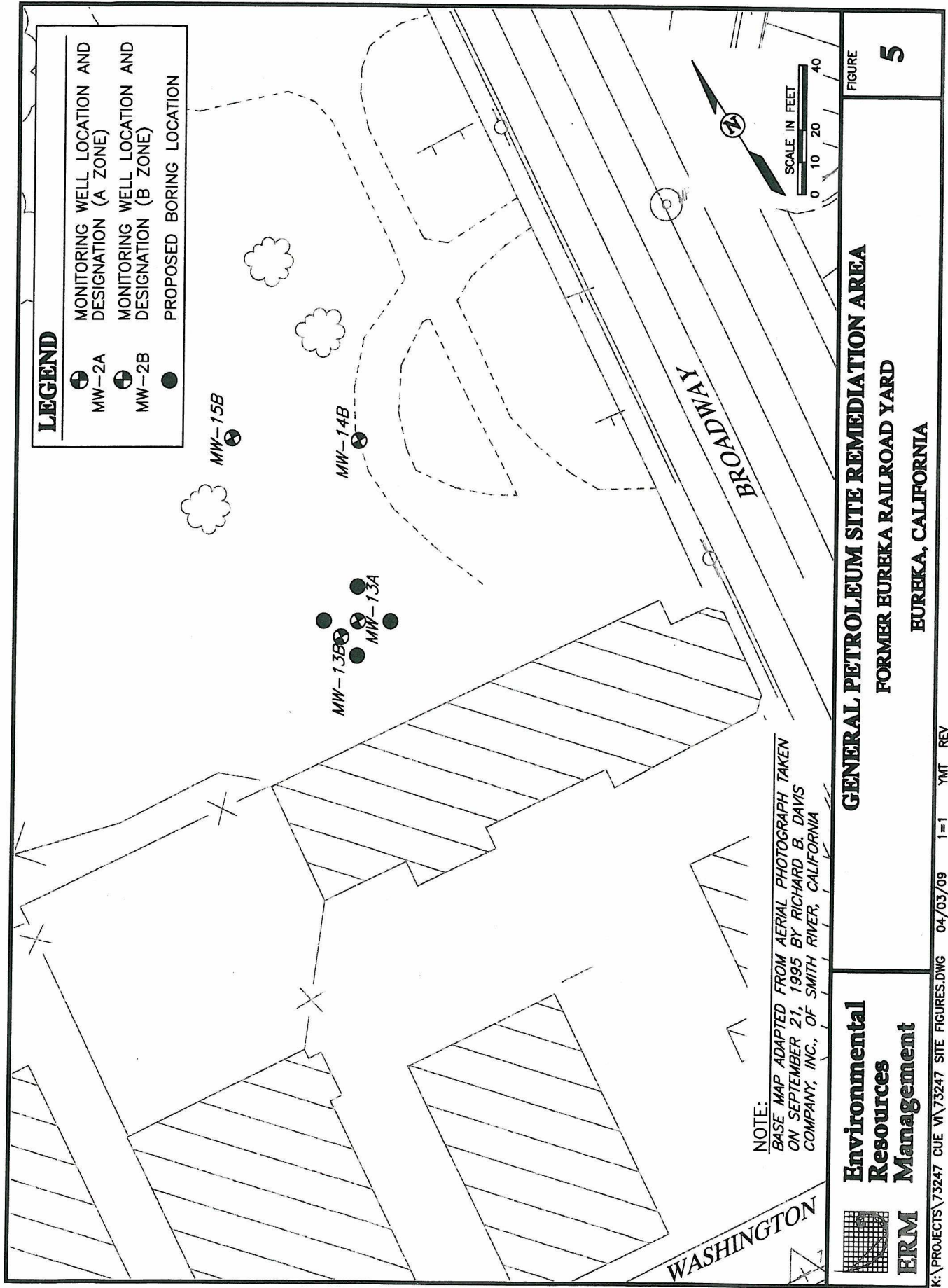
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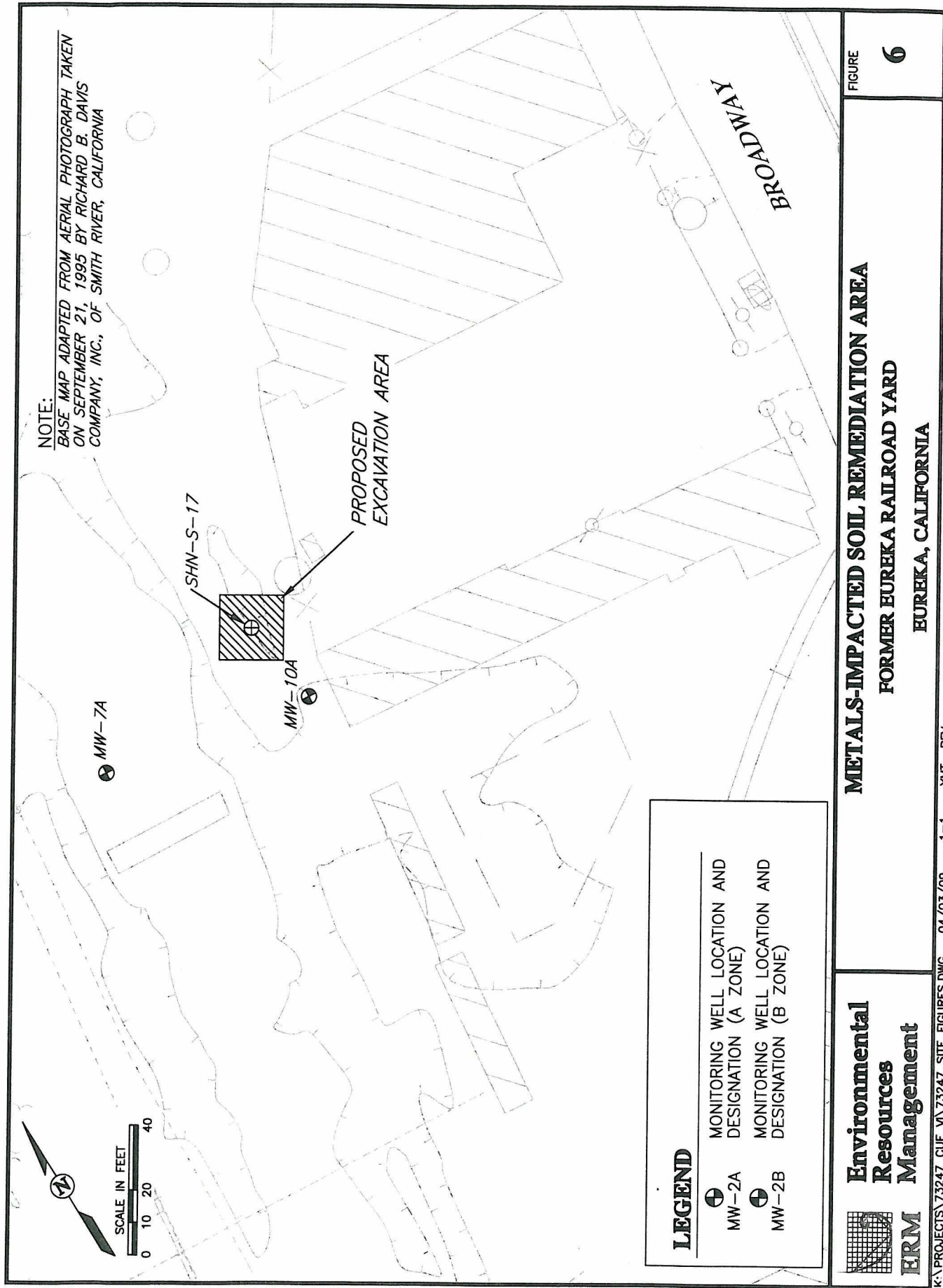
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**Map of Site and Locations of Interim Removal Action**

