

**CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION**

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Hearing Date: 1/7-10/96  
Commission Action:



**STAFF REPORT: APPEAL**  
**SUBSTANTIAL ISSUE**

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT: County of Ventura

DECISION: Approval with Conditions

APPEAL NO.: A-4-SB-96-016

APPLICANT: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

PROJECT LOCATION: .7 miles of highway on Highway 150 along Rincon Creek bordered on the inland side by the Coastal Zone boundary.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Highway replacement (straightening) and rebuilding of one bridge (51-141) in the existing location and moving and replacement of a second bridge (51-140) sixty feet south of the existing location. Both bridges cross Rincon Creek, which defines the boundary between Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. The project is confined to the Ventura County portions of each bridge.

APPELLANTS: Geoffrey Latham

SUBSTANTIVE FILE DOCUMENTS: County of Ventura certified Local Coastal Program; County of Ventura administrative record for coastal development permit CUP-4942 (Caltrans).

**SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission open and continue the public hearing to determine whether a substantial issue exists with respect to the grounds on which the appeal has been filed for the following reasons:

Pursuant to section 30621 of the Coastal Act, an appeal must be heard within 49 days from the date an appeal of a Coastal Development Permit issued pursuant to a certified Local Coastal Program is received. An appeal of the above described decision was received in the Commission office on December 5, 1996, and filed on December 9, 1996. In accordance with the above cited section of the Administrative Regulations, staff requested on December 9, 1996 that the local government forward all relevant documents and materials regarding the subject permit. These documents were received on December 16, 1996 which does not allow time to prepare a staff report and recommendation for the January 7 - 10, 1997 hearing. The appeal will be scheduled for a full substantial issue hearing at the next available Commission hearing. The next available commission meeting is February 4 - 7, 1997, which is beyond the 49 days from the date of the filing of the appeal. Therefore, pursuant to Section 13112 of the Commission's Administrative Regulations, the Commission should open and continue the Substantial Issue hearing at the January 7 - 10, 1996 meeting.