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DATE: November 11, 1997

TO: COASTAL COMMISSIONERS
AND INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: MARK DELAPLAINE, FEDERAL CONSISTENCY SUPERVISOR

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

PROJECT #:	NE-131-97
APPLICANT:	University of California, Santa Cruz
LOCATION:	Light Station Piedras Blancas, San Luis Obispo Co.
PROJECT:	Install meteorological equipment
ACTION:	No effect
ACTION DATE:	10/31/1997

PROJECT #:	ND-141-97
APPLICANT:	Navy
LOCATION:	Defense Fuel Supply Pier, Long Beach Harbor, L.A. Co.
PROJECT:	Repair and improve electrical and signal system
ACTION:	Concur
ACTION DATE:	10/27/1997

PROJECT #:	ND-145-97
APPLICANT:	Coast Guard
LOCATION:	Farallones Islands Lighthouse, San Francisco Co.
PROJECT:	Construction of an automated weather station
ACTION:	Concur
ACTION DATE:	11/4/1997

PROJECT #:	ND-147-97
APPLICANT:	Navy
LOCATION:	Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, Ventura Co.
PROJECT:	Demolition of abandoned fuel station
ACTION:	Concur
ACTION DATE:	11/3/1997

PROJECT #:	ND-148-97
APPLICANT:	Navy
LOCATION:	Naval Air Weapons Station, Point Mugu, Ventura Co.
PROJECT:	Wetland restoration experiment at former sewage treatment polishing pond
ACTION:	Concur
ACTION DATE:	10/28/1997

PROJECT #:	ND-149-97
APPLICANT:	Coast Guard
LOCATION:	Point Sur Light Station, Monterey Co.
PROJECT:	Extend wooden railing along path
ACTION:	Concur
ACTION DATE:	11/3/1997

PROJECT #:	ND-150-97
APPLICANT:	IBWC
LOCATION:	Smugglers Gulch, near U.S./Mexican Border, San Diego Co.
PROJECT:	Road improvements
ACTION:	Concur
ACTION DATE:	11/5/1997

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October 31, 1997

Susan L. Boyle
U.S. Coast Guard
Maintenance & Logistics Command Pacific
Coast Guard Island, Bldg. 54D
Alameda, CA 94501-5100

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Attention: Alice Coneybeer

RE: NE-131-97, No-Effects Determination for installation of meteorological equipment at the Light Station Piedras Blancas, San Luis Obispo County

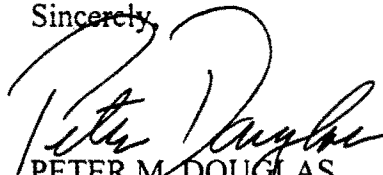
Dear Ms. Boyle:

The Coastal Commission has received and reviewed the above-referenced consistency certification. The proposed project includes the installation of meteorological equipment at the Light Station Piedras Blancas, San Luis Obispo County, by the University of California, Santa Cruz. The project includes the installation of a 30-foot high pole that includes an anemometer, a device for measuring air temperature and humidity, and an electronics shelter. The University also proposes to place a solar cell next to the pole. The University will not use heavy equipment to construct the facility.

The project is on federal land, which federal law excludes from the coastal zone. However, the Coastal Zone Management Act requires the preparation of a consistency certification for activities on federal land that affect coastal zone resources. After evaluating the proposed project, the Commission staff concludes that the project will not affect coastal zone resources. Specifically, the University will install the equipment on an existing concrete pad, without the use of heavy equipment. Therefore, the project will not have any effects on habitat resources of the coastal zone. Additionally, the project will not have significant effects on visual resources of the coastal zone. Other than Highway 1, there are no other publicly accessible areas near the light house. The University proposes to site the project seaward of the light house, and thus the light house will be between the project and Highway 1. Any remaining visual impact will be insignificant because the project consists of a narrow pole that would be difficult to see while driving on the highway. Finally, the meteorological station is consistent with developed character of the Light Station.