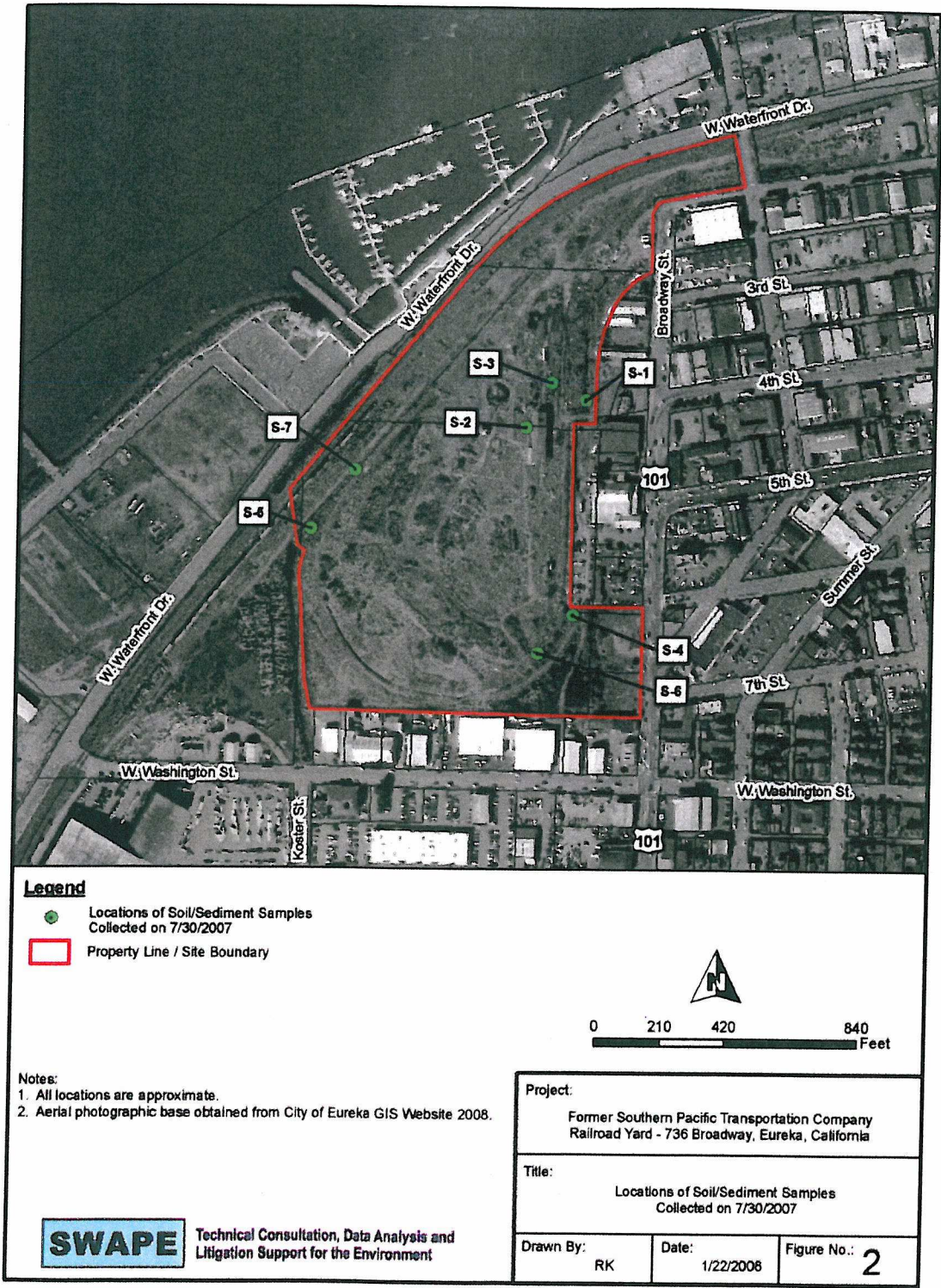


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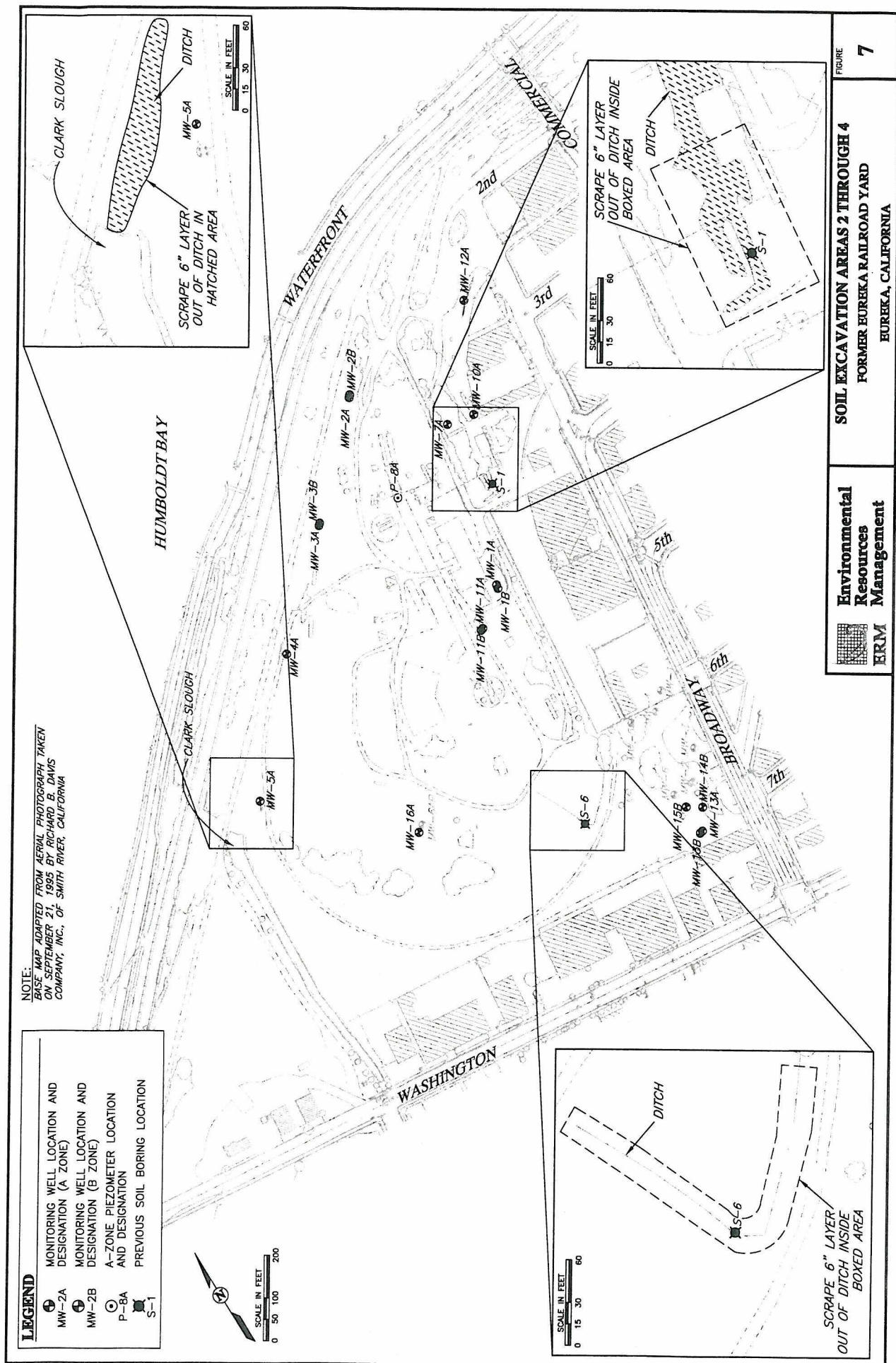












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**Exhibit B**

**Form of Joint Escrow Instructions**

Andrew L. Collier  
acollier@downeybrand.com  
916/520-5244 Direct  
916/520-5644 Fax

621 Capitol Mall, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
916/444-1000 Main  
916/444-2100 Fax  
downeybrand.com

[DATE], 2010

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND FACSIMILE: [INSERT]**

[NAME]  
[TITLE]  
[COMPANY]  
[ADDRESS]

**Re: Humboldt Baykeeper, et al. v. CUE VI, LLC, et al.  
United States District Court, Northern District of California Case No. C-06-02560**

[INSERT]

Dear [INSERT]:

