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Prepared November 7, 2022 (for the November 17, 2022 Hearing)

To: Commissioners and Interested Parties
From: Kate Huckelbridge, Deputy Director
Subject: **Energy, Ocean Resources and Federal Consistency Division Deputy Director's Report for November 2022**

The following coastal development permit (CDP) waivers, immaterial CDP amendments, CDP extensions, emergency CDPs, and negative determinations for the Energy, Ocean Resources and Federal Consistency Division are being reported to the Commission on November 17, 2022. 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 office in San Francisco. Staff is asking for the Commission's concurrence on the items in the Energy, Ocean Resources and Federal Consistency Division 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 November 17, 2022.

With respect to the November 17th 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 November 17, 2022 (see attached)

Waivers

- 9-22-0487-W, California Resources Corporation, for: rectification work on two existing pipelines that extend 1.3 miles from Huntington Beach to Platform Emmy offshore. (Offshore Huntington, Orange County)

Immaterial Amendments

- 9-22-0353-A3, SoCal Gas, for: five years of vegetation management, maintenance and repair, on and around the La Goleta Natural Gas Facility.

(Santa Barbara County)

- 9-14-0489-A3, USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies, for: installation of an oyster aquaculture research facility. (Catalina Harbor, Santa Catalina Island)

**Administrative Items for Federal Consistency Matters,
Negative Determinations**

- ND-0036-22, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Modification to Channel Islands Harbor Maintenance Dredging Project. (Hueneme Beach)
- ND-0037-22, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Jim Porter Ranch Project, to install water tanks and water troughs. (Sonoma and Marin Counties)
- ND-0039-22, National Park Service, Resource Protection Fencing and Livestock Water Supply Improvement. (F Ranch & Mclsaac Ranch, Marin County)
- ND-0040-22, National Ocean Service, Ocean Mapping and Surveying. (Statewide)

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October 18, 2022

**Notice of Coastal Development Permit De Minimis Waiver
Coastal Act Section 30624.7**

Based on the project plans and information provided in your permit application for the development described below, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission hereby waives the requirement for a Coastal Development Permit pursuant to Section 13238.1, Title 14, California Code of Regulations. If, at a later date, this information is found to be incorrect or the plans revised, this decision will become invalid; and any development occurring must cease until a coastal development permit is obtained or any discrepancy is resolved in writing.

Waiver: 9-22-0487-W

Applicant: California Resources Corporation

Location: Offshore Huntington Beach, Orange County

Proposed Development: California Resources Corporation (CRC) proposes to conduct rectification work on two existing pipelines that extend 1.3 miles from Huntington Beach to Platform Emmy offshore. Rectification work would include installation of 90 sandbags at three locations (30 bags at each location) on the seafloor where the contact between the pipelines and the seafloor has been lost due to the movement and loss of sand. CRC identified these three locations as risk areas exceeding the recommended maximum unsupported distance for pipelines. Sandbags would be made of polypropylene geotextile material and filled with a total of 1.5 cubic yards of sand sourced from a local quarry and transported via truck to the project location. Rock or other hard-substrate material is not recommended for rectification work due to the strong undercurrent and tide on the ocean floor creating shear stress which could result in damage to the pipeline and pipeline coating. Sandbags would be transported to project locations via a dive service vessel and installed by divers in a pyramid formation underneath the pipelines. CRC will continue to conduct annual visual inspections of the offshore pipelines and the two sandbag rectification areas (the currently proposed sites as well as those previously authorized through CDP Waiver No. E-10-018-W) to document the continued integrity of the pipelines and sandbags. As part of its proposed project, CRC will provide the resulting visual inspections and a brief written summary of observations to the Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission and other responsible agencies by December 31 of each year. If it is noted by the Executive Director or CRC management that degradation of the polypropylene geotextile sandbags has occurred and marine debris may be released, CRC will, within 90 days,

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submit a complete CDP or CDP amendment application to replace the degraded sandbags (as applicable) or otherwise address their degradation and the release of marine debris.

