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DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 1996

TO: COASTAL COMMISSIONERS

FROM: PETER DOUGLAS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MARK DELAPLAINE, FEDERAL CONSISTENCY SUPERVISOR

RE: **NEGATIVE DETERMINATIONS** ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
[NOTE: Executive Director decision letters are attached.]

STATUS OF NEGATIVE DETERMINATIONS: FEBRUARY 1996

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| 1. Number: | ND-124-95 |
| Applicant/Federal Agency: | U.S. Marine Corps |
| Project & Location: | Ammunition Handling Facility, Camp Pendleton, San Diego Co. |
| Administrative Action/Date: | <u>Concurrence</u> with Negative Determination, January 22, 1996 |
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| 2. Number: | ND-3-96 |
| Applicant/Federal Agency: | U.S. Navy |
| Project & Location: | Fence, Naval Air Station North Island, Coronado, San Diego Co. |
| Administrative Action/Date: | <u>Concurrence</u> with Negative Determination, January 24, 1996 |
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| 3. Number: | ND-123-95 |
| Applicant/Federal Agency: | U.S. Navy |
| Project & Location: | Building Demolition, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey Co. |
| Administrative Action/Date: | <u>Concurrence</u> with Negative Determination, January 25, 1996 |
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4. Number: NE-107-95
Applicant/Federal Agency: Pepperdine University (Army Corps permit)
Project & Location: Drainage Ditch/Debris Basin Maintenance,
Pepperdine University, Malibu, Los
Angeles Co.
Administrative Action/Date: Concurrence with No Effects
Determination, January 26, 1996
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5. Number: ND-5-96
Applicant/Federal Agency: National Park Service
Project & Location: Stream Clearing, Santa Cruz Island,
Channel Islands National Park
Administrative Action/Date: Concurrence with Negative Determination,
January 26, 1996
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6. Number: ND-125-95
Applicant/Federal Agency: U.S. Navy
Project & Location: Cable Removal, Centerville Beach Naval
Facility, Humboldt Co.
Administrative Action/Date: Concurrence with Negative Determination,
January 25, 1996
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7. Number: ND-6-96
Applicant/Federal Agency: U.S. Navy
Project & Location: Beach Replenishment, San Clemente Island
Administrative Action/Date: Concurrence with Negative Determination,
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| 8. Number: | NE-12-96 |
| Applicant/Federal Agency: | Caltrans |
| Project & Location: | Modifications to Rincon Creek Bridge
Replacement/Route 150, Santa
Barbara/Ventura County Border |
| Administrative Action/Date: | <u>Concurrence</u> with No Effects
Determination, February 16, 1996 |
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| 9. Number: | NE-4-96 |
| Applicant/Federal Agency: | Caltrans |
| Project & Location: | Highway 101 Realignment, Cushing Creek,
Del Norte Co. |
| Administrative Action/Date: | <u>Concurrence</u> with No Effects
Determination, February 16, 1996 |
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| 10. Number: | ND-7-96 |
| Applicant/Federal Agency: | U.S. Navy |
| Project & Location: | Beach Trawl Tests, Zuma Beach, Malibu,
Los Angeles Co. |
| Administrative Action/Date: | <u>Concurrence</u> with Negative Determination,
February 23, 1996 |
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| 11. Number: | ND-10-96 |
| Applicant/Federal Agency: | U.S. Navy |
| Project & Location: | Sewer Line Hook-up, Pacific Grove,
Monterey Co. |
| Administrative Action/Date: | <u>Concurrence</u> with Negative Determination,
February 26, 1996 |
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PROJECTS WHERE JURISDICTION ASSERTED: FEBRUARY 1996

None in February

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January 22, 1996

Lawrence E. Carlson
Head, Resource Planning Division
Assistant Chief of Staff, Environmental Security
ATTN: Scott Thomas, Environmental Planning Branch
U.S. Marine Corps
Box 555010
Camp Pendleton, CA 92055-5010

Subject: Negative Determination ND-124-95 (Ammunition Handling Facility, Camp Pendleton, San Diego County).

