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Tecolotito Creek and  
Tributaries  
April 6, 2015

County of Santa Barbara  
Attn: Morgan Jones  
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Dear Sir:

We have completed our review of the information provided by your letter dated March 26, 2015, concerning the proposed replacement of the Goleta Beach Park Bridge 51C-158 over Tecolotito Creek, by the County of Santa Barbara Public Works Department.

No individual Coast Guard permit will be required for this project under the provisions of the General Bridge Act of 1946, as amended (formerly Section 9 of the Rivers & Harbors Act of 1899), (CONDTINST M16590.5C). This does not relieve the applicant, Santa Barbara County, from complying with all applicable federal, state and local laws and associated permit requirements.

Tecolotito Creek is considered navigable by Coast Guard standards, for bridge permitting, from the mouth of the waterway at mile 0.0, to the upstream limit of tidal influence. However, at the project site, the waterway is not navigated by anything larger than small motorboats, and the Corps of Engineers has not indicated plans to make navigational improvements that would result in larger watercraft passing through 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).

This review is valid for a period of 2 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.

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A photograph and as-built drawings of the bridge, on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper, are required upon completion of the project. The drawings should indicate the elevation of the lowest hittable part of the bridge above mean high water or high water flow, whichever is applicable. Please notify our office upon 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,



DAVID H. SULOUFF  
Chief, Bridge Section  
Eleventh Coast Guard District  
By direction the District Commander

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