



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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20 September 1977

Mr. Gary Bales, City Manager
City of Pacific Grove
Pacific Grove, California 93950

Dear Mr. Bales,

The Twelfth District has reviewed the City of Pacific Grove's request of 02 March 1977 for permission to refurbish and restore the Point Pinos Lighthouse to its original condition for historical purposes. Because the property has been included in the National Register of Historic Places, project review by the State Historic Preservation Office as well as the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation are required. Responses and recommendations concerning your project proposal received from the State and the Advisory Council are enclosed (Enclosure One and Two).

Recent archaeological investigations of the area around the lighthouse noted a high level of surface subsurface disturbance over the years, but there remains the possibility that undetected subsurface prehistoric resources occur in the vicinity of the lighthouse. A copy of this archaeological report is provided for your information (Enclosure Three). Should evidence of prehisotic resources be encountered during the ground disturbing activities outlined under your Items 6, 8, 10, 11, work should cease until a qualified archaeologist can be consulted.

Your proposal was also reviewed by our Engineering Division for Coast Guard operational interests at Point Pinos. The following comments are offered:

- a. With regard to the proposal to install four parking spaces at the end of the present service road to the Coast Guard cottages (Item 9), a copy of Drawing D 1693, Sheet 01 of 01, is enclosed (Enclosure Four) to show the location of a new board fence. Any parking spaces which the City establishes will have to take this construction, Coast Guard access to the light tower, and Coast Guard access to the family quarters into consideration.
- b. A copy of Drawings D-254-01 and F-161-01 are enclosed (Enclosures Five and Six) to show the location of underground utilities in the area of the light tower that will be of interest for the site work proposed under Items (06) and (11) for the lawns, sprinklers, and other ground disturbing activities.
- c. The build up of coating now on the exterior of the stone walls which you propose to remove by sandblasting may be providing a waterproofing function. Since the building was constructed 100 years ago, lime mortar may

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have been used between the stones. Since sandblasting will expose these surfaces, mortar deterioration from weathering could occur, resulting in leakage from wind driven rain. We concur with the State's suggestion that the situation be investigated before proceeding.

The Coast Guard has no objection to, and hereby approves window replacement (Item 2), removal of interior paint (Item 3), removal of asphalt tile (Item 4), hot-water heater removal (Item 5), fence installation (Item 7), and ground cover removal (Item 10). With the restrictions and conditions noted above and those detailed by the State Office of Historic Preservation, approval to proceed with activities outlined in Items (1), (6), (8), (9), and (11) is hereby granted.

Sincerely,



H. J. BECKITT

Commander, U. S. Coast Guard

District Planning Officer

Twelfth Coast Guard District

By Direction of the District Commander

- Encl: (1) State Department of Parks and Recreation ltr dtd 18 July 1977
(2) Advisory Council on Historic Preservation ltr dtd 18 August 1977
(3) Archaeological Survey -- Point Pinos Light Station
(4) Drawing D 1693
(5) Drawing D-254-01
(6) Drawing F-161-01