CRC also proposes to continue conducting inspections of the pipelines and to remove debris and repair exterior polyethylene pipeline coatings, if necessary, at two locations on a production pipeline that were identified during a recent ROV inspection. CRC noted potential damage to the pipeline coating at these two locations and an unidentified debris object at one of the locations. If, upon further inspection, CRC determines that repairs to the pipeline coating are necessary, CRC will apply a splash zone epoxy patching compound and/or wrap the section of pipeline with a carbon fiber wrap. CRC will also remove the debris object using divers, if feasible, or by winch to the deck of the dive service vessel. The recovered debris would then be disposed of at an appropriately licensed onshore facility. Additional components of the project are described further below.

Rationale: For the following reasons, the proposed development will not adversely affect coastal resources, public access, or public recreation opportunities, and is consistent with and the relevant Chapter Three policies of the Coastal Act:

- The dive service vessel would anchor in pre-plotted areas based on recent seafloor surveys that avoid hardbottom substrate and pipelines.
- Pipeline inspection and rectification activities would occur over two to three days during the Fall/Winter of 2022. A local Notice to Mariners would be submitted to the United States Coast Guard 15 days prior to work activities to alert other commercial and recreational boaters within the vicinity of the project site.
- Weather forecasts will be monitored before mobilizing the personnel and equipment and no work will proceed if potentially hazardous wind, swell or current conditions are present at the project site.
- A project-specific oil spill contingency plan will be submitted to responsible agencies, including the Commission, for review and approval prior to project implementation. It will be based on an existing Facility Oil Spill Contingency Plan.
- CRC will implement a Marine Wildlife Contingency Plan that includes measures designed to minimize potential adverse impacts on marine wildlife, particularly marine mammals, by the proposed offshore project activities. The plan will be implemented by an experienced Protected Species Observer who will be stationed onboard the project vessel at a high vantage point throughout the duration of the offshore project activities.
- Project vessels will operate at speeds no greater than 12 knots.
- Crew boat traffic will follow currently established direct pathways to and from the offshore work area.
- No known archeological resources are present in the project area and work would be limited to below and directly adjacent to an existing pipeline. In the

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9-22-0487-W

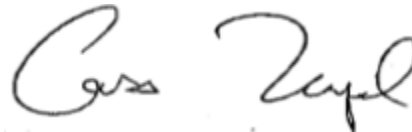
unlikely event that project activities uncover a previously unidentified archaeological site, all work activities shall cease. The South Central Coastal Information Center or State Historical Information Preservation Office would be notified within 48 hours if no other overriding issues are identified to warrant earlier notifications.

- During installation, sandbags would be lowered adjacent to the pipeline and laterally positioned into place.

This waiver will not become effective until reported to the Commission at its November 16-18, 2022, meeting and the site of the proposed development has been appropriately noticed, pursuant to 13054(b) of the California Code of Regulations. The Notice of Pending Permit shall remain posted at the site until the waiver has been validated and no less than seven days prior to the Commission hearing. If four (4) Commissioners object to this waiver of permit requirements, a coastal development permit will be required.

Sincerely,

John Ainsworth
Executive Director



(by) Cassidy Teufel
Manager

cc: Commissioners/File

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November 2, 2022

NOTICE OF PROPOSED IMMATERIAL PERMIT AMENDMENT

Coastal Development Permit Amendment No. **9-22-0353-A3**

To: All Interested Parties

From: John Ainsworth, Executive Director
Alexis Barrera, Environmental Scientist

Subject: Permit No. **E-11-031** granted to the **Southern California Gas Company (SoCal Gas)** for: five years of vegetation management, maintenance, and repair activities on and around pipelines and other equipment within the La Goleta Natural Gas Storage Facility in unincorporated Santa Barbara County.

Project Site: La Goleta Natural Gas Storage Facility (1171 More Ranch Road),
Goleta Slough, Santa Barbara County

The Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission has reviewed a proposed amendment to the above referenced permit, which would result in the following change(s):

A five-year continuance of ongoing vegetation management, maintenance and repair activities at the La Goleta Natural Gas Storage Facility.

