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# **EMERGENCY PERMIT**

Issue Date:

October 14, 2016

Emergency Permit No.

G-2-16-0066

### APPLICANT:

County of San Mateo Department of Public Works, Julie Casagrande 555 County Center, 5th Floor, Redwood City, CA 94063

#### LOCATION OF EMERGENCY:

Seaward area along Mirada Road, between Magellan Ave and Medio Ave in unincorporated San Mateo County

#### **EMERGENCY WORK:**

Emergency roadway shoulder/revetment repairs along Mirada Road, involving repair of 13 large voids in the existing revetment through the addition of large boulders and small rock, totaling approximately 355 cubic yards, followed by repaving of the roadway shoulder. The spot repairs to the revetment will range in width and depth (~5-10' wide x ~1' deep) over a total distance of approximately 432 feet, and will not result in an overall increase in the height or footprint of the existing boulder revetment.

This letter constitutes approval of the emergency work you or your representative has requested to be done at the location listed above. I understand from your information that an unexpected occurrence in the form of wave and tidal action, especially from large storm events, has scoured sand from beneath the boulder revetment leading to subsidence and large voids near the edge of pavement, posing a threat to the existing Mirada roadway, adjacent properties and infrastructure, and the coastal trail, and requires immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss or damage to life, health, property or essential public services pursuant to 14 Cal. Admin. Code Section 13009. The Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission hereby finds that:

- (a) An emergency exists that requires action more quickly than permitted by the procedures for administrative or ordinary coastal development permits (CDPs), and that the development can and will be completed within 30 days unless otherwise specified by the terms of this Emergency Permit; and
- (b) Public comment on the proposed emergency development has been reviewed if time allows.

The emergency work is hereby approved, subject to the conditions listed on the attached pages.

Sincerely,

John Ainsworth
Acting Executive Director

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By: Nancy Cave, North Central District Manager

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cc: Local Planning Department

Enclosures:

1) Acceptance Form;

2) Regular Permit Application Form

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# CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

- 1. The enclosed Emergency Permit Acceptance form must be signed by the APPLICANT and returned to our office within 15 days (by October 29, 2016).
- 2. Copies of this ECDP shall be maintained in a conspicuous location at the construction job site at all times, and such copies shall be available for public review on request. All persons involved with the construction shall be briefed on the content and meaning of this ECDP, and the public review requirements applicable to it, prior to commencement of construction.
- 3. A construction coordinator shall be designated to be contacted during construction should questions arise regarding the construction (in case of both regular inquiries and emergencies), and their contact information (i.e., address, email, phone numbers, etc.) including, at a minimum, a telephone number and email address that will be made available 24 hours a day for the duration of construction, shall be conspicuously posted at the job site where such contact information is readily visible from public viewing areas, along with indication that the construction coordinator should be contacted in the case of questions regarding the construction (in case of both regular inquiries and emergencies). The construction coordinator shall record the contact information (e.g., name, address, email, phone number, etc.) and nature of all complaints received regarding the construction, and shall investigate complaints and take remedial action, if necessary, within 24 hours of receipt of the complaint or inquiry. Within 30 days of completion of construction authorized by this ECDP, the Permittee shall submit the record (of complaints/inquiries and actions taken in response) to the Executive Director.
- 4. Only that work specifically described in this permit and as more specifically described in the Commission's file for the Emergency CDP for the specific property listed above is authorized. The work permitted under this permit is the minimum necessary to address the emergency situation at hand and therefore, minimizing the extent of rock placed is strongly encouraged. Any additional work or maintenance to the structures installed pursuant to this permit requires separate authorization from the Executive Director. All emergency development shall be limited in scale and scope to that specifically identified in the Emergency Permit Application Form dated received in the Coastal Commission's North Central Coast District Office on October 7, 2016, except as revised in the following manner:
  - a. All existing wood, concrete, steel, rebar and other debris shall be removed entirely from the site and disposed of at a suitable off-site location outside the coastal zone.
  - b. Mitigation measures shall be implemented to ensure that all renlaining wood, concrete, steel, rebar and other debris are appropriately contained landward of the beach and not allowed to be released into coastal waters.

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5. All work shall take place in a time and manner to minimize any potential damages to any resources, including intertidal species, and to minimize impacts to public access. Construction materials, equipment or debris shall not be stored where it will or could potentially be subject to wave erosion and dispersion. Construction shall be conducted pursuant to typical best management practices such as:

a. All construction areas shall be minimized and allow public recreational access along the beach and shall protect public safety to the maximum extent feasible. Construction (including but not limited to construction activities, and materials and/or equipment storage) is prohibited outside of the defined construction, staging, and storage areas.

c. Construction work and equipment operations shall not be conducted seaward of the mean high water line unless tidal waters have receded from the authorized work

areas.

c. Grading of intertidal areas is prohibited.

d. Any construction materials and equipment delivered to the beach area shall be delivered by rubber-tired construction vehicles. When transiting on the beach, all such vehicles shall remain as high on the upper beach as possible and avoid contact with ocean waters and intertidal areas.

e. Any construction materials and equipment placed on the beach during daylight construction hours shall be stored beyond the reach of tidal waters. All construction materials and equipment shall be removed in their entirety from the beach area by

sunset each day that work occurs.

f. All construction activities that result in discharge of materials, polluted runoff, or wastes to the beach or the adjacent marine environment are prohibited. Equipment washing, refueling, and/or servicing shall not take place on the beach. Any erosion and sediment controls used shall be in place prior to the commencement of construction, as well as at the end of each work day.

g. The construction site shall maintain good construction site housekeeping controls and procedure (e.g., clean up all leaks, drips, and other spills immediately; keep equipment covered and out of the rain [including covering exposed piles of soil and wastes]; dispose of all wastes properly, place trash receptacles on site for that purpose, and cover open trash receptacles during wet weather; remove all construction debris from the beach; etc.).

h. All accessways impacted by construction activities shall be restored to their preconstruction condition or better within three days of completion of construction. Any beach sand in the area that is impacted by construction shall be filtered as

necessary to remove any construction debris.

i. Permittee shall notify planning staff of the Coastal Commission's North Central Coast District Office immediately upon completion of construction and required restoration activities. If planning staff should identify additional reasonable restoration measures, such measures shall be implemented immediately.

