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City of Santa Cruz Murray St. Bridge Retrofit Project IHAs Renewal

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Regarding: RTID 0648-XC607

Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Construction Activities Associated With the Murray St. Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project in Santa Cruz, California

Hi Jessica,

On behalf of the City of Santa Cruz, we are sending this email as the City needs to amend or renew the Incidental Harassment Authorizations (IHAs) for the above-referenced project, which are attached with your email with the final IHAs. The two IHAs as issued in April 2023 (one for work done July 2023 through June 2024, one for work done July 2024 through June 2025) presumed that construction would commence later that year. The City received only one response to their initial 2023 bid package for construction, which compelled them to revise and re-issue the construction bid package in 2024 to ensure a cost-competitive bid was received. As a consequence, the work authorized in the IHA has not yet started and is not expected to start until 2025.

The City requests guidance on how to efficiently change the IHAs to reflect this project delay and provide new start/end dates. If the best approach is simply to follow the direction on Renewals included in the IHAs, we will do so. However, if there is a simpler way to extend an IHA for projects that have been delayed and not yet started work, we would happily follow that approach.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter. By way of this email, I am also introducing Mike Henry, our biologist who has been working on this project and the IHA requests.

Thanks,

Stephanie

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