Dear Mr. Carlson:

The Commission staff has reviewed your negative determination for construction of an Ammunition Handling Facility at the Del Mar Boat Basin, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, San Diego County. The proposed project will provide an ammunition and explosives handling operations area along a currently developed shoreline in the Del Mar Boat Basin and will include a 140' X 140' paved staging area, a 280' X 30' concrete boat ramp, a paved access road, fencing, drainage, and utility systems. Pile driving in the water will be needed to install a temporary sheet pile cofferdam in order to construct the boat ramp. Dredging of approximately 7,250 cubic yards of sandy bottom sediments will be needed to provide a water depth of -15 feet mean lower low water (MLLW) over a 30,000 square-foot, previously-dredged area adjacent to the upland staging site to allow access to the boat ramp by Navy landing craft. The deepened dredged area would equal the maintenance depth of the Del Mar Channel. The dredged material is suitable for beach replenishment and will be discharged in the nearshore zone at a depth of -20 feet MLLW offshore of City of Oceanside beaches between Wisconsin and Witherby streets.

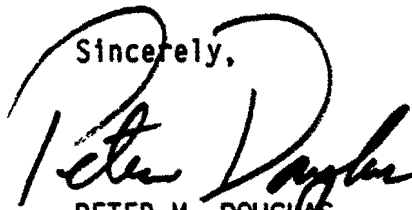
The unimproved, unpaved shoreline project site is currently used for ammunition and explosives handling and transfer operations. However, the absence of pavement and the soft sand create load control difficulties for equipment operators transferring materials from the upland site to Navy landing craft, which slows down those transfer operations. In addition, the absence of lighting and the shallow water depths limit operations to daylight hours during high tide periods. The proposed site improvements will allow handling and transfer operations to occur more efficiently and 24 hours-a-day when necessary.

The proposed project, particularly dredging and in-water pile driving, will not adversely affect marine resources or the California least tern. The Del Mar Channel and Boat Basin do not provide essential or important foraging habitat for the least tern, although this species is occasionally observed foraging in the area. Interference with foraging could be a concern if turbidity from dredging affected surface water quality over a substantial portion of the boat basin and channel during the March-September breeding season. However, the Marine Corps will not undertake dredging or in-water construction during the breeding season. The Corps notified Commission staff that those activities are not expected to occur until late 1996, at the earliest, in order to avoid any adverse effects on the least tern. In addition, the Corps will notify Commission staff when a construction date for this phase of the project is established.

The proposed project will not affect public access to the shoreline as the project site is located entirely within the boundaries of Camp Pendleton, where public access is not permitted due to military security requirements. Replenishment of Oceanside beaches (identified as a "Shoreline Erosion Problem Area" by the San Diego Association of Governments) with clean sand dredged from the project site should improve recreational opportunities at public beaches in this area. The project will not degrade scenic public views to or along the shoreline as the project would be similar in nature to other development within and adjacent to the boat basin, and because the project site is not visible from locations outside the base.

In conclusion, the proposed ammunition handling facility will not significantly affect the coastal zone, and will be consistent and visually compatible with existing development adjacent to the site. We therefore concur with your negative determination made pursuant to Section 15 CFR 930.35(d) of the NOAA implementing regulations. Please contact Larry Simon of the Commission staff at (415) 904-5288 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Douglas", written over a large, stylized capital "P".