Background and Project Description:

On March 9, 2012, the Commission approved CDP No. E-11-031 allowing SoCalGas to conduct pipeline maintenance and vegetation management activities at its La Goleta Natural Gas Storage Facility (Facility) in Goleta, Santa Barbara County. The approved activities included those involved with maintaining aboveground infrastructure at the Facility and managing vegetation as necessary to provide a 10-foot safety buffer around the various pipelines, fences, gates, and valves at the Facility. Because the Facility is located near the Goleta Slough and its associated wetlands and environmentally sensitive habitat areas, CDP No. E-11-031 includes permit conditions requiring SoCalGas to avoid and minimize adverse effects on those habitats and the species that use them. Those conditions include limits on activities conducted during breeding and nesting seasons, ongoing

monitoring and oversight of activities by a qualified biologist, limits on the use of chemicals and paint near wetlands and waterbodies, implementation of a five-year restoration plan to compensate for native vegetation removed during vegetation management activities, and implementation of an approved spill prevention and control plan. CDP No. E-11-031 allowed SoCalGas to conduct these activities for a five-year period. On February 24, 2017, the Commission approved CDP No. E-11-031-A2, an amendment to the original CDP, which extended the pipeline maintenance and vegetation management activities for an additional five years, subject to the same conditions.

Requested Amendment:

On May 10, 2022, SoCal Gas submitted an application to the Commission requesting an amendment to CDP No. E-11-031 (renumbered CDP No. 9-22-0353) to allow it to continue implementing the same activities, subject to the same permit conditions, for an additional five-year period. These activities would include clearing vegetation from within 10 feet of pipelines, general pipeline maintenance, painting pipelines and supports as needed, repairing pipeline supports as needed, and repairing damaged roadways as needed. These activities are necessary to comply with U.S. Department of Transportation operational and safety requirements and SoCal Gas management protocols. To help compensate for the approximately 1.76 acres of native vegetation that would be removed from the proposed pipeline and equipment maintenance areas, SoCal Gas proposes to implement an updated version of the Native Vegetation Restoration Plan (NVRP). The updated NVRP is based off the original five-year NVRP, which was implemented from 2012 to 2017 as required by CDP No. E-11-031. The updated NVRP reflects current conditions, habitat acreages, and a new mitigation approach to address adverse impacts of vegetation management activities to native vegetation. The mitigation approach is twofold: 1) continued habitat enhancement, non-native vegetation removal and monitoring of the 1.34-acre restoration area established in 2012 as required in CDP No. E-11-031; and 2) creation pursuant to this amendment of 0.045 acres of coastal wetland and riparian habitat within the adjacent cleared well pad at the Chase Bryce Well Pad site, which is currently in the process of being decommissioned. SoCal Gas would submit the updated NVRP to the Executive Director for review and approval prior to the start of any vegetation clearing.

FINDINGS

The Executive Director has determined this amendment to be IMMATERIAL within the meaning of section 13166(b) of the Commission's regulations.¹ Pursuant to section 13166(b)(1), if no written objection to this notice of immaterial amendment is received at the Commission office listed above within ten (10) working days of mailing of this notice, the determination of immateriality shall be conclusive, and the amendment shall be approved (i.e., the permit will be amended as proposed).

Pursuant to section 13166(b)(2), if a written objection to this notice of an immaterial amendment is received within ten (10) working days of mailing of this notice, and the

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Executive Director determines that the objection does not raise an issue of conformity with the Coastal Act (or certified local coastal program, if applicable), the amendment shall not be effective until the amendment and objection are reported to the Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting. If any three Commissioners object to the Executive Director's designation of immateriality, the amendment application shall be referred to the Commission to be reviewed as a material amendment at a subsequent Commission meeting. If no three Commissioners object to the Executive Director's designation of immateriality, that designation shall stand, and the amendment shall become effective.

Pursuant to section 13166(b)(3), if a written objection to this notice of an immaterial amendment is received within ten (10) working days of mailing of this notice, and the Executive Director determines that the objection does raise an issue of conformity with the Coastal Act (or a certified local coastal program, if applicable), the amendment application shall be referred to the Commission to be reviewed as a material amendment at a subsequent Commission meeting.

