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TO: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Avila Beach Redevelopment Status Report

ONGOING REDEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES - FEBRUARY, 2000**1.0 Specific Planning Process**

The Avila Beach Specific Plan was approved by the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission on November 15, 1999 and is tentatively scheduled for review by the County Board of Supervisors in March, pending additional community input at an upcoming public workshop. Staff is continuing to work with the County through the local review of the Specific Plan to ensure that coastal resource and access issues are effectively addressed by the eventual submittal of the Specific Plan for Commission certification.

Staff has received the Planning Commission Hearing Draft of the Specific Plan and the Final EIR, with the County's response to our comments on the two draft documents. We are currently reviewing the County's comments and working with their staff to resolve any outstanding issues, prior to the submittal of the Specific Plan for County Board of Supervisors' approval and for Commission certification. Staff anticipates presenting any remaining issues at the March 14-17, 2000 meeting of the Commission, after further consultation with the County.

2.0 Front Street Reconstruction

In previous updates, staff has reported on the progress of the different aspects related to the Phase I and Phase II reconstruction of Front Street. Currently, pursuant to the County permits authorizing these construction activities, Unocal is working with County and Commission staff to fulfill conditions related to drainage plans and parking improvements. Other conditions requiring Commission staff review, such as the engineered plans for the components of reconstruction that extend seaward of the replaced seawall (i.e. the public overlook and pier bulkhead), have recently been satisfied.

3.0 Disbursement of Settlement Agreement Money

The Commission staff is working with the Department of Fish and Game's Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response ("OSPR") to disburse monies held in trust by the OSPR per the MOU

that was entered into by the CCC and the OSPR on September 16, 1998. The staff has worked with the OSPR to solicit project proposals, and a total of eighty-two were received within the given timeframe, and are available for review by the Commission, upon request. The ranking of project proposals is proceeding as follows:

- On January 21, 2000, the agencies with jurisdiction over the use of the settlement funds developed a procedure for evaluating the proposals;
- On February 7, 2000, the agencies will discuss preliminary project evaluations and rankings;
- At a public workshop in February/March 2000, agencies will present their initial rankings and draft restoration plan(s);
- On March 14-17, 2000, the staff will update the Commission on the ranking procedures and status of the draft restoration plan(s);
- In March, 2000, agencies will review the public's reaction to the initial ranking/draft plan(s);
- A subsequent public meeting may follow; and
- Final projects and restoration plan(s) will be chosen.