PETER M. DOUGLAS
Executive Director

cc: San Diego Coast Area Office
NOAA Assistant Administrator
Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services
OCRM
Governor's Washington, D.C., Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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January 24, 1996

R Mello, Captain
CEC, U.S. Navy
Naval Air Station North Island
Box 357033
San Diego, CA 92135-7033

RE: ND-3-96: Negative Determination, Fence, Naval Air Station North Island,
Coronado, San Diego County

Dear Captain Mello:

The Coastal Commission staff has received the above-referenced negative determination for the construction of an 8-ft.-high, chain link, security fence at the south side of the Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI). The fence is proposed to protect Navy personnel from firing range activities. The fence will extend from the firing range towards the beach, and the fence will terminate approximately 70 ft. from the high water line. The fence will not affect public access, as this portion of NASNI is restricted from public access due to military security needs. The only public area the fence would be visible from would be offshore; however no recreational boating occurs in nearshore areas, and the fence is too small to be noticed from areas further offshore. Thus the project will not degrade any public views. The fence has been designed to prohibit perching by predatory bird species, thus eliminating any potential for adverse impacts to environmentally sensitive habitat, such as snowy plovers or least terns. In addition, because it is open on the ocean side (i.e., only perpendicular to the shoreline), the fence will not block any habitat movement towards the ocean and surf zone. Finally, construction will not occur during least tern or snowy plover nesting season.

We agree with your assessment that the resources of the coastal zone will not be affected by the project. We therefore concur with your negative determination made pursuant to Section 15 CFR 930.35(d) of the NOAA implementing regulations. Please contact Mark Delaplaine at (415) 904-5289 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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PETER M. DOUGLAS
Executive Director

cc: San Diego Area Office
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January 25, 1996

H.J. McElderry
Deputy Public Works Officer
Naval Postgraduate School
1 University Circle
Monterey, CA 93943-5000

Subject: Negative Determination ND-123-95 (Building 218 Demolition)

Dear Mr. McElderry:

The Commission staff has reviewed your negative determination for demolition of Building 218 at the Naval Postgraduate School's shoreline property in Monterey County. Building 218 is not a historical structure, and no archeological sites will be disturbed by demolition activities. Demolition and removal of the building and associated fencing will not affect any environmentally sensitive habitat areas on the property, will improve the visual appearance of the site, and will serve as a mechanism to restore the site to its original habitat type. We therefore concur with your negative determination made pursuant to Section 15 CFR 930.35(d) of the NOAA implementing regulations. Please contact Larry Simon of the Commission staff at (415) 904-5288 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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PETER M. DOUGLAS
Executive Director

cc: Central Coast Area Office
NOAA Assistant Administrator
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January 26, 1996

Robert H. Thomas
Executive Director of Campus Operations
Pepperdine University
Malibu, CA 90263-4481

RE: NE-107-95, No-Effects Determination for the maintenance of Marie Canyon
Drainage Ditch and Debris Basin on Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The Coastal Commission staff has received and reviewed the above-referenced no-effects determination. The proposed project includes the maintenance of Pepperdine University's existing Marie Canyon debris and detention basin and drainage ditch by removing accumulated sediment and debris. The University built the drainage ditch and associated facilities in 1972 during initial campus grading and construction. This facility connects to an under ground drainage pipe that conveys water off-campus to the Pacific Ocean. The University proposes to remove 38,000 cubic yards from the drainage ditch and basin and transfer the material to a nearby construction project.

The removal of material from the sediment basin and drainage ditch could potentially affect sand resources of the coastal zone. The sediment basin prevents the transportation of material to the ocean and affects sand resources of the coastal zone. If the material removed from the basin and drainage ditch is compatible with beach sand resources and is not used for that purpose, the project would result in a loss of sand resources. In order to fully evaluate this issue, the Commission staff needs grain size analysis of the material. However, the University did not test the material to determine the grain size and percentage of sand within it. Thus, it is impossible for the Commission staff to determine if the material is suitable for beach nourishment.