The Executive Director has determined this proposed amendment to be "immaterial" for the reasons set forth below.

Coastal Act Issues

The key Coastal Act issues raised by the original project were potential adverse impacts to environmentally sensitive habitat areas (ESHA), marine life, water quality, and archaeological resources from vegetation clearing and other project activities occurring in and near Goleta Slough. The proposed project consists of repair and maintenance activities which include placing construction materials, removing and placing solid materials, and the temporary use of mechanized equipment, all within 50 feet of ESHA. In considering a permit application for a repair or maintenance project, the Commission reviews whether the proposed method of repair or maintenance is consistent with the Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act. The Commission's evaluation of such repair and maintenance projects does not extend to an evaluation of the conformity with the Coastal Act of the underlying existing development. As part of CDP No. E-11-031, a Native Vegetation Restoration Plan was prepared by SoCal Gas to ensure restoration of native vegetation equal to that affected due to the project's vegetation management activities for a period of five years. As part of this immaterial amendment application, the Native Vegetation Restoration Plan was updated to reflect the current conditions, habitat acreages, and a new mitigation plan to be implemented for an additional five years.

Additionally, all of the special conditions included with CDP No. E-11-031, which address potential impacts with the originally approved project, also apply to the proposed amendment. These special conditions are summarized below:

- **Special Condition 1.** This special condition restricts the timing of project activities to protect ESHA.
- **Special Condition 2.** This special condition ensures that a qualified biologist implements a number of requirements meant to protect ESHA, including nesting surveys, worker training, monitoring, and reporting.

- **Special Condition 3.** This special condition requires submittal and implementation of a Restoration Plan to ensure restoration of native vegetation equal to that affected due to the project's vegetation management activities.
- **Special Condition 4.** This special condition limits the use of herbicides and other chemicals used for vegetation control to non-native vegetation and to areas away from wetlands and open coastal waters.
- **Special Condition 5.** This special condition restricts the method of painting in areas near native vegetation and coastal waters.
- **Special Condition 6.** This special condition requires SoCal Gas to implement spill protection and response measures to reduce the potential for spills and provide adequate response should spills occur.
- **Special Condition 7.** This special condition requires SoCal Gas to conduct excavations pursuant to County guidelines, which include monitoring by an approved archaeologist and Native American consultant, "stop work" upon detection, and phased surveys, as needed to protect any identified sites.

With the continued implementation of these special conditions, the work under the proposed amendment would be carried out in a manner that would help ensure that adverse impacts to coastal resources would be avoided and minimized. Further, the proposed amendment would also include the re-initiation and expansion of habitat restoration and enhancement activities described in SoCal Gas' Native Vegetation Restoration Plan. As such, the proposed project is consistent with the applicable policies of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act.

If you wish to register an objection to the processing of this amendment application as an immaterial amendment, please send the objection in writing to the address above.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Alexis Barrera at alexis.barrera@coastal.ca.gov.

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November 2, 2022

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED IMMATERIAL PERMIT
AMENDMENT**Coastal Development Permit Amendment No. **9-14-0489-A3**

To: All Interested Parties

From: John Ainsworth, Executive Director
Amanda Cousart, Environmental Scientist

Subject: Permit No. **9-14-0489** granted to the **USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies** for: installation of an oyster aquaculture research facility consisting of a floating upwelling system and up to four longline cultivation systems.

Project Site: Catalina Harbor, Santa Catalina Island, CA

The Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission has reviewed a proposed amendment to the above-referenced permit, which would result in the following change(s):

The complete removal of the aquaculture research facility, currently comprised of one 150-ft suspended longline anchored by four Danforth anchors as well as completion of the required post-removal survey.

