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**Prepared December 11, 2017 (for the December 14, 2017 Hearing)**

**To:** Commissioners and Interested Parties  
**From:** Steve Hudson, South Central Coast District Deputy Director  
**Subject:** **South Central Coast District Deputy Director's Report for December 2017**

The following coastal development permit (CDP) waivers, immaterial CDP amendments, CDP extensions, and emergency CDPs for the South Central Coast District Office are being reported to the Commission on December 14, 2017. Pursuant to the Commission's procedures, each item has been appropriately noticed as required, and each item is also available for review at the Commission's South Central Coast District Office in Ventura. Staff is asking for the Commission's concurrence on the items in the South Central Coast District Deputy Director's report, and will report any objections received and any other relevant information on these items to the Commission when it considers the report on December 14th.

With respect to the December 14th hearing, interested persons may sign up to address the Commission on items contained in this report prior to the Commission's consideration of this report. The Commission can overturn staff's noticed determinations for some categories of items subject to certain criteria in each case (see individual notices for specific requirements).

**Items being reported on December 14, 2017 (see attached)**

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**Waivers**

- 4-17-0854-W, Santa Barbara Office of Emergency Management (Santa Cruz Island)

**Emergency Permits**

- G-4-17-0052, Land Trust for Santa Barbara County (Goleta)

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## NOTICE OF COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT WAIVER-DE-MINIMUS

DATE: December 1, 2017

TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Waiver of Coastal Development Permit Requirement  
**Waiver No.: 4-17-0854-W**

Based on project plans and information submitted by the applicant regarding the development described below, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission hereby waives the requirement for a Coastal Development Permit, pursuant to Title 14, Section 13238 of the California Code of Regulations.

Applicant: Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management

Location: Valley Peak Communications Site, Santa Cruz Island, Santa Barbara County

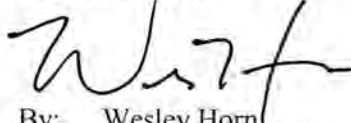
Description: Replace an existing 20 foot high monopole communications tower and attached antennas with a new 50 foot high lattice communications tower with six new dish antennas, six new dipole antennas, an omni whip antenna, and a lightning antenna; replace an existing 15 kilowatt generator and 100 gallon fuel tank with a new 25 kilowatt generator and 100 gallon fuel tank; replace the 84 existing solar panels on an existing 960 sq. ft. ground-mounted array; and install a new 80 sq. ft. prefabricated equipment building. No grading or removal of native vegetation is proposed or required and the project includes measures to avoid any impacts to sensitive species or archaeological remains.

Rationale: The proposed project is relatively minor in nature. The project involves the replacement of an existing communications tower as well as upgrades to the existing equipment that support the operations of the communications facility. Multiple public agencies (including the National Park Service, Santa Barbara County, Santa Barbara City, Montecito Fire Protection District, The Nature Conservancy, and the U.S. Forest Service) rely on the Valley Peak Communications Site for their operations and the proposed development will increase the facility's signal strength and range. The proposed development will not be significantly visible from any public viewing areas and the tower facility will be painted gray to match the foggy weather typically found at Santa Cruz Island. All of the proposed development will be within the footprint of the existing facility and no native vegetation will be disturbed. In addition, surveys of the project site did not locate any sensitive species or archaeological resources in the project vicinity; however, the proposed project includes measures to avoid any potential impacts to sensitive species or archaeological remains. As proposed, the project will not result in any significant adverse impacts to coastal resources, public access, or visual resources. Therefore, the proposed project is consistent with all applicable Chapter Three policies of the Coastal Act.

**IMPORTANT:** This waiver is not valid unless the project site has been posted and until the waiver has been reported to the Coastal Commission. This waiver is proposed to be reported to the Commission on December 14, 2017 in Dana Point. If three or more Commissioners object to this waiver, a coastal permit will be required. Persons having questions or wishing to object to the issuance of a coastal permit waiver for this project should contact the Commission office at the above address or phone number prior to the Commission meeting date.

Sincerely,

JOHN AINSWORTH  
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Horn', written over the printed name of Wesley Horn.

By: Wesley Horn  
Coastal Program Analyst

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## EMERGENCY PERMIT

**Date:** November 20, 2017

**Permit No.:** G-4-17-0052

**Applicant:** The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County

**Location:** Coronado Butterfly Preserve, corner of Coronado Drive and Newport Drive in City of Goleta (Santa Barbara County)

**Work Proposed:** One-time removal of ten (10) eucalyptus trees on the Coronado Butterfly Preserve property that are dead and at high risk of failure adjacent to two essential public trails in order to protect life and property from imminent danger. In addition, the emergency work includes the temporary closure of the two public trail segments, which will be immediately re-opened following removal of the ten eucalyptus trees.

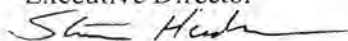
This letter constitutes approval of the emergency work you or your representative has requested to be done at the location listed above. I understand from the information submitted that an unexpected occurrence in the form of dead eucalyptus trees at high risk of failure that are adjacent to public trails at the Coronado Butterfly Preserve and that constitute a risk to public health and safety. This occurrence requires immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss or damage to life, health, property or essential public services. 14 Cal. Admin. Code Section 13009. The Executive Director hereby finds that:

- (a) An emergency exists which requires action more quickly than permitted by the procedures for administrative or ordinary permits and the development can and will be completed within 30 days unless otherwise specified by the terms of the permit;
- (b) Public comment on the proposed emergency action has been reviewed if time allows; and

The work is hereby approved, subject to the conditions listed on the reverse.

Sincerely,

John Ainsworth  
Executive Director



By: Steve Hudson  
Title: Deputy Director

## **CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

1. The enclosed form must be signed by the applicant and returned to our office within fifteen (15) days.
2. Only that work specifically described above and as more specifically described in the Commission's file for this Emergency Coastal Development Permit (CDP) Application, is authorized for the specific property listed above, subject to the conditions set forth below. Any additional work requires separate authorization from the Executive Director.
3. The work authorized by this permit must be completed within 90 days of the date of this permit, or as extended by the Executive Director through correspondence, and shall take place in a manner to minimize any potential impacts to coastal resources and public access. The applicant shall also avoid adverse impacts to aggregating monarch butterflies and to live eucalyptus trees near the project site to the maximum extent feasible.
4. The work authorized by this emergency permit is temporary and limited to the one-time removal of ten (10) eucalyptus trees and the temporary closure of two public trail segments until the tree removal work is complete.
5. In exercising this permit, the applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the California Coastal Commission, and its agents and employees, from any liabilities or claims for damage to public or private properties or personal injury that may result to any party from the project authorized herein.
6. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain necessary authorizations and/or permits from other local, state and federal agencies.

## **IMPORTANT**

The emergency work is considered to be temporary work done in an emergency situation.

If you have any questions about the provisions of this emergency permit, please call Michelle Wagner or Deanna Christensen at the Commission's Ventura Office at (805) 585-1800.

Enclosures: 1) Acceptance Form