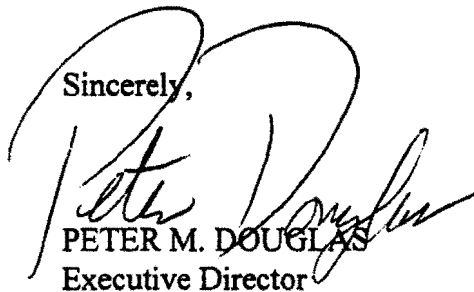
Under normal conditions, the Commission staff would probably consider this sand issue to be a potential effect on coastal resources triggering the need for a full consistency certification. However, in this case, it is the Commission staff's understanding that the University has already completed the project. The University undertook the project in good faith pursuant to the Commission adopted Long-Range Development Plan (LRDP) for Pepperdine University. After the University began the sediment removal, the Corps of Engineers notified the University of its requirements pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. That 404 permit triggered the Commission's federal consistency authority. Since the University completed the project before it initiated this process and used the sediment in another construction project, it is impossible to determine the

resource value of the material removed from the sediment basin. Since the University undertook the project pursuant to an approved LRDP prior to the initiation of the federal consistency process, it is impractical to require sediment testing and possibly beach disposal of the material at this time. However, in evaluating future projects, the University should consider the impacts on sand resources from any activity that involves the removal of sediment from creeks, drainage ditches, sediment basins, or any other similar facility.

The Commission staff is also concerned about the potential habitat effects from this maintenance project. In order, to address this concern the University submitted two reports evaluating the wetland and habitat values of the sediment basin. These reports conclude that the area is not dominated by hydrophytic vegetation and does not contain hydric soils or the appropriate wetland hydrology. Therefore, the area does not meet the Coastal Act definition of a wetland. Additionally, these reports indicate the sediment basin does not support any other environmentally sensitive habitat. Therefore, the Commission staff believes that the proposed project will not affect wetland or environmentally sensitive habitat resources of the coastal zone.

In conclusion, the Coastal Commission staff agrees that the proposed project will not adversely affect coastal zone resources. We, therefore, concur with the no-effects determination made pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 930.50. If you have any questions, please contact James Raives of the Coastal Commission staff at (415) 904-5292.

Sincerely,



PETER M. DOUGLAS
Executive Director

cc: South Central Coast Area Office
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Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services
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David Castanon, COE, Ventura Field Office

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January 26, 1996

C. Mack Shaver, Superintendent
U.S. Dept. of the Interior
National Park Service
Channel Islands National Park
1901 Spinnaker Dr.
Ventura, CA 93001

RE: **ND-5-96** Negative Determination, Stream Clearing, Santa Cruz Island

Dear Superintendent Shaver:

The Coastal Commission staff has received the above-referenced negative determination for the removal of approximately 5,500 cu. yds. of material from the drainage of Scorpion Creek on Santa Cruz Island. The purpose of the project is to reduce the threat of flooding to historic structures on the island. No in-stream environmentally sensitive habitat would be affected by the activity. The material would not be removed from the littoral system; thus the project would not affect any downstream beaches.

We agree with your conclusion that this project will not affect the coastal zone. We therefore concur with your negative determination made pursuant to Section 15 CFR 930.35(d) of the NOAA implementing regulations. Please contact Mark Delaplaine at (415) 904-5289 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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PETER M. DOUGLAS
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February 2, 1996

Walter Yep
Chief, Planning Division
ATTN: Frank Piccola
Sacramento District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
1325 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-2922

Subject: Negative Determination ND-125-95 (Cable Removal at Centerville Beach
Naval Facility, Humboldt County)

Dear Mr. Yep:

The Coastal Commission staff has reviewed your negative determination for removal by the U.S. Navy of nine oceanographic cables from the Centerville Beach Naval Facility, located twenty miles south of Eureka in Humboldt County. The cables (seven underground and two aboveground) were installed between 1958 and 1969; five extend from the facility's Terminal Building west and downslope to a sonar tracking facility underneath the Pacific Ocean, and four cables extend north from the building for approximately one mile before turning west into the ocean. The cables are no longer in use, contribute to erosion of the cliffs overlooking the ocean, are broken and exposed at numerous locations, and serve as an "attractive nuisance" and a potential source of injury to individuals using the public beach. Because the Navy intends to transfer to adjacent property owners the land that includes the cable runs, it is required to eliminate the hazard created by the cables.

