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B.W. Ching
Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
Chief Marine Safety Division
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Dear Lieutenant Commander Ching,

Thank you for allowing me to Comment on the proposed buried power line project. Recent sickness has delayed my reply but allows me to comment on Mr. Yadon's proposal at the same time.

The edge of archaeological site CA-MN8-127 (397) is approximately near the south eastern boundry of the present sewage plant enclosure. All trenching to the north and east of this point will likely impact MNT-127. Mr. Yadon's suggestion of the following the fence line would also (if placed within the enclosure) lessen the impact substancially on the archaeological resource. Observation of the trenching should be sufficient mitigation for this section as the area inside the fence has been destroyed by past activities of the Pacific Grove Sewage District.

The impact of trenching for the power line from the west edge of the sewage enclosure to the fog signal is unavoidable with this project alternative. If the project remains substantially the same I would reccommend excavation of this trench archaeologically through the midden deposit and then mechanically below that point.

Such excavation, with sufficient analysis and write up time, could meet federal requirements for consideration of the resource.

While I note on your map a previously installed subsurface powerline, I would assume the dificulty of working around such a line would negate the advantage of less site disturbances. In any case some archaeological excavation would still be warrented between sewage enclosure and old power line trench.

Sincerely,

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Professor of Anthropology

cc: Vernal L. Yadon