In conclusion, the Coastal Commission staff agrees that the proposed project will not adversely affect coastal zone resources. We, therefore, concur with your conclusion that the project does not require a consistency certification pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 930.50. If you have any questions, please contact James R. Raives of the Coastal Commission staff at (415) 904-5292.

Sincerely,



PETER M. DOUGLAS
Executive Director

cc: Central Coast Area Office
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NOAA Assistant Administrator
Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services
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October 27, 1997

Bob Henderson
Department of the Navy
Southwest Division
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
1220 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92132-5190

RE: ND-141-97 (Electrical and Signal System Repair, Long Beach, Los Angeles County)

Dear Mr. Henderson:

The Commission has received the above referenced negative determination for the repair of electrical and signal systems at the Defense Fuel Supply Pier in Long Beach Harbor. The project includes replacement of power and signal cables, installation of a new precast concrete utility trench for the new cabling, and installation of a new drain pipe. The existing manhole and duct system out to the pier will be abandoned in place. The project is necessary due to excess water entering the existing underground ducts and manholes.

The project will be constructed in an area already developed with facilities to support the fuel supply pier. The project will not affect water quality, visual resources, or any threatened or endangered species in the area.

We therefore agree that this activity will not affect the coastal zone, and hereby 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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Peter M. Douglas
Executive Director

cc: South Coast Area Office
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November 4, 1997

Susan Boyle
Chief, Environmental Branch
U.S. Coast Guard
Coast Guard Island, Bldg. 54D
Alameda, CA 94501

RE: ND-145-97 (Negative Determination, Weather Station, Farallone Islands, San Francisco County)

Dear Ms. Boyle:

The Commission has received the above referenced negative determination for the placement of an automated weather station on top of the existing lighthouse on the southeast Farallone Island. The station will be mounted on a ten foot mast. The station is needed to collect and transmit information on wind speed and direction, pressure, temperature, humidity, and rainfall.

Because the station will be attached to an existing structure, and is of a small scale, the project will not significantly affect the visual resources of the coastal zone. No other coastal resources will be affected by the project.

We therefore agree that this activity will not affect the coastal zone, and hereby 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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(for)

Peter M. Douglas
Executive Director

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November 3, 1997

H.A. Bouika
LCDR, CEC, USN
Department of the Navy
Naval Construction Battalion Center
100 23rd Ave
Port Hueneme, CA 93043-4301

RE: ND-147-97 (Fuel Station Demolition, Port Hueneme, Ventura County)

Dear H.A. Bouika:

The Commission has received the above referenced negative determination for the demolition of an abandoned fuel station on West Road, near Building 796, at the Naval Construction Battalion Center. As part of the proposed project, the Navy will remove an 8' by 8' shed and pump; excavate, test soil, remove, and dispose of the tank; and backfill the hole.

Having been developed, the project site has no environmentally sensitive habitat. Therefore, the project will have no impacts to any federally listed species or any other environmentally sensitive habitat. The project also will not result in any discharge of contaminants to the surrounding area. Therefore, water quality will not be affected by the project.

We therefore agree that this activity will not affect the coastal zone, and hereby 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.

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October 28, 1997

Vivian Goo
Deputy Public Works Officer
Attn: Jim Danza
Naval Air Weapons Station, Point Mugu
521 19th Street
Point Mugu, CA 93042-5001

Dear Ms. Goo:

RE: **ND-148-97** Negative Determination, Pilot Wetland Restoration Experiment, Naval Air Weapons Station (NAWS), Point Mugu, Ventura County

The Coastal Commission staff has received the above-referenced negative determination from the Navy's for an experimental sewage sludge/wetland conversion project at the former (now abandoned) sewage treatment "Polishing Ponds," located slightly east of Calleguas Creek and approximately midway between Highway 1 and the Pacific Ocean at the NAWS in Point Mugu.