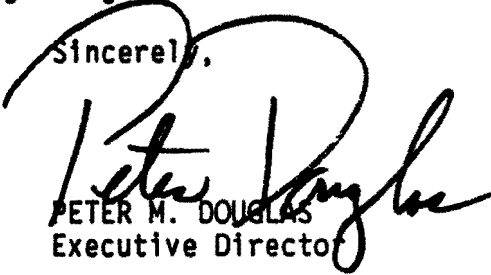
The Navy first intends to remove the five western run cables by cutting them at the top of the cliff, pulling those segments down to the beach, cutting and capping the cables below beach grade, and transporting the cable segments to an approved disposal site. In addition, the cable segments between the terminal building and the clifftop will be excavated and removed. This phase of the project is expected to occur during the late spring or early summer of 1996 and take approximately one month. The second phase of the project involves removing the four northern run cables by excavating and removing them from their route along Centerville Road corridor. At the point where the cables extend into the ocean, they will be cut and capped below beach grade. In addition, a concrete ground field located adjacent to the cable ends will be removed. The site will be excavated, the concrete block and metal rods removed, and the excavated material replaced. This second phase would occur between October 1996 and February 1997 and is expected to take approximately two months.

The project will generate only minor and temporary effects on public access and recreation. Cable removal along Centerville Road will require temporary lane closures and one-way traffic controls and as a result will generate minor delays to vehicles. Cable removal at Centerville Beach and County Park will temporarily disrupt recreational activities at these locations. However, Centerville Road and beach and park areas will remain open to public use during both project phases (except for the immediate construction zones), and the proposed work is scheduled to occur outside the season of peak recreational use.

The threatened snowy plover has been observed nesting on Centerville Beach from March through September. Disturbance to any nesting plovers will be avoided by conducting cable removal work on Centerville Beach only between October and February. Two species of endangered plants (Beach layia and Menzies' wallflower) may be present in the area, although their presence in the corridors to be excavated or otherwise disturbed has yet to be fully documented. However, the Navy has agreed that prior to any excavation of cables, a survey for endangered and threatened plant species will be conducted in the proposed areas of disturbance, including the entrance and exit routes for equipment and personnel. If listed species are found in the project area, cable removal activities will be modified to avoid disturbance.

In conclusion, the proposed cable removal activities will not significantly affect the coastal zone. The project will help reduce erosion and ensure increased public safety in the area of the cable runs. We therefore concur with your negative determination made pursuant to Section 15 CFR 930.35(d) of the NOAA implementing regulations. Please contact Larry Simon at (415) 904-5288 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


PETER M. DOUGLAS
Executive Director

cc: North Coast Area Office
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R Mello, Captain
CEC, U.S. Navy
Naval Air Station North Island
Box 357033
San Diego, CA 92135-7033

RE: **ND-6-96** Negative Determination, Beach Replenishment, San Clemente Island

Dear Captain Mello:

The Coastal Commission staff has received the above-referenced negative determination for the relocation of 20 to 80 cu. yds. of sand to improve snowy plover habitat at West Cove Beach on San Clemente Island. The project would benefit environmentally sensitive habitat. The relocation would be completed prior to the commencement of the snowy plover nesting season. The sand would be relocated a short distance and would not be lost to the littoral system.

We agree with your conclusion that this project will not affect the coastal zone. We therefore concur with your negative determination made pursuant to Section 15 CFR 930.35(d) of the NOAA implementing regulations. Please contact Mark Delaplaine at (415) 904-5289 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Delaplaine
(for) PETER M. DOUGLAS
Executive Director

cc: San Diego Area Office
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Gary Ruggerone
Department of Transportation
50 Higuera St.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93942-0085

Re: **NE-12-96** No Effects Determination, Caltrans Modifications to Rincon
Creek Bridge Replacement/Route 150, Santa Barbara/Ventura County Border

Dear Mr. Ruggerone:

The Coastal Commission staff has received the above-referenced "No Effects" letter from Caltrans for modifications to the above-referenced highway project, which the Commission previously concurred with in reviewing Consistency Certification No. CC-7-95. The modifications would consist of a less extensive highway realignment, which would be about 1000 ft. shorter than previously proposed. This modification would reduce impacts on agricultural land, oak woodland habitat, and riparian habitat, thereby improving the project with respect to any coastal resources affected.