Background and Project Description:

In 2015, the Commission approved CDP No. 9-14-0489 for the University of Southern California's Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies (WIES) to install and operate an oyster aquaculture research facility consisting of a floating upwelling system (FLUPSY) and up to four longline cultivation systems in Catalina Harbor, Santa Catalina Island. The CDP was amended in 2017 to authorize two additional mussel species (*Mytilus californianus* and *Mytilus galloprovincialis*) to be grown on the FLUPSY and existing longlines. The CDP was amended a second time in December 2020 to extend the permit term through December 31, 2025, discontinue use of and remove the FLUPSY and discontinue Pacific oyster cultivation and removal of associated shellfish and equipment. It also added purple-hinged rock scallops (*Crassadoma gigantea*), Olympia oysters (*Ostrea lurida*), giant kelp (*Macrocystis pyrifera*), feather boa kelp (*Egregia menziesii*), southern sea palm (*Eisenia arborea*), brown alga (*Laminaria farlowii*), and elk kelp (*Pelagophycus*

porra) to list of species to be cultivated. Finally, it modified cultivation longline depth from the surface to approximately 30 feet to support seaweed cultivation.

Since that time, WIES has concluded research and discontinued growth of all species. WIES has continued to monitor and survey the site as required by Special Condition 3 of CDP No. 9-14-0489.

Requested Amendment:

On July 27, 2022, WEIS submitted an application to the Commission, as required by Special Condition 6 of CDP No. 9-14-0849, requesting an amendment to the CDP to remove the final anchors and longline that remain in Catalina Harbor from the authorized and amended project development.

Findings

The Executive Director has determined this amendment to be IMMATERIAL within the meaning of section 13166(b) of the Commission's regulations.¹ Pursuant to section 13166(b)(1), if no written objection to this notice of immaterial amendment is received at the Commission office listed above within ten (10) working days of mailing of this notice, the determination of immateriality shall be conclusive, and the amendment shall be approved (i.e., the permit will be amended as proposed).

Pursuant to section 13166(b)(2), if a written objection to this notice of an immaterial amendment is received within ten (10) working days of the mailing of this notice, and the Executive Director determines that the objection does not raise an issue of conformity with the Coastal Act (or certified local coastal program, if applicable), the amendment shall not be effective until the amendment and objection are reported to the Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting. If any three Commissioners object to the Executive Director's designation of immateriality, the amendment application shall be referred to the Commission to be reviewed as a material amendment at a subsequent Commission meeting. If no three Commissioners object to the Executive Director's designation of immateriality, that designation shall stand, and the amendment shall become effective.

Pursuant to section 13166(b)(3), if a written objection to this notice of an immaterial amendment is received within ten (10) working days of the mailing of this notice, and the Executive Director determines that the objection does raise an issue of conformity with the Coastal Act (or a certified local coastal program, if applicable), the amendment application shall be referred to the Commission to be reviewed as a material amendment at a subsequent Commission meeting.

The Executive Director has determined this proposed amendment to be "immaterial" for the following reason(s):

- WEIS will be removing the 150-foot longline backbone by accessing the site through an existing boat ramp located approximately 2,000 feet from the

¹ The Commission's regulations are codified in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

installation.

- Alongside longline removal, the anchors will be buoyed and removed by a commercial mooring service, which will transport them to the WIES facility for future use. Floats will also be cleaned and reserved for future use, and longline material will be disposed of at an appropriate landside facility.
- The project is located near existing moorings, the Hubbs Sea World fish pen as well as kayaking and other public recreation activities. Although the removal activities will temporarily impact on-water activities, removal of the materials and conclusion of the lease with Catalina Island Company will expand access for other activities in the harbor in the long term.
- Following the removal of the longline and anchors, WIES will conduct a post-removal benthic survey to ensure all materials have been removed from the site.
- WIES will adhere to all other agency permit conditions pertinent to the removal of the facility.
- The proposed activity will result in the full and permanent removal of all materials and structures previously installed and operated by WIES as well as the termination of all activities authorized by the Commission through CDP No. 9-14-0849 and its associated amendments prior to the pending permit expiration date of December 31, 2025.

If you wish to register an objection to the processing of this amendment application as an immaterial amendment, please send the objection in writing to the address above.

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Amanda Cousart at amanda.cousart@coastal.ca.gov.