6. The work authorized by this permit must be completed within 60 days of the date of this permit, which shall become null and void unless extended by the Executive Director for good cause.

- 7. The applicant recognizes that the emergency work is considered temporary and subject to removal unless and until a regular coastal development permit permanently authorizing the work is approved. A regular permit would be subject to all of the provisions of the California Coastal Act, would be conditioned accordingly, and may not allow for the mined rocks to remain at the site after repairs are completed and may not allow any further armoring or a different configuration of the revetment. These conditions may also include provisions for public access (such as offers to dedicate, easements, in-lieu fees, etc.), camouflaging any walls installed, and/or a requirement that a deed restriction be placed on the property assuming liability for damages incurred from storm waves. In addition, any follow-up permit would account for and analyze the impacts of long-term sea level rise.
- 8. In exercising this permit, the applicant agrees to hold the California Coastal Commission harmless from any liabilities for damage to public or private properties or personal injury that may result from the project.
- 9. Within 30 days of completion of construction authorized by this ECDP, the Permittee shall submit site plans clearly identifying all development completed under this emergency authorization (comparing any previously permitted condition to both the emergency condition and to the post-work condition), and a narrative description of all emergency development activities undertaken pursuant to this emergency authorization. Photos showing the project site before the emergency (if available), during emergency project construction activities, and after the work authorized by this ECDP is complete, shall be provided with the site plans and cross sections.
- 10. This ECDP shall not constitute a waiver of any public rights which may exist on the property. The permittee shall not use this ECDP as evidence of a waiver of any public rights which may exist on the property.
- 11. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain necessary authorizations and/or permits from other agencies, including but not limited to the California Department of Fish & Wildlife, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the California State Lands Commission.
- 12. Within 90 days of issuance of this Emergency Permit, or as extended by the Executive Director through correspondence, for good cause, the applicant shall either: (a) remove all of the materials placed or installed in connection with the emergency development authorized in this Permit and restore all affected areas to their prior condition after consultation with California Coastal Commission staff, and consistent with the Coastal Act. In some instances, a permit may be needed for removal; or (b) submit a complete follow-up Coastal Development Permit (CDP) that satisfies the requirements of Section 13056 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. If the Executive Director determines that the follow-up CDP application is incomplete and requests additional information, the applicant shall submit this additional information by a certain date, as established by the Executive Director. If such a follow-up CDP application is withdrawn by the applicant or is denied by the Commission, or if the follow-up CDP application remains incomplete for a period of 120 days after the

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Executive Director informs the applicant that the application is incomplete, the emergency-permitted development shall be removed and all affected areas restored to their prior condition, after consultation with CCC staff and consistent with the Coastal Act, within 30 days, subject to any regulatory approvals necessary for such removal. In some instances, a permit may be needed for removal.

13. Failure to a) submit a complete follow-up CDP Application that complies with Condition 12 above, or b) remove the emergency development and restore all affected areas to their prior condition after consultation with CCC staff, and consistent with the Coastal Act (if required by this Emergency Permit) by the date specified in this Emergency Permit<sup>1</sup>, or c) comply with all terms and conditions of the required follow-up CDP, including any deadlines identified therein, or d) remove the emergency-permitted development and restore all affected areas to their prior condition after consultation with CCC staff and consistent with the Coastal Act immediately upon denial of the required follow-up CDP2 will constitute a knowing and intentional violation of the Coastal Act<sup>3</sup> and may result in formal enforcement action by the Commission or the Executive Director. This formal action could include a recordation of a Notice of Violation on the applicant's property; the issuance of a Cease and Desist Order and/or a Restoration Order; imposition of administrative penalties for violations involving public access; and/or a civil lawsuit, which may result in the imposition of monetary penalties, including daily penalties of up to \$15,000 per violation per day, and other applicable penalties and other relief pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Coastal Act. Further, failure to follow all the terms and conditions of this Emergency Permit will constitute a knowing and intentional Coastal Act violation.

As noted in Conditions 7 and 8 above, the emergency development carried out under this ECDP is at the Permittee's risk and is considered to be temporary work done in an emergency situation to abate an emergency. If the Permittee wishes to have the emergency development become permanent development, a regular CDP must be obtained. A regular CDP is subject to all of the provisions of the California Coastal Act and may be conditioned or denied accordingly.

If you have any questions about the provisions of this ECDP, please contact the Commission's North Central Coast District Office at 45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000, San Francisco, CA 94105, (415) 904-5260.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In some instances, a permit may also be required for removal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As noted above, in some instances, a permit may also be required for removal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Coastal Act is codified in sections 30000 to 30900 of the California Public Resources Code. All further section references are to that code, and thus, to the Coastal Act, unless otherwise indicated.

