April 5, 2013

Ms. Christine Lehnertz, Regional Director
National Park Service
Pacific West Region
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San Francisco, CA 94104-2828

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Director

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National Park Service
Cabrillo National Monument
1801 Cabrillo Memorial Drive
San Diego, CA 92106-3601

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Ms. Kathy Billings, Superintendent
National Park Service
Death Valley National Park
PO Box 579
Death Valley, CA 92328-0579

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National Park Service
Devils Postpile National Monument
PO Box 3999
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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Mr. Tom Leatherman, Superintendent  
National Park Service  
Eugene O’Neill, John Muir, and Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historic Sites  
PO Box 280  
Danville, CA 94526-0280

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National Park Service
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 202
San Francisco, CA 94123

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Mr. Mark Butler, Superintendent  
National Park Service  
Joshua Tree National Park  
74485 National Park Drive  
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277

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National Park Service
Lassen Volcanic National Park
PO Box 100
Mineral, CA 96063-0100

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National Park Service
Manzanar National Historic Site
PO Box 426
Independence, CA 93526-0426

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Ms. Stephanie DuBois, Superintendent
National Park Service
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National Park Service
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Santa Fe, NM 87504-0728

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Paicines, CA 95043

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National Park Service
Point Reyes National Seashore
Point Reyes, CA 94956-9799

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National Park Service
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1112 Second Street
Crescent City, CA 95531-4198

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San Francisco, CA 94123

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Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
401 West Hillcrest Drive
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

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Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks
47050 Generals Highway
Three Rivers, CA 93271-9700

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Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area
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Enclosure: Memorandum of Understanding between Federal Highway Administration and the California Department of Transportation concerning the State of California’s Participation in the Project Delivery Program Pursuant to 23 USC 327.
March 26, 2013

Mr. Don Neubacher, Superintendent
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Dear Mr. Neubacher:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) wants to inform you of its continued assignment of consultation responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the federal environmental protection laws under NEPA’s regulatory umbrella.

On September 25, 2012, FHWA and Caltrans signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Federal Highway Administration and the California Department of Transportation concerning the State of California’s Participation in the Project Delivery Program Pursuant to 23 USC 327, which became effective on October 1, 2012. This MOU was signed pursuant to the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), and allows the Secretary of Transportation to assign, and the State of California to assume all responsibilities for consultation and coordination with federal resource, regulatory, and land management agencies for most federal-aid highway projects in California. The assignment of environmental decision making to Caltrans includes the federal-aid highway projects on federal lands and the FHWA’s federal lands (“direct federal”) projects when Caltrans designs and constructs the projects. Detailed information about NEPA Assignment is published on-line at http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/env/nepa_pilot/html/nepa_delegation_pilot_program.htm. By statute, the State is deemed to be a federal agency for these assigned responsibilities.

Similarly, on June 7, 2010, the FHWA and Caltrans renewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the California Department of Transportation on State Assumption of Responsibilities for Categorical Exclusions (CE). This MOU was signed pursuant to 23 USC 326 which allows the Secretary of Transportation to assign, and the State of California to assume, the Secretary’s environmental decision making responsibilities for CEs. For these projects, the State may also be assigned the FHWA’s responsibilities for environmental consultation and coordination under other federal environmental laws. By statute, the State is deemed to be a federal agency for these assigned authorities and responsibilities.

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Both MOUs, published on-line at 
http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/env/nepa_pilot/html/nepa_delegation_pilot_program.htm, detail the 
roles and responsibilities for the FHWA and Caltrans in project-level environmental decision 
making, and the MOU for the NEPA Assignment Program (23 U.S.C 327) also includes a list of 
projects which will be retained by the FHWA. For the retained projects, the FHWA will 
continue to be involved in interagency dialogues with your agency for project-specific 
environmental decisions. As the NEPA Assignment Program continues, other projects to be 
retained by the FHWA, may be identified, according to the provisions of the MOU.

For the assigned projects, Caltrans is deemed to be the FHWA for project-level environmental 
decision making. For instance, Caltrans will conduct all consultation under the Endangered 
Species Act and the National Historic Preservation Act for the projects. For these projects, 
please address all correspondence to Caltrans, even if the FHWA was initially involved in the 
environmental process for the project.

Finally, it is important to mention that the NEPA Assignment does not affect the FHWA’s roles 
and responsibilities for other phases of project development beyond environmental analysis. For 
example, the FHWA’s existing right-of-way procedures for federal land transfers will not be 
affected by these changes.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Dale Jones, NEPA Assignment Manager, at (916) 
653-5157.

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