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November 2, 2022

Maricris Lee
Deputy Chief, Planning Division
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Re: Negative Determination No. ND-0036-22: Modification to Channel Islands Harbor Maintenance Dredging Project

Dear Mr. Lee:

The California Coastal Commission (Commission) has reviewed the above-referenced negative determination (ND), dated September 28, 2022, for the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) proposed modification to the Channel Islands Harbor (CIH) Maintenance Dredging Project to include an additional 300,000 cubic yards of sediment for placement on Hueneme Beach as well as up to 13.47 acres of unspecified dune restoration. The USACE has determined that the project is allowed to be submitted as a ND because the proposed modification "is the same as or similar to activities for which consistency determinations (CD) have been prepared in the past". The CD referenced by USACE in the ND submittal is CD-52-94 which allowed for 2.2 million cubic yards to be dredged from CIH biannually.

Commission staff disagrees that the proposed project modification would be the same as or similar to activities in CD-52-94 and should be reviewed under the ND process. Further, we disagree with the determination that the activity will not affect any coastal use or resource and have concluded that the proposed activity would result in reasonably foreseeable adverse effects to coastal resources. The ND application states that the increased dredging would result in slope failure and sloughing of the area immediately adjacent to Sand Trap A and would impact an area upwards of 13.47 acres. This adjacent area consists of coastal foredune habitat that was not previously identified or affected by the activities considered in CD-52-94 or any of the subsequent negative determinations considered by the Commission. As such, the proposed additional dredging has the potential to result in significant new adverse impacts to coastal resources that have never before been considered as part of prior reviews of the biannual maintenance dredging events.

California dune ecosystems have suffered a disproportionately high amount of human impact because the coast is a highly desirable area for industry, tourism, recreation, and

residential settlements¹. As a result, dune ecosystems are listed as very rare by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). In addition to being rare, coastal foredunes are also an essential component of beach ecosystems. Western snowy plover (WSP) and California least tern (CLT) are federally listed species known to historically nest and winter within Hollywood Beach, specifically within the area of coastal foredune habitat that would be lost as a result of the proposed additional dredging.

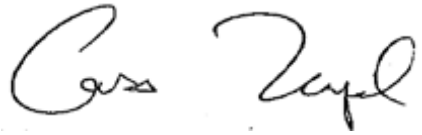
In response to the upwards of 13.47 acres of anticipated adverse impacts to coastal foredune habitat, the project includes a proposal to restore foredune habitat at a 1:1 mitigation ratio (13.47 acres) somewhere within 10 miles of the project area, or possibly another area agreed to with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Although this proposal includes a commitment to manage the area for a period of five years, as described in the ND submittal, final site selection is yet to be determined and specifics of the restoration plan including design, performance standards, and implementation and monitoring plans are still being developed. While Commission staff support the project's acknowledgement of its potential significant adverse impacts to valuable dune habitat and the need for offsetting mitigation, without this key information regarding the location and scope of proposed mitigation, it is impossible to have any certainty that restoration will be successfully implemented and appropriately offset project effects to coastal resources.

Thus, based on the known and potential adverse impacts to coastal resources that would result from implementation of the proposed dredging, the lack of a developed restoration proposal, and the new and different effects to coastal resources that would result from the proposed project in comparison to prior maintenance dredging events in this area, the Commission disagrees with your determination that the proposed dredging will not affect any coastal use or resource and is the same or similar to activities for which a consistency determination concurrence has been granted in the past. We therefore object to your negative determination made pursuant to 15 CFR Section 930.35(a)(2). To resolve this objection and address our stated concerns, we strongly encourage the submittal of a consistency determination for the proposed project that includes a fully developed restoration plan. We are available for continued coordination with your staff and would recommend that such coordination occur with both Commission staff and other key stakeholders including U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Ventura County prior to submittal of a consistency determination for the project.

