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DATE:

**December 17, 2001** 

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 #:

ND-092-01

APPLICANT:

Navy

LOCATION:

Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu, Ventura Co.

PROJECT:

Demolition of marine mammal facilities

ACTION:

Concur

**ACTION DATE:** 

12/3/2001

PROJECT #:

ND-093-01

APPLICANT:

Navy

LOCATION:

Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme, Ventura Co.

PROJECT:

Rip-rap and fence repairs

ACTION:

Concur

**ACTION DATE:** 

12/4/2001

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December 3, 2001

Vivian Goo Naval Base Ventura County Public Works Department 311 Main Road, Suite 1 Point Mugu, CA 93042-5001

Attn: James M. Danza

RE: ND-092-01, Negative Determination for demolition of marine mammal facilities and restoration of the area, Naval Base Ventura County, Point Mugu

Dear Ms. Goo:

The Coastal Commission staff has received and reviewed the above-referenced negative determination. The Navy proposes to remove an existing but no longer used marine mammal facility. The existing facility consists of one building, utility connections, paved areas, three non-tidal pools, one tidal pool and channel, and riprap along the lagoon. The Navy proposes to remove all of these facilities except for the tidal pool and channel. For those components, the Navy proposes to remove the concrete sidewalls down to one foot above the bottom. The Navy will not remove remaining walls and concrete bottom. The Navy also proposes to restore the site to a semi-natural state by back filling the non-tidal pools, covering the site with sand, and seeding the area with native vegetation.

The project site is within a Navy base and the area is closed to public use for military security reasons. Therefore, the project will not affect shoreline access and coastal recreation uses of the coastal zone. The project will restore habitat values by removing existing hardened surfaces, rock riprap, and restoring the site to semi-natural conditions and, as a result, the project will benefit habitat resources of the coastal zone. In addition, by removing the existing building, the Navy will improve visual resources of the coastal zone. However, the project has the potential to affect harbor seals, which raise pups in the vicinity of the project. The Navy proposes several mitigation measures to avoid impacts to these marine mammals. The mitigation measures include the following: 1) limiting construction time to daylight periods; 2) avoiding the use of explosives; 3) advising construction personnel of the marine mammal mitigation measures; 4) suspending work if a marine mammal is sighted in the construction area; 5) minimizing off-sight work; 6) manually conducting work within 100 feet of Mugu

Lagoon; 7) and monitoring of effects on marine mammals by a biologist approved by the National Marine Fisheries Service. With these measures, the proposed project will not significantly affect marine mammals and the restoration of the area to a semi-natural state may expand the seals' haul out area.

In conclusion, the Coastal Commission staff <u>agrees</u> that the proposed project will not adversely affect coastal zone resources. We, therefore, concur with the negative determination made pursuant to 15 CFR Section 930.35.

Please submit a copy of all monitoring reports to the Commission staff and, after project completion, notify staff of project start and completion dates and any significant deviations from project design as described in your negative determination.

If you have any questions, please contact James R. Raives of the Coastal Commission staff at (415) 904-5292.

Sincerely

PETER M. DOUGH
Executive Director

South Central Coast Area Office

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December 4, 2001

Vivian Goo Naval Base Ventura Public Works Department 311 Main Road, Suite 1 Point Mugu, CA 93042-5001

Attn: James M. Danza

RE: ND-093-01, Negative Determination, U.S. Navy, Rock rip-rap and fence repairs, Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme

Dear Ms. Goo:

The Coastal Commission staff has received the above-referenced negative determination for repairs to existing rock rip-rap on the west side of the harbor between Wharf 4 and Wharf D, and repairs to an existing fence at the west harbor entrance jetty, at the Naval Base Ventura County, in Port Hueneme. The rip-rap has been undermined by wave action, threatening existing structures, and the repairs constitute replacement-in-kind of existing facilities. The fence repairs are similarly replacement-in-kind, and are needed to maintain military security. The Navy has incorporated erosion controls and other water quality measures into the repair activities. Public views impacts will be minimal, and the project will not adversely affect water quality, environmentally sensitive habitat, or public access and recreation.

In conclusion, the Coastal Commission staff <u>agrees</u> that the proposed project will not adversely affect coastal zone resources. We, therefore, <u>concur</u> with the negative determination made pursuant to 15 C.F.R. Section 930.35. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Delaplaine at (415) 904-5289 of the Coastal Commission staff at (415) 904-5289.

Sincerely.

Fan PETER M. DOUGLAS

**Executive Director** 

cc: Ventura Area Office

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