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Ross Island Sand & Gravel Company
Attn: Mr. Randall H. Steed
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Dear Sir:

This office has reviewed your Anchor Waiver Request, dated October 2, 2007, for the San Joaquin River Dredging Project located in the San Joaquin River, between Jersey Island and Sherman Island, northeast of Blind Point. The anchorage area used during this project can be formed by connecting the following coordinates: Station 579+00 (38° 02' 08.31" N / 121° 42' 37.91" W), Station 599+00 (38° 02' 25.82" N / 121° 42' 11.70" W) and Station 564+00 (38° 02' 38.17" N / 121° 43' 01.43" W). The dredging project is scheduled to take place 24 hours per day from November 2, 2007, to November 6, 2007. Based on review, I am granting you a waiver from 33 CFR 110.224(a)(1), which prohibits vessels from anchoring outside designated anchorage areas, beginning 5:00 a.m. on November 2, 2007, until 11:59 p.m. on November 6, 2007.

This waiver is granted subject to the conditions outlined below:

1. Ross Island Sand & Gravel Company coordinator, Randall Steed, shall be readily accessible at (503) 314-3348 or VHF-FM marine channels 13 and 16.
2. The on-scene representative from Ross Island Sand & Gravel Co. 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.
8. You shall notify this office upon completion of your 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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