We represent Defendant CUE VI, LLC (“**CUE VI**”) in connection with the above referenced matter (the “**Action**”). We submit these joint escrow instructions (the “**Joint Instructions**”) on behalf of CUE VI and also on behalf of Defendant Union Pacific Railroad Company (“**Union Pacific**”) and Plaintiffs Humboldt Baykeeper and Ecological Rights Foundation (collectively, the “**Plaintiffs**” and together with CUE VI and Union Pacific, the “**Parties**”) with reference to the Action and the following:

A. On or about [INSERT], the above entitled Court approved and entered that certain Consent Decree by and between the Parties in connection with the settlement of the Action (the “**Consent Decree**”). A true and correct copy of the Consent Decree is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

B. The **Effective Date** of the Consent Decree is [INSERT], the date of Court approval (the “**Effective Date**”).

C. Pursuant to section 16 of the Consent Decree, within seven (7) calendar days of the Effective Date, on behalf of itself and Union Pacific, CUE VI shall make an irrevocable deposit into an escrow account in the total amount of \$1,800,000 (the “**Payment**”).

D. Pursuant to section 16 of the Consent Decree, the Payment is to be disbursed to the Plaintiffs pursuant to the instructions specifically set forth herein, which were attached as Exhibit B to the Consent Decree.



E. Pursuant to section 16 of the Consent Decree, CUE VI directed the Escrow Agent [identify] to establish an escrow account, and the Escrow Agent has established an interest bearing account, number [INSERT] with [INSERT] for distribution according to these Joint Instructions (the “**Escrow Account**”).

In light of the foregoing, and upon CUE VI’s and Plaintiffs’ receipt of your acknowledgement of these Joint Instructions, you are authorized to take the following actions.

1. Pursuant to section 16 the Consent Decree, disburse the following amounts, according to the following schedule, to the Plaintiffs in the form of a check made payable to “Lawyers for Clean Water Attorney Client Trust Account,” addressed to 1004-A O’Reilly Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94129, via overnight delivery:

i. The sum of \$900,000 on [14TH CALENDAR DATE FROM EFFECTIVE DATE];

ii. The sum of \$400,000 on [90TH CALENDAR DATE FROM EFFECTIVE DATE];

iii. The sum of \$500,000 on [540TH CALENDAR DATE FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE].

2. All escrow fees and charges shall be borne by CUE VI.

3. Interest shall accrue to the funds in the Escrow Account. At the time the final payment is made, pursuant to Section 1.iii above, accrued interest shall be paid as follows: 1) If the accrued interest exceeds the total escrow fees and charges incurred to that date, payment of accrued interest in the amount equal to such total incurred fees and charges shall be made to CUE VI. The remainder of the accrued interest, if any, shall be divided in half, with one half paid to Plaintiffs and one half paid to CUE VI. 2) If the accrued interest does not exceed the total escrow fees and charges, all accrued interest shall be paid to CUE VI.

4. All Parties have had the opportunity to seek the advice of counsel or other advisor of their choice and authorize you to comply with these Joint Instructions pursuant to the signatures below.

5. You are authorized to accept a facsimile transmission of these Joint Instructions with facsimile signatures in lieu of original signatures. These Joint Instructions may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument.

6. These Joint Instructions are irrevocable and cannot be modified, amended, supplemented, or rescinded in any manner without the express written notarized consent of all of the Parties.

Please acknowledge your receipt of these instructions and your agreement to act in accordance herewith by executing and dating a copy of this letter where indicated below and returning the same to the undersigned at the address listed above, with a copy to: Layne Friedrich, Lawyers for Clean Water, 1004-A O'Reilly Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94129.

Very truly yours,

DOWNEY BRAND LLP

Andrew L. Collier

## **PARTY AUTHORIZATIONS**

CUE VI

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Casey  
Vice President

Union Pacific Railroad Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: [INSERT]  
Title: [INSERT]

Ecological Rights Foundation:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: [INSERT]  
Title: [INSERT]

Humboldt Baykeeper:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: [INSERT]  
Title: [INSERT]

**ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: [INSERT]  
Title: [INSERT]

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Court shall retain jurisdiction over the Parties for the purpose of enforcing compliance with the terms of the Consent Decree pursuant to Section 15.

All proceedings relating to enforcing compliance with the Consent Decree shall be before Chief Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James.

Date: November 9, 2010

  
 Honorable Jeffrey S. White  
 United States District Court Judge  
 Northern District of California