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Mr. Alessandro Amaglio
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Dear Mr. Amaglio:

Thank you for your September 28, 2005, letter concerning the flood-control project in the West Village of Cambria, San Luis Obispo County. NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) understands this project is necessary to increase the drainage efficiency of storm-water runoff in the project area to reduce the threat of property damage and reduce threats to public health and safety caused by inundation of portions of the West Village by floodwaters of Santa Rosa Creek. Project activities include construction and operation of a series of underground pipelines, a small detention basin with an earthen berm, a pump house, and two outlets draining into Santa Rosa Creek. The construction area for this project is isolated and outside of the wetted channel, and will include best management practices to reduce the likelihood of sediment inputs (i.e., sand and smaller particles) into Santa Rosa Creek such that any potential impacts from this project will be discountable and insignificant. Therefore, NMFS concurs with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's determination that the proposed action is not likely to adversely affect the South Central California Coast Evolutionarily Significant Unit of Federally threatened steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) or critical habitat for this species.

This concludes the informal section 7 consultation for this proposed action. Consultation must be reinitiated where discretionary Federal agency involvement or control over the action has been retained (or is authorized by law) and: (1) if new information becomes available revealing effects of the action on listed species in a manner or to an extent not previously considered, (2) if the agency action is subsequently modified in a manner that causes an effect to listed species that was not considered, or (3) if a new species or critical habitat is designated that may be affected by this action. Please call Matt McGoogan at (562) 980-4026 if you have any question concerning this letter or if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

for Rodney R. McInnis
Regional Administrator

cc: Lorena Solorzano-Vincent, FEMA contractor (URS Corporation)

