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Sweetwater Construction, Inc.
Attn: Mr. Richard Williams
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Dear Sir:

This office has reviewed your Anchor Waiver Request, dated September 4th, 2008, for the temporary anchorage due to construction of power lines in the Napa River. The project location is: 38[deg]09'15.02"N and 122[deg]17'28.97"W. The project is scheduled to take place from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., six days per week, Monday to Saturday, from September 10th, 2008, to December 15th, 2008. The project will begin simultaneously on both towers on September 10th, 2008, and operations will conclude on December 15th, 2008. 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 September 10th, 2008, until 11:59 p.m. on December 15th, 2008.

This waiver is granted subject to the conditions outlined below:

1. In accordance with your anchor waiver request, Sweetwater Construction, Inc. shall anchor in the Napa River to make repairs to the footings of two power lines. These operations shall be conducted for 99 days, from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
2. The project manager, Richard Williams, shall be readily accessible at (707) 554-8824 or VHF-FM marine channels 13 and 14.
3. The on-scene representative from Sweetwater Construction, Inc. 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.
4. You shall notify the Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Service San Francisco at (415) 399-7410 or VHF 14 daily upon beginning and completion of operations. You are to adhere to these operating conditions, and if your operations require you to deviate from this plan, you must immediately notify Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Service San Francisco at (415) 399-7410 or VHF channel 14.
5. You shall monitor and answer VHF-FM marine channels 13 and 14 while engaged in this project.

6. 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), in regards to required markings and lighting to prevent it from being a hazard to navigation.
7. 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.

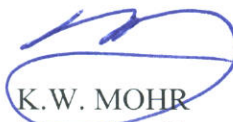
Mooring buoys are moorings in fixed locations, and should be white with a blue horizontal band and have a flashing four-second white light visible from a distance of 2 miles. A permit for any mooring buoy must be obtained from the District 11 Private Aids to Navigation Manager, Mr. Brian Aldrich, at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

Anchor marker buoys shall be white, and should be lighted with a flashing white light when working near the navigational channel, and shall be used if working in the navigational channel.

8. Any anchors used during the project shall be recovered from the waterway upon the completion of the project.
9. You shall notify the Waterways Management Division upon completion of your project.

Should you have further questions or concerns regarding this approval, contact LTJG Simone Mausz, Sector San Francisco, Waterways Safety Branch, at (415) 399-7442.

Sincerely,



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

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