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To: Commissioners and Interested Parties
From: Cassidy Teufel, Energy, Ocean Resources and Federal Consistency Division
Director
Subject: **Energy, Ocean Resources and Federal Consistency Division Deputy
Director's Report for November 2023**

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 16, 2023. 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 16, 2023.

With respect to the November 16th 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 16, 2023 (see attached)

Waivers

- **9-23-0797-W**, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (Within waters of the North Channel of Humboldt Bay, Humboldt County)

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

- **ND-00024-23**, Naval Base San Diego Floating Dry Dock at Mole Pier (San Diego)

County)

- **ND-0029-23**, Well Number 1 Replacement at Gallagher Ranch, Point Reyes National Seashore (Marin County)

Administrative Items for Federal Consistency Matters, No-Effects Determinations, Immaterial Amendments, Immaterial Extensions

- None

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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: 9-23-0797-W

Applicants: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Location: Within waters of the North Channel of Humboldt Bay, Humboldt County

Proposed Development: The proposed project involves deployment of two Acoustic Doppler Current Profilers ("ADCPs"), which will be used to measure current speeds within this part of Humboldt Bay. One ADCP will be deployed near the Hog Island Oyster Company pier on the Samoa Peninsula and the other will be deployed about 300 feet away near the middle of the North Channel. The ADCPs are about two feet in diameter and will be moored near the seafloor where they will collect data for about one month. At the end of data collection, an automatic timed release will allow them to rise to the water surface to be retrieved.

Rationale:

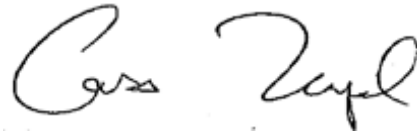
- The proposed deployment would be carried out consistent with similar short-term research buoys recently authorized by the Commission, including 9-23-0378-W, 9-17-0072-W and 9-21-0464-W.
- The ADCPs will be moored within an area with no eelgrass or other sensitive benthic habitat types.
- The deployment involves little to no risk of marine life entanglement, as each ADCP is moored to the seafloor with a single line just a few feet in length.
- All ADCP components will be removed from the water at the end of deployment.

The proposed development will not adversely impact coastal resources, public access, or public recreation opportunities, and is consistent with past Commission actions in the area and Chapter Three policies of the Coastal Act.

Coastal Development Permit De Minimis Waiver
9-23-0797-W

This waiver will not become effective until reported to the Commission at its November 15-17, 2023, 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,

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CASSIDY TEUFEL
Director
(for)

KATE HUCKELBRIDGE, PhD
Executive Director

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September 5, 2023

Deb McKay
Fleet Environmental Coastal Coordinator
Naval Base San Diego
3455 Senn Road
San Diego, CA 92136-5084

Re: Negative Determination No. ND-00024-23: Naval Base San Diego Floating Dry Dock at Mole Pier, San Diego County

Dear Ms. McKay:

We have received your letter dated June 27, 2023, in which you have determined that the above-referenced proposal to construct and operate a floating dry dock at Mole Pier on Naval Base San Diego would have no adverse effect on coastal resources for the reasons identified in Negative Determination No. ND-0024-23. 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 Alexis Barrera at alexis.barrera@coastal.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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CASSIDY TEUFEL
Energy, Ocean Resources, and
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KATE HUCKELBRIDGE
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October 30, 2023

Anne Altman, Acting Superintendent
National Park Service
Point Reyes National Seashore
1 Bear Valley Road
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

Re: Negative Determination No. ND-0029-23 (Well Number 1 Replacement at Gallagher Ranch, Point Reyes National Seashore, Marin County)

Dear Acting Superintendent Altman:

We have received your letter dated September 28, 2023, in which you have determined that the above-referenced proposal to seal and abandon Beaches Water System Well No. 1 and replace it with a new well on the existing concrete pad at Gallagher Ranch in the Point Reyes National Seashore, would have no adverse effect on coastal resources for the reasons identified in Negative Determination No. ND-0029-23 and all supplemental information provided. 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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cc. Larry Cantrell, National Park Service