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San Jose Creek (0.04)
January 18, 2018

California Department of Transportation
District 5
Attn: Mr. Geoff Hoetker
50 Higuera Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-5415

Dear Mr. Hoetker:

We have completed our review Caltrans' proposal, dated January 9, 2018, the replace the State Route 217 (Ward Memorial Blvd.) highway bridge across San Jose Creek (Goleta Slough), mile 0.04, in Goleta, Santa Barbara County, California.

No individual Coast Guard permit will be required for this project (COMDTINST M16590.5C). This does not relieve the applicant, the California Department of Transportation, from complying with all applicable federal, state and local laws and associated permit requirements.

San Jose Creek, at the project site, is subject to tidal influence and presently considered navigable by Coast Guard standards. However, the waterway is not navigated by anything larger than small motorboats and we are unaware of any plans to make navigational improvements at the project site.

The General Bridge Act of 1946 requires the approval of the location and plans of bridges prior to the start of construction (33 U.S.C. 525). The Commandant of the Coast Guard has given advance approval to the location and plans of bridges to be constructed across reaches of waterways considered navigable, but not actually navigated by other than logs, log rafts, rowboats, canoes and small motorboats. In such cases the clearances provided for high water stages will be considered adequate to meet the reasonable needs of navigation (33 CFR 115.70).

Our determination that San Jose Creek conforms to Advance Approval criteria in 33 CFR 115.70 is listed as a Categorical Exclusion in our Coast Guard NEPA Implementing Regulations and no further review will be required by the USCG.

This review is valid for a period of 3 years from the date of this letter. If the character of navigation changes, such that the waterway no longer meets advance approval criteria, the Coast Guard will promptly withdraw the advance approval designation for this project and notify all interested parties.

A photograph and as-built drawings (plan and elevation) of the bridge, on 8 ½ x 11 inch format, are required upon completion of the project. The drawings, along with the Completion Report Form (Enclosure), must indicate the elevation of the lowest hittable part of the bridge above

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mean high water and horizontal clearance available for navigation, pier face to pier face or bank to bank.

Please notify our office at least 30 days prior to beginning and completing the over-water portion of this project, so we may provide the appropriate Notice to Mariners. You may contact Mr. Chris Cerles, Project Manager, by telephone at (510) 437-3461, to discuss this project.

Sincerely,



C. T. HAUSNER
Chief, Bridge Section
Eleventh Coast Guard District
By direction of the District Commander

Enclosure

Copy: Coast Guard Sector Los Angeles/Long Beach, Attn: Waterways Management
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District

Completion Report Information

Upon completion of the bridge, complete and return this information to:

Commander (dpw)
Eleventh Coast Guard District
Attn: Bridge Section
Building 50-2, Coast Guard Island
Alameda, CA 94501-5100

Name & Location of Bridge: State Route 217 (Ward Memorial Blvd.) Hwy Bridge, San Jose Creek, Goleta, CA

Owner: California Department of Transportation – District 5

Project: Replacement bridge

Date commenced: _____ Date Completed: _____

Horizontal navigational clearance, between piers, measured normal to the axis of the channel: _____ feet
_____ meters.

Vertical navigational clearance measured to the lowest hittable part of the bridge, above Mean High Water:
_____ feet _____ meters. Datum used: _____.

Vertical clearance gauges: (x) not required.

Navigational lighting: (x) not required.

Pier protection/ fendering system: () installed () not installed.

Photographs of the bridge: () included () to be provided later.

Bridge to be replaced: () removed () not removed.

Date bridge open to transportation: _____

All temporary structures removed completely from the waterway: () removed () not removed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

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