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DATE:

April 17, 2002

TO:

**Coastal Commissioners and Interested Parties** 

FROM:

Mark Delaplaine, Federal Consistency Supervisor

RE:

Negative Determinations Issued by the Executive Director

[Executive Director decision letters are attached]

PROJECT #:

ND-001-02

APPLICANT:

Navy

LOCATION:

Naval Base Point Loma, San Diego

PROJECT:

Addition to Building 58, Tactical Training Group

ACTION:

Concur

**ACTION DATE:** 

03/22/2002

PROJECT #:

ND-012-02

APPLICANT:

Navy

LOCATION:

Naval Base Ventura County, Pt. Hueneme, Ventura County

PROJECT:

Chain drag and site restoration

ACTION:

Concur

**ACTION DATE:** 

03/28/2002

PROJECT #:

ND-019-02

APPLICANT:

Air Force

LOCATION:

Launch Facility 21, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Santa

Barbara Co.

PROJECT:

Booster missile test flights

ACTION:

Concur

**ACTION DATE:** 

03/28/2002

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March 22, 2002

D.K. Weil U.S. Navy Naval Base Point Loma 140 Sylvester Road San Diego, CA 92106-3521

Attn: Robert W. Humphreys

RE: **ND-1-02**, Negative Determination for Addition to Building 58, Tactical Training Group, Naval Base Point Loma, San Diego

Dear Mr. Weil:

The Coastal Commission staff has received the above-referenced negative determination for the construction of a 136 ft. by 132 ft. addition to existing Building 58, on Horizon Dr. near Woodward Rd., at the northern end of the Naval Base Point Loma in San Diego. The addition would be three stories in height; the existing building is two stories. The project site is previously disturbed, graded and paved. The project's visual impact from public viewpoints will be the same as the existing building, given that the visual backdrop will be, depending on the location of the coastal view, either the existing building or other surrounding large Navy buildings. As the site is already paved, the project will not alter natural terrain or pose water quality concerns. Adequate parking exists in surrounding Navy parking lots to serve the proposed uses. Neither environmentally sensitive habitat nor public access and recreation will be affected.

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

Sincerely,

PETER M. DOUGLAS

Executive Director

cc: San Diego Coast Area Office

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March 28, 2002

James Johnston
Department of the Air Force
30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing
30 CES/CEV
806 13<sup>TH</sup> Street, Suite 116
Vandenberg AFB, CA 93437-5242

RE: ND-019-02, Booster Verification test flights from Launch Facility 21 (LF-

21), Vandenberg Air Force Base, Santa Barbara County.

Dear Mr. Johnston:

The Coastal Commission staff has received and reviewed the above-referenced negative determination. The Air Force proposes to conduct booster tests for the National Missile Defense Program at Vandenberg Air Force Base. The Air Force proposes six launches over a four-year period. The missile test will use an existing launch facility and does not require any new construction. The Air Force will place an above ground fiber optics cable along existing roads.

For these tests, the Air Force will use launch facility (LF-21) in the northern portion of the base. This launch site is also used for the Theater Defense Missile project, CD-6-99, and for the previous booster verification program, ND-16-99. The National Defense boosters are similar in size to the Theater Defense Missiles and previous booster verification test missiles. The public access, marine mammal, air quality, and other resource impacts from the proposed launches will be similar to the effects from the previously approved projects.

In conclusion, the Coastal Commission staff agrees that the proposed project is the same as or similar to a previously reviewed consistency determination. We, therefore, **concur** with the negative determination made pursuant to 15 CFR Section 930.35. If you have any questions, please contact James Raives of the Coastal Commission staff at (415) 904-5292.

Sincerely, Mork Delylani

PETER M. DOUGLAS
Executive Director

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April 3, 2002

T.P. Lhuillier, Deputy
Assistant Chief of Staff
U.S. Marine Corps
Environmental Security
Box 555008
Camp Pendleton, CA 92055-5010

Attn: Bud Phillips

RE: ND-20-02, Marine Corps Negative Determination, Revised submittal for football field near Santa Margarita River, Del Mar area of Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, San Diego Co.

# Dear Deputy Lhuillier:

The Coastal Commission staff has received the above-referenced negative determination for the construction of a football field in the Del Mar area of Camp Pendleton. On February 6, 2002, we objected to your previous submittal for this football field (ND-107-01). In that objection we requested additional information about this project concerning fencing, perimeter berms, grading, irrigation, parking, potential alternative locations, and coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Our questions were based primarily on the close proximity of this project site to environmentally sensitive habitat resources at the Santa Margarita River mouth and estuary (including least tern and snowy plover habitat). The Marine Corps has responded to these questions will additional information addressing our concerns, including clarification that fencing will not increase bird predation in the estuary, that grading for berms will not adversely affect the estuary (and that berms will be revegetated), that irrigation will not affect saltwater/freshwater ratios in the estuary, and that parked vehicles will be located in a manner minimizing water quality impacts. The Marine Corps has also established that co-location of the football field with the landing zone to the south (farther from the river) is not a practical option.

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April 11, 2002

D.K. Weil Naval Base Point Loma 140 Sylvester Road San Diego, CA 92106-3521

Attn: Matt Baiza

RE: ND-023-02, Construction of equipment staging facility, Point Loma.

Dear Mr. Weil:

The Coastal Commission staff has reviewed the above-referenced negative determination. The Navy proposes to construct a 1200 square-foot, 15-foot high building on the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center San Diego, within the Naval Base Point Loma. In addition, the project requires 121 cubic yards of grading and less than 1,000 square feet of paving. The Navy will construct the building in an area already developed with similar buildings. The Navy proposes to use the building to store electronic equipment supporting its existing operations in the area and will not use the facility to store any heavy equipment or hazardous material. The Commission staff concludes that the proposed project will not affect access, visual, or habitat resources of the coastal zone. For military security reasons, there is no public access to the shoreline in the vicinity of the project, and thus it will not affect access to and use of the coast. In addition, the building is visually consistent with the development in the vicinity of the project and will not interfere with public views of the coast. The project is located in an already developed area and the area proposed for grading and paving consists mostly of dirt and ruderal vegetation. Therefore, the project will not affect 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 negative determination made pursuant to 15 CFR § 930.35. 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: San Diego Coast District PMD/JRR