¹ Nordstrom, K.F. and N.P. Psuty, 1980. Dune District Management: A Framework for Shorefront Protection and Land Use Control. Coastal Zone Management Journal, V.7:1-23

Please contact Wesley Horn at wesley.horn@coastal.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Cassidy Teufel
Federal Consistency Coordinator
(for)

John Ainsworth
Executive Director

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October 27, 2022

Lauren Sullivan
Area 2 Biologist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
United States Department of Agriculture

Re: Negative Determination No. ND-0037-22: Jim Porter Ranch Project, Sonoma and Marin Counties

Dear Ms. Sullivan:

We have received your letter dated September 26, 2022, in which you have determined that the above-referenced proposal to install water tanks and water troughs to improve ranch livestock water distribution, install exclusion fencing and cross-fencing to prevent cattle from entering and disturbing creek environments, and to implement a prescribed grazing plan would have no adverse effect on coastal resources for the reasons identified in Negative Determination No. ND-0037-22. The Coastal Commission staff agrees that the proposed project will not adversely affect coastal zone resources. We therefore **concur** with your negative determination made pursuant to 15 CFR Section 930.35 of the NOAA implementing regulations.

Please contact Wesley Horn at Wesley.Horn@coastal.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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CASSIDY TEUFEL
Federal Consistency Coordinator
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JOHN AINSWORTH
Executive Director

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November 1, 2022

Craig Kenkel
Superintendent
Point Reyes National Seashore
1 Bear Valley Road
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Re: Negative Determination No. ND-0039-22: Resource Protection Fencing and Livestock Water Supply Improvement on Leased Ranch Operations (F Ranch & Mclsaac Ranch) at Point Reyes National Seashore and North District Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Marin County

Dear Superintendent Kenkel:

We have received your letter dated September 27, 2022, in which you have determined that the above-referenced proposal to install roughly 1,425 linear feet of wildlife friendly cattle exclusion fencing and two self-closing pedestrian gates at F Ranch to protect water quality and cultural resources and approximately 1,650 linear feet of fencing around a spring and 5,020 feet of pipeline, two troughs, a pump system and associated equipment at Mclsaac Ranch would have no adverse effect on coastal resources for the reasons identified in Negative Determination No. ND-0039-22. The Coastal Commission staff agrees that the proposed project will not adversely affect coastal zone resources. We therefore **concur** with your negative determination made pursuant to 15 CFR Section 930.35 of the NOAA implementing regulations.

Please contact Cassidy Teufel at Cassidy.Teufel@coastal.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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CASSIDY TEUFEL
Federal Consistency Coordinator
(for)

JOHN AINSWORTH
Executive Director

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October 21, 2022

Ms. Giannina DiMaio
Environmental Compliance Coordinator
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Ocean Service
1305 East West Highway
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Re: Negative Determination No. ND-0040-22: ocean mapping and surveying activities undertaken by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Ocean Service (2023-2027)

Dear Ms. DiMaio:

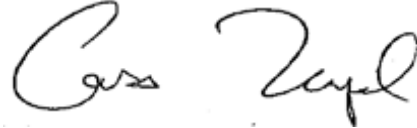
We have received your letter dated August 24, 2022, in which you have determined that the above-referenced proposal for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Ocean Service to, within the 2023-2027 timeframe, operate a variety of equipment and technologies to gather accurate and timely data on the nature and condition of the marine and coastal environment would have no adverse effect on coastal resources for the reasons identified in Negative Determination No. ND-0040-22. The proposed ocean and coastal mapping and survey activities would include the following:

- Project-Related Crewed Vessel Operations
- Anchoring
- Operation of Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs), Autonomous Surface Vehicles (ASVs), and Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs)
- Use of Echo Sounders
- Use of Acoustic Doppler Current Profilers (ADCPs)
- Use of Acoustic Communication Systems
- Use of Sound Speed Data Collection Equipment
- Operation of Drop/Towed Cameras, Video Systems, and Magnetometers
- Collection of Bottom Grab Samples
- Use of Passive Listening Systems
- SCUBA Operations
- Installation, Maintenance, and Removal of Tide Gauges and Tide Buoys
- Installation of GPS Reference Stations

The Coastal Commission staff agrees that the proposed project will not adversely affect coastal zone resources. We therefore **concur** with your negative determination made pursuant to 15 CFR Section 930.35 of the NOAA implementing regulations.

Please contact Cassidy Teufel at Cassidy.Teufel@coastal.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cassidy Teufel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cassidy" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Teufel".

CASSIDY TEUFEL
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(for)

JOHN AINSWORTH
Executive Director