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# F19a

**Prepared December 12, 2022 for December 16, 2022 Hearing**

**To:** Commissioners and Interested Persons

**From:** Kevin Kahn, Central Coast District Manager  
Kiana Ford, Coastal Planner

**Subject: Additional hearing materials for F19a  
CDP Number 3-22-0165 (Murray Street Bridge Improvements)**

This package includes additional materials related to the above-referenced hearing item as follows:

Additional correspondence received in the time since the staff report was distributed

## Ford, Kiana@Coastal

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**From:** Kahn, Kevin@Coastal  
**Sent:** Friday, December 9, 2022 2:00 PM  
**To:** Ford, Kiana@Coastal  
**Cc:** Graeven, Rainey@Coastal  
**Subject:** FW: Dec 16, 2022 - Agenda #19 - Coastal Permit Application 3-22-0165

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**From:** A Webb <aw.info.sub@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 9, 2022 1:47 PM  
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**Subject:** Dec 16, 2022 - Agenda #19 - Coastal Permit Application 3-22-0165

I am having trouble with the "Comment" submission button on the Agenda website. Didn't know who to direct this message to. Can you please forward these comments to Commissioners?

Thank you.

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Dear Commissioners,

The Murray St Bridge project is on the Dec 16th CA Coastal Commission Agenda #19 for permitting. It includes removal of 9 mature/heritage trees, which appears to have ALREADY BEGUN with the removal of 2 large heritage trees on the parking lot area of a house next to the bridge over the past 1.5 months. These 2 trees appear to be part of this project tree removal list, but I'm not an expert at interpreting plan diagrams. This is in County jurisdiction, and I'm not as familiar with county vs. city regulations regarding Tree removals, but the Plans are labeled as "Prepared for the City of Santa Cruz Public Works" - so it's confusing.

**Concerns are:**

- 1) Do projects in County jurisdiction get to remove trees prior to getting ALL required permits for a project, especially in the Coastal Zone and part of sensitive habitat?
- 2) These tall mature trees are included within important habitat for the protected Great Blue Herons and their roosting area and rookery. I counted 18 adults roosting together on these very trees (daily, late afternoon) early this year, during the mating season prior to their nesting where they were then more dominant near those nest areas. Their presence attracted me daily just to see them, and I could easily spot them from the ocean-side (lower) harbor area on both sides of harbor. Many other seabirds use these very trees as well, including Cormorants which follow the Great Blue Herons in their shared rookery, and year round the Osprey, Hawks, white Egrets, Green backed herons, Dark Crowned night herons, and other birds and Monarch butterflies up in these trees. This past year was joined by a Bald Eagle pair. Seeing this wildlife in these trees adds to the pleasure and attraction of walking around the Harbor - and drew me to the Harbor daily when I could fit in a little walking time.

Please, make sure these trees really are a serious impediment to this bridge project before removing - otherwise SAVE and incorporate them. They are a serious part of habitat. They not only have wildlife benefits, but important roles in air quality and reducing Climate Change impacts!. Also, careful vigilance to protect all these bird species, including those federally protected, during their entire presence, not just mating & nesting season is critical. Not just for their health and habitat, our environmental health & air quality which benefit wildlife and humans, but also for the eco-tourism their presence generates year round to the SC Harbor area.

Thank you.

Anita Webb

From the CA CC agenda item exhibits (Page 11 has tree chart at this link:  
<https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/2022/12/F19a/F19a-12-2022-exhibits.pdf>)

19 Coastal Permit Applications

December 2022 Application No. 3-22-0165 (Murray Street Bridge Improvements, Santa Cruz)

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TREE REMOVAL		
	SIZE	TYPE
A	30"	CANARY ISLAND PINE (HERITAGE)
B	30"	CANARY ISLAND PINE (HERITAGE)
C	18"	CANARY ISLAND PINE
D	30"	CANARY ISLAND PINE (HERITAGE)
E	12"	MONTEREY PINE (HERITAGE)
F	38"	MONTEREY PINE (HERITAGE)
G	12"	DECIDUOUS
H	12"	DECIDUOUS
I	14"	DECIDUOUS
J	2 STEMS - 14" & 16"	OAK (HERITAGE)