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Dear Mr. Peterson and Ms. De Llanos:

My letter of October 3, 2016, notified Ms. De Llanos and San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) that Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar would support a joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) for SDG&E's proposed 36" gas pipeline project. Based on further review of the proposal and alternatives, including the "Rainbow to Santee" alternative depicted on the enclosed map, my command will continue to support preparation of that environmental documentation, but our involvement will be more limited than previously anticipated.

Several proposed alternatives involve a new pipeline easement across MCAS Miramar. The Rainbow to Santee alternative, however, does not include use of MCAS Miramar property, so the overall project does not depend on Federal action by the Department of the Navy (DON). As such, the environmental consequences associated with an easement across MCAS Miramar are limited to those that will not otherwise occur if the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) selects the Rainbow to Santee alternative. These are the impacts that must be addressed in an Environmental Assessment to support the DON's granting of an easement across MCAS Miramar.

In light of the narrower scope of impacts resulting from our easement decision, we decline to participate in a joint EIR/EA and will not serve as the Federal lead agency for the SDG&E project. We will cooperate with the CPUC's development of an EIR that addresses the Miramar alternatives. If the CPUC determines that a Miramar

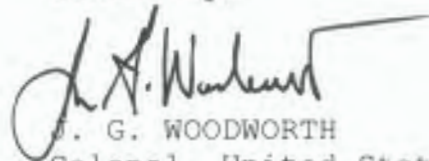
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alternative is the preferred route, we will require an EA in Marine Corps format, which may draw from the EIR analysis but must focus on the environmental consequences of our easement decision. If it becomes clear that Miramar alternatives would cause unmitigated significant environmental impacts that would not otherwise arise with the Rainbow to Santee alternative, an Environmental Impact Statement will be necessary to support a decision by the DON to grant an easement.

I understand these new conditions will necessitate amendment of the October 2016 Memorandum of Understanding between MCAS Miramar, the CPUC, and the California Department of Transportation. If the CPUC and SDG&E wish to proceed with the proposal, my staff will provide additional information by separate correspondence regarding which MCAS Miramar alignments are available for consideration as part of your EIR scoping process.

My point of contact for this matter is Bertha Phimmason, Real Estate Division, at (858) 577-1111.

Sincerely,



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Colonel, United States Marine Corps
Commanding Officer


Enclosure: Rainbow to Santee Alternative Map

Copy to: NAVFACSWEST (Real Estate)

Rainbow to Santee

Legend

- Rainbow To Santee NonMiramar Alt
- - - MCAS Miramar Boundary



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

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