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Pullman Ditch Drainage Project
EA 0F0901

Mr. Steve Flint, Planning Director
City of Half Moon Bay
501 Main Street
Half Moon Bay CA 94019

Subject: Coastal Development Permit Application for Pullman Ditch Project

Dear Mr. Flint:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is submitting an application for a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) to provide a new outfall structure at an existing culvert, and repair eroded banks and uplands at Pullman Ditch, located along State Route 1, south of Roosevelt Blvd in Half Moon Bay. This project will restore Pullman Ditch its original (pre-1984) elevation and configuration.

Enclosed please find the CDP Application Form, project plans, Notification List and other requested information, as well as a check in the amount of \$1,900 to cover permit fees. A wetland delineation and biological assessment are also included in this application submittal.

The wetland delineation identifies 0.035 acres (1,525 square feet) of wetlands at Pullman Ditch as defined by the City of Half Moon Bay's Local Coastal Program. This area includes the existing culvert and streambed which make up 0.025 acres (1,089 square feet) of the identified wetlands. The entire area occupied by the existing culvert and streambed will be temporarily impacted by the project at Pullman Ditch. However, this area will be restored at the conclusion of the project.

There is a wetland area of 0.008 acres (349 square feet) on the south side embankment of Pullman Ditch, identified as EW-01 in the delineation report. As part of this project, the embankment will be filled in a wedge shape, and will be realigned. Approximately 0.005 acres (218 square feet) will be temporarily impacted, but will naturally restore to its wetland state after project completion. Turf reinforcement matting will be used in the streambed and on the embankment, and will be covered with one-inch of top soil. Erosion control netting will also be used on the embankment. Approximately 0.003 acres (130

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square feet) will be permanently impacted, as an approximately twelve-foot length of streambed will be covered with rock-slope protection (RSP) to prevent erosion in the future.

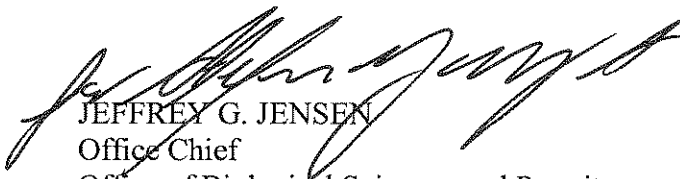
The wetland area of 0.002 acres (88 square feet) at the head of the ditch, identified as EW-02 in the delineation report, will be permanently impacted. This area is eroded streambank, and this project is designed to repair this erosion and prevent erosion in the future. The streambank will be restored utilizing a Soil Confinement System as shown in the enclosed plans (Construction Details, CD-1 & CD-2).

While this project will result in the net loss of 0.005 acres (218 square feet) of wetland, the remaining 0.003 acres (1,307 square feet) of wetland will be more stable as a result of this project because of reduced erosion. The Half Moon Bay Local Coastal Program authorizes the filling of wetlands for incidental public service purposes, including maintaining existing outfall structures, or for restoration purposes where there is no feasible less environmentally damaging alternative (3.1 Coastal Act Policies, Section 30233(a)(5) and Section 30233(a)(7)). Caltrans believes this project qualifies under this Section of the Local Coastal Plan.

Caltrans would like to complete this project this year, prior to the next rainy season. For this reason, Caltrans is requesting an expedited review of this application, if at all possible.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Stefan Galvez of my staff at (510) 286-5506, or Bob Solotar of my staff at (510) 622-5972. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



JEFFREY G. JENSEN
Office Chief
Office of Biological Sciences and Permits

Enclosures:

- CDP Application
- Project Plans
- CEQA Determination
- Preliminary Wetland Delineation
- Biological Assessment