Under the federal consistency regulations, additional review by the Commission would be needed if the project were modified to the extent that its effects on coastal resources would be substantially different than the project as originally analyzed, and, as a consequence, the project would no longer be consistent with the Coastal Act (see Section 930.66 of federal consistency regulations).

However, since the proposed modifications would be beneficial to coastal resources, we agree with your "No Effects" letter that these project modifications do not result in substantially changed impacts from the project as originally concurred with by the Commission, and your conclusion that no additional consistency certification needs to be submitted for this project. As was the case for the Commission's concurrence with CC-7-95, please be reminded that coastal development permits from Santa Barbara and Ventura County will still be needed (and that those permits are potentially appealable to the Coastal Commission).

If you have questions, please contact Mark Delaplaine, federal consistency supervisor, at (415) 904-5289.

Sincerely,

(for) Mark Douglas
PETER DOUGLAS
Executive Director

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Deborah L. Harmon, Chief
Environmental Management Office
ATTN: Rod Parsons
Caltrans - District 1
P.O. Box 3700
Eureka, CA 95502-3700

Subject: No Effects Determination NE-004-96 (Highway 101 Realignment, Del Norte County)

Dear Ms. Harmon:

The Commission staff has reviewed your January 3, 1996, letter requesting Commission staff concurrence with a no effects determination for a proposed realignment and improvement of Route 101 approximately five miles south of Crescent City in Del Norte County. The project site at Cushing Creek is located just outside the coastal zone within the existing Caltrans Route 101 right-of-way through Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park and Redwood National Park. However, because the project includes funding provided by the Federal Highway Administration and due to its proximity to the coastal zone in an area of outstanding natural resource values, Caltrans prepared and submitted a no effects determination in order to meet the requirement for federal consistency review by the Commission.

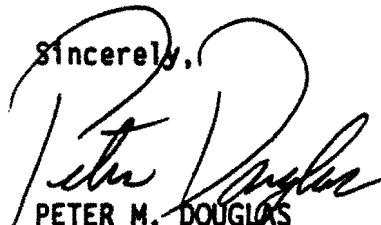
The purpose of the project is to lessen the number and severity of traffic accidents and to improve the operational characteristics of a 0.7-mile segment of Route 101. Caltrans proposes to: (1) realign the segment within the existing right-of-way by replacing compound curves with circular curves; (2) widen the existing 36-foot paved roadway by constructing a new 50-foot paved roadway consisting of 4-foot shoulders, a 6-foot center median strip, and three 12-foot traffic lanes, one of which will be a continuous southbound uphill passing lane; (3) install electronic highway message signs at each end of the realignment segment to inform drivers of road conditions; and (4) implement new highway maintenance procedures to improve roadway traction for vehicles. Construction is scheduled to commence in 1999 and last approximately two years, and Caltrans expects the project will serve as a permanent solution to the Route 101 traffic safety problems at Cushing Creek.

The proposed realignment will result in the removal of five old-growth redwood trees located immediately adjacent to the existing roadway and the clearing of approximately 0.8 acres of forest vegetation adjacent to the roadway in the

Caltrans right-of-way. Additional impacts to old growth trees and redwood forest will be avoided through the use of special retaining walls (called mechanically stabilized embankment and soil-nail or tie-back walls), the offsite disposal outside the coastal zone of approximately 15,000 cubic yards of excess cut material, and the incorporation of erosion control and water quality protection measures. Where these walls are constructed they will be textured and may include features that will allow the planting of native vegetation. Construction activities and three of the retaining walls will be visible to passing motorists on Route 101, but the project will not be visible from any park trails or beach areas. An aesthetic review committee, including representatives of both park agencies, will advise Caltrans on a revegetation plan for disturbed areas and retaining walls. Formal Section 7 consultation between Caltrans and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service resulted in a determination that the project would not affect the Federally threatened and State endangered marbled murrelet. Finally, the proposed project has been endorsed by the National Park Service, California Department of Parks of Recreation, and California Department of Fish and Game.

