



Appendix E

Big Sur Shuttle Demo Project Approval Letter

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Subject: 2018 Big Sur Shuttle Demonstration Project

Dear Mr. Call and Mr. Hartley:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed 2018 Big Sur Shuttle Demonstration Project. As we understand it, the project is a temporary demonstration project to provide shuttle service from Big Sur Station to the Pfeiffer Beach Day Use Area via Sycamore Canyon Road during the 2018 summer peak season only. Pursuant to Section 30610(i)(1) of the Coastal Act, temporary events that do not have any potential for significant adverse impacts on coastal resources do not require a coastal development permit (CDP). Based on our review, the demonstration project meets the definition of a temporary event and, provided that the project will not restrict public use of roadways or parking areas or otherwise significantly impact public use or access to coastal waters, no CDP will be required.

For the purposes of the excluded temporary event, the Commission authorizes the following program elements:

- **Days of Operation:** Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays;
- **Seasonal Operation:** From Memorial Day Weekend (Thursday May 24, 2018) to Labor Day Weekend (September 2, 2018);
- **Hours of Operation:** 11:00am - 7:00pm;
- **Maximum Number of Shuttles:** Two shuttles (11 seats and 14 seats available, respectively);
- **Cost:** \$5.00 per rider, round trip;

- **Location:** Roundtrip operations from the Big Sur Station parking lot to Pfeiffer Beach Day Use Area;
- **Signage:** Six Messaging Signs on Highway 1 (2 north of Big Sur Station, 2 south of Big Sur Station, and 2 in front of Big Sur Station);
- **Sign Language:** Pfeiffer Beach Shuttle Parking, Next Left/Right, Thurs – Sun, 11am – 7pm.

To meet the Coastal Act's requirements for a temporary event exclusion, the temporary event must not have any potential for significant adverse impacts to coastal resources. As such, private vehicles driving to the Pfeiffer Beach Day Use Area must be allowed access to Sycamore Canyon Road when there is adequate space in the day use area parking lots. Traffic along the canyon may be metered to ensure safe travel. In addition, all existing permitted non-motorized forms of access, including pedestrians and bicyclists, shall continue to be allowed to traverse Sycamore Canyon Road to the beach when the shuttles are in operation and during non-operation times. Existing sign(s) along Highway 1 stating the contrary shall be covered and/or removed. Information may be provided to pedestrians and bicyclists regarding the distance to the beach, terrain difficulties, and traffic hazards.

Lastly, this temporary event determination does not authorize an increase in the current day use fee schedule collected at the U.S. Forest Service (Service) kiosk at the bottom of the canyon or changes in public use of Sycamore Canyon Road. All requests for fee increases or other changes in access to the Service's park land unit must be submitted to the Commission's Federal Consistency unit for review and concurrence.

This temporary event determination is valid for the 2018 summer season only. Shuttle operations may be extended beyond the identified demonstration period (i.e., May 24, 2018 to September 2, 2018) for good cause. Any requests for extension must be received in the Commission's Central Coast District Office prior to the September 2, 2018 demonstration project expiration date. Continued future operation of shuttle service on a permanent or semi-permanent basis shall require the submittal of a complete CDP application a minimum of six months prior to anticipated operation of shuttle service (i.e., by November of the prior year).

If you have any questions about the provisions of this temporary event exclusion, please contact me at the Commission's Central Coast District Office at 725 Front Street, Suite 300, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 427-4898.

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Regards,



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