

Chief, Aids to Navigation Branch

20 February 1974

Legal Officer

Marina Pacifica Bridge Construction Project, Alamitos Bay,
California; Coast Guard jurisdiction relative to

REF : (a) Your memo 3271/PF, Ser oan58-74, dated 14 February 1974

1. I concur in your analysis of the jurisdictional aspect of subject bridge construction project, and specifically in your opinion that there is no Coast Guard jurisdiction to require a bridge permit in this instance.

J. E. VORBACH

MC LSCraig/snf 20Feb74

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : District Legal Officer

3271/PF
DATE: 14 February 1974
Ser: oan 58-74

FROM : Chief, Aids to Navigation Branch

SUBJECT: Marina Pacifica Bridge construction project,
Alamitos Bay, California; Coast Guard jurisdiction relative to

Ref: (a) My memo 3271/PF, Ser: oan 33-74 of 18 Jan. 1974
(b) Your memo dated 25 Jan. 1974
(c) COMDTINST. 3271.2 of 25 June 1969

1. Marina Pacifica, a limited partnership, intends to construct a vehicular/pedestrian bridge over a proposed channel located in Alamitos Bay within the city of Long Beach, California as indicated in Enclosure (1). It has been requested that the District Commander determine whether or not a Coast Guard bridge permit must be obtained.

2. The proposed site of construction is immediately to the northwest of the bridge site which was the subject of references (a) and (b).

3. Relative to the question of past or present navigation at the proposed bridge site, it should be noted that the characteristics of this site are nearly identical to those of the site described in reference (a).

4. Based on the information contained in reference (a), there is no evidence to support a finding that the site of the proposed construction is a navigable waterway of the United States. It is apparent, however, that the future waterway will become a navigable waterway of the United States (in fact) upon opening this channel to the waters of Alamitos Bay.

5. I am of the opinion that the proposed structure falls within complex (c) as stated in Enclosure (9) to reference (a); therefore, at this time, the Coast Guard has no jurisdiction. The applicant should be so advised with an indication that no Coast Guard permit is required. In spite of this fact, I intend to provide appropriate assistance to the applicant and local or state permitting authorities relative to navigational aspects of the structure.

6. Your comments in accordance with reference (c) are requested.


W. E. ZIMMERMAN

Encl: (1) Marina Pacifica ltr. dtd. 23 Jan. 1974

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January 23, 1974

Commander (OAN)
Eleventh Coast Guard District
Heartwell Building
19 Pine Avenue
Long Beach, California 90812

Attn: Lt. J.G. Lee Doering

Dear Sir:

We herewith notify the Eleventh Coast Guard District that Marina Pacifica, a limited partnership of which Southern California Financial Corporation is a general partner, does plan to construct a vehicular/pedestrian bridge over a portion of its property in Long Beach (site plan enclosed).

Presently, the bridge is in the design stage and there are no plans available. Preliminary approvals have been received from the City of Long Beach, and the South Coast Regional Coastal Commission. The bridge will be constructed over dry land and then a channel excavated underneath connecting with the Los Cerritos Channel.

A request is hereby made that your office determine if it has jurisdiction over the bridge thereby requiring us to apply for a bridge permit with the U. S. Coast Guard.

Sincerely,

MARINA PACIFICA

Ronald Saienni

RS/mf
Enclosure

cc: John Ballew

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Date Received:

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