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Subject: Potential for Pre-Project Approval Archaeological Testing?
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Chris:

Given the sponsor's constrained construction schedule, we wanted to get the City's reaction to the potential for having the sponsor conduct an archeological testing program similar to that which was discussed in our call yesterday, but having it conducted prior to project approval (as opposed to having the sponsor conduct it following project approval pursuant to a mitigation measure). We are assuming any such archaeological testing program would be still be subject to review and approval by the City prior to the sponsor implementing it. Conducting such a testing program now would provide useful results for inclusion either in the Draft SEIR or Final SEIR, and would likely influence the required post approval mitigation measures for archaeological resources that the sponsor would be subject to (perhaps just accident discovery mitigation measures if the pre-approval archaeological testing did not find any notable results). We wanted to get your and OCII's reaction as to whether you would be amenable to this approach; and if so, we can raise that approach option with the sponsor.

Aside from that issue, we wanted to let you know that after taking another look at the 1998 Mission Bay FSEIR, we noticed there are mitigation measures requiring archaeological testing in Mission Bay, albeit for specific historic resource areas (not including Blocks 29-32, although one of the historic resource areas was immediately south of Blocks 29-32). Since those 1998 Mission Bay FSEIR archaeological testing mitigation measures were not developed for Block 29-32, they were not included in our administrative draft Initial Study. However, if need be, these 1998 Mission Bay FSEIR archaeological testing mitigation measures can be easily adapted to apply to the proposed GSW project for the specific archaeological issues Randall Dean has. This adaption of existing 1998 Mission Bay FSEIR mitigation measures may be more palatable for OCII to agree to including in the GSW Mission Bay SEIR.

Brian and I available all day today to discuss if you like (Joyce is out).

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