The existing sludge contains low (non-hazardous) levels of metals. The purpose of the pilot project is to test the viability of creating new wetlands through mixing the sludge with other soils and opening the area to tidal action. In designing this experiment, the Navy has been working with UCLA Professor Rich Ambrose, as well as coordinating with EPA and the RWQCB, which support the project. The project includes construction of a new tidal creek into the pond area. To assure that the tidal action has no potential to degrade surrounding wetlands or the marine environment, the Navy has included a sedimentation basin around the ponds to capture all sediment from the site. Monitoring would be performed, with the goal of determining plant performance and metals uptake. If successful, the project would result in the beneficial use of sludge, as an alternative to disposing of the sludge at an offsite landfill. In addition, if the project is successful, up to 30 acres of ponds could be ultimately be converted to wetlands, although the Navy is not currently requesting such authorization.

Given the small size of the pilot project, and the monitoring being conducted, we **agree** that the project would not result in adverse impacts to any coastal zone resources, and 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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EPA (Aaron Setran)
RWQCB (John Garoche, Los Angeles Region)

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Susan Boyle
Chief, Environmental Branch
United States Coast Guard
Coast Guard Island
Building 54D
Alameda, CA 94501-5100

RE: ND-149-97 (Recreation project, Point Sur Light Station, Monterey County)

Dear Ms. Boyle:

The Commission has received the above referenced negative determination for a 20 foot extension of a wooden railing along the public path leading to the Point Sur Lighthouse. The railing is necessary for public safety purposes. The railing will be identical to the existing railing. The project is visually compatible with the surrounding development and will not negatively affect any coastal resources.

We therefore agree that this activity will not affect the coastal zone, and hereby 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.

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November 5, 1997

Dion T. McMicheaux
Project Manager
International Boundary and Water Commission
United States Section
2225 Dairy Mart Road
San Diego, CA 92173

Subject: Negative Determination **ND-150-97** (Smuggler's Gulch Road Improvements),
Tijuana River Valley, San Diego.

Dear Mr. McMicheaux:

The Coastal Commission staff has received the above-referenced negative determination for proposed improvements to the east and west approach roads to the recently-constructed Smuggler's Gulch equestrian bridge in the Tijuana River Valley in San Diego County. The proposed project is part of the International Wastewater Treatment Plant/South Bay Ocean Outfall (IWTP/SBOO) project previously concurred with by the Commission in CD-2-94, with subsequent modifications authorized under consistency and negative determinations CD-31-95, CD-137-96, CD-138-96, ND-1-95, ND-34-96, ND-77-96, ND-120-96 (Smuggler's Gulch bridge), ND-136-96, and ND-53-97.

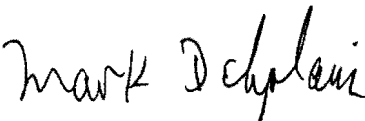
The Smuggler's Gulch bridge was constructed in February 1997 in order to provide safe passage across the drainage course for equestrians and allowing them to avoid IWTP/SBOO construction traffic on Monument Road. The bridge was also designed to accommodate IWTP/SBOO construction equipment during emergency periods when the Monument Road crossing at Smuggler's Gulch becomes impassable due to storm runoff and renegade sewage flows that exceed the capacity of the culvert at that location. However, the IBWC recently determined that the existing dirt approach roads between the new bridge and Monument Road may not be structurally adequate to support construction equipment (primarily employee transport vehicles).

The proposed project involves grading and compacting the existing dirt approach roads to the bridge, placement of a 12-foot-wide underlayment geotextile on top of the compacted dirt road, and placement and compaction of a 6-inch-deep rock road base on top of the geotextile layer.

All construction work will occur within the footprint of existing dirt roads currently used by equestrians, Border Patrol vehicles, and others. No work will occur in vegetated areas or within the riparian corridor of Smuggler's Gulch. The work will occur outside the endangered least Bell's vireo nesting season and is expected to last approximately one week. Commission staff spoke with a representative of the Tijuana River Valley Equestrian Association who confirmed the IBWC's conclusions that the proposed road improvements will not significantly affect equestrian use, and that the occasional emergency use of the bridge by IWTP/SBOO construction equipment will not preclude use by horseback riders.

In conclusion, the proposed road improvements along the west and east side approaches to the Smuggler's Gulch bridge will not adversely 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 Larry Simon at (415) 904-5288 should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


(for) PETER M. DOUGLAS
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