In conclusion, the Commission staff concurs with your determination that the proposed project will not adversely affect the coastal zone, and that additional federal consistency review is not required at this time. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Larry Simon of the Commission staff at (415) 904-5288.

Sincerely,



PETER M. DOUGLAS
Executive Director

cc: North Coast Area Office
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Marcia Kingsbury
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Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center
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Port Hueneme, CA 93043-4328

RE: ND-7-96, Negative Determination, Beach Trawl Tests, Zuma County Beach Park, Los Angeles County

Dear Ms. Kingsbury:

We have received the above referenced negative determination for beach trawl tests at Zuma County Beach Park in Los Angeles County. The tests will provide information on potential damage to marine cables from trawl fishing. Conducting the tests on dry land allows for easier recording of data and visual inspection. The tests will involve 300 foot long cables staked into the sandy beach in the path of the trawl apparatus. The test area will be 600 feet by 400 feet of beach which will be closed to the public for a five day period, representing a very small percentage of overall beach available.

Although the proposed project will close a section of Zuma County Beach, the effects on public access are minimal. The project occupies a small section of a long sandy beach; access around the project site to other sections of Zuma Beach will not be blocked. The work will not be undertaken in, or block access to, the surf zone. The project will occur for five days during the week in April or May, 1996. All equipment will be removed from the beach at the end of the tests, and the site will be restored. If the project is undertaken in April, the work will be scheduled to avoid the high recreational period during school breaks. To ensure that impacts on recreational use are minimized, the project will not continue beyond May 30, 1996, without further Commission consistency review.

No sensitive resources will be affected by this project. Although dunes are adjacent to the project site, no work will be undertaken in the dune area. The project will not negatively affect sand resources; no sand will be removed from the beach. We therefore concur with your negative determination made pursuant to Section 15 CFR 930.35(d) of the NOAA implementing regulations. Please contact Tania Pollak at (415) 904-5297 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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RE: ND-10-96, Negative Determination, Sewer Line Hook-Up, Pacific Grove, Monterey County

Dear Mr. Dennis:

The Commission has received the above referenced Navy negative determination for connecting the Naval Reserve Center building to Pacific Grove's sewer system. The Center currently discharges sewage directly into the ocean. The project involves installation of a 6 inch PVC sewer line for 570 feet, from the Center, located at Lighthouse Avenue, to the intersection of Sunset Drive and Lighthouse Avenue. The pipe will be underground, and will therefore not affect visual resources.

Most of the construction and installation will occur off public roads. Construction at the intersection of Lighthouse Avenue and Sunset Drive will occur for no more than five week days in June or July, 1996. During working hours, Sunset Drive will be reduced to one lane. The Navy will ensure that flag persons will regulate traffic during construction operation on public traffic lanes.

Sunset Drive is used for recreational traffic along the coast. Construction will occur during peak recreational periods. However, due to the timing of the contract and requirement for completion under the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the project cannot occur before June or after August. To minimize impacts on recreational travel, Sunset Drive will not be closed, and construction will be limited to a five day period during the week.

Due to this short time frame, we agree that the impacts on coastal recreation from this project are minimal. No other adverse effects to coastal resources would occur, and, in fact, the project will improve marine water quality. We therefore concur with your negative determination for this project made pursuant to Section 15 CFR 930.35(d) of the NOAA implementing regulations. Please contact Tania Pollak at (415) 904-5297 if you have any questions.

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