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Ballona Creek (1.4)
25 Jan 2016

MEMORANDUM

From:  D. H. SULOUFF
Chief, Bridge Section

To: U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District
Attn: Daniel P. Swenson

Subj: PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE BRIDGE, MILE 1.4 BALLONA CREEK,
BETWEEN MARINA DEL REY AND PLAYA DEL REY, CA

1. 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). As the Federal regulatory agency responsible for permitting proposed bridges under the provisions of the General Bridge Act of 1946, the USCG has completed our review U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Federal Register notice dated July 25, 2012, Special Public Notice SPL-2010-1155, and your letter dated November 6, 2015 for the subject project.
2. 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).
3. We understand the proposed pedestrian bridge is included in the Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project EIS/EIR, and will be located in position N 33 58' 27" W 118 26' 1".
4. Ballona Creek is considered navigable by Coast Guard standards, for bridge permitting, from its mouth at Mile 0.0, to the upstream limit of tidal influence. However, at the project site, Ballona Creek conforms to Advance Approval bridge permitting criteria and we understand the Corps of Engineers has not indicated plans to make navigational improvements that would result in larger watercraft passing through the proposed bridge. Therefore, no individual Coast Guard bridge permit will be required for this bridge. This does not relieve the applicant from complying with all applicable federal, state and local laws and associated permit requirements.
5. The applicant is required to notify this office at least 30 days prior to beginning construction so we may provide appropriate notices to mariners. The applicant must complete and return the enclosed Completion Report Information form to my office at the conclusion of the bridge construction. "As built" drawings on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper showing horizontal (pier face to pier face), and vertical (above mean high water), navigational clearance measurements, and a

photograph of the bridge are required when the bridge is complete. The drawings must indicate the elevation of the lowest hittable part of the bridge above mean high water or high water flow, whichever is applicable.

6. This advance approval determination for Ballona Creek is valid for a period of 2 years from the date of this memorandum. 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.

7. The identification of Advance Approval waterways under 33 CFR 115.70 is listed in the USCG NEPA Implementing Regulations, Figure 2-1 (32) (f), as Categorically Excluded from further review, and the USCG need not participate in this project as a Cooperating Agency for NEPA.

8. Thank you for your patience during our review of this project. The applicant may contact Mr. Carl Hausner, Project Manager, by telephone at (510) 437-3515 or by email Carl.T.Hausner@uscg.mil to discuss this project.

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Enclosure

Copy: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, South Coast Region
USCG Sector LA/LB, Waterways Division
U. S. Council on Environmental Quality

Completion Report Information

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

Commander (dpw)
11th Coast Guard District

Coast Guard Island, Bldg 50-2
Alameda, CA 94501-5100

or

Carl.T.Hausner@uscg.mil

Name & Location of Bridge: Pedestrian Bridge, Mile 1.4, Ballona Creek, near Marina del Rey, Los Angeles County, CA

Owner: California Department of Fish and Wildlife
3883 Ruffin Rd
San Diego, CA 92123

Type of Project: New Pedestrian Bridge.

Date commenced: _____, Date Completed: _____

Horizontal navigational clearance, pier face to pier face, or bank to bank, measured normal to the axis of the channel: _____ feet _____ meters (Main Navigation Span)

Vertical navigational clearance, measured to the lowest hittable part of the bridge between bents 2 and 3, at Mean High Water: ____ feet, ____ meters.

Datum Used for clearance calculations:

Vertical Clearance Gauges: Not required at this time.

Navigational Lighting: Not required at this time.

Pier Protection/ Fendering System: Not required at this time.

Photographs, 8 X 10 inch, glossy, black & white (digital acceptable) () included, () to be provided later.

Date bridge open to transportation: _____

I certify that the above clearances have been accurately measured.

Signature: _____, Date: _____

Title: _____

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