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California Department of Transportation  
District 04-Construction  
Attn: Perpetuo Manglo  
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Fairfield, CA 94533

Dear Sir:

I have reviewed your anchor waiver request dated October 18, 2007. In your request and subsequent communications regarding your anchorage waiver and barge breakaway contingency plan, you stated that your barges will be anchored in the Napa River in the vicinity of the Napa River Bridge, No. 23-0064, to make repairs to the Pier No. 14 fender system at the south approach to span 13. During your project your barges will be anchored in positions 38°07'13" N, 122°16'48" W and 38°07'12" N, 122°16'47" W. Based on this review, I am granting you a waiver from Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 110.224(a)(1), which prohibits vessels from anchoring outside of designated anchorage areas. This anchor waiver will be in effect from 7:00 a.m. on October 29, 2007, until 3:30 p.m. on December 31, 2007.

This waiver is granted subject to the conditions outlined below:

1. In accordance with your anchor waiver request, you shall utilize Vortex supervisors in the event there is an emergency. Vortex supervisors are as follows:
  - A. Jason Phillippi (510) 714-0492
  - B. Jon Miller (510) 812-1084
  - C. Tony Caramgna (510) 715-3556
  - D. Eric Van Zuthem (510) 715-3819
2. Vortex Marine Construction's on-scene coordinator, Anthony Caramagna, shall be readily accessible at (510) 715-3556 or (510) 261-2400 and must coordinate operations with the San Francisco Bar Pilots Association through their Operations Pilot at (415) 393-0457 on a daily basis to obtain a forecast of vessel transits through your project area.
3. You shall notify the Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Service San Francisco at (415) 399-7410 or VHF 14 daily upon beginning and completing operations; as well as if your operations require you to deviate from this plan.
4. You shall monitor and answer VHF-FM marine channels 13 and 14 while engaged in this project.

5. Your vessel(s)/barge(s) and any equipment that is anchored, moored to mooring buoys, or extends into the waterway must be properly marked pursuant to Title 33 of the U.S. Code, section 2001 et al. (Inland Navigation Rules).
6. Floating obstructions such as buoys shall conform to the characteristics set forth in the standard U.S. system for aids to navigation as per 33 CFR Section 66.01-10.

Mooring buoys are moorings in fixed locations, and should be white with a blue horizontal band and have a flashing four-second white light visible from a distance of 2 miles. A permit for any mooring buoy must be obtained from the District 11 Private Aids to Navigation Manager, Mr. Brian Aldrich, at 510-437-2983.

Anchor marker buoys, should be white with two horizontal orange bands around the buoy with one near the top and the other near the bottom of the buoy. There should also be an orange, vertical diamond shape between the two orange bands to signify danger, and a quick flashing white light visible for 2 miles.

7. Any anchors used during the project shall be recovered from the waterway upon the completion of the project.

Should you have further questions or concerns regarding this approval, contact Ensign Sheral Richardson, Sector San Francisco, Waterways Safety Branch, at (415) 399-7436.

Sincerely,



K.W. MOHR  
Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Waterways Management Division  
By Direction

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