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(BCDC Consistency Determination No. CN 7-94)

Dear Ms. Olliges:

Thank you for meeting with the BCDC staff and members of the "working group" of the Bay Trail Ad Hoc Committee last month to discuss the impediments to the development of the northern alignment of the Bay Trail through Moffett Field. Based upon the information you provided at your presentations, it does appear that, at least at this time, substantial impediments exist to implementing the northern alignment. These include conflicts with endangered species habitat, the end of the runway with associated laser arrays, and ordnance storage sites with their associated safety zones.

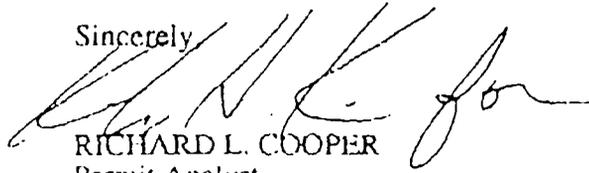
Despite the fact that it appears a northern alignment of the trail cannot, at least at this time, be completed, the staff believes that it still cannot recommend a Consistency Determination concurrence with the Comprehensive Use Plan (CUP) unless Chapter V, Section 7(3) of the CUP is amended to state the following: (1) that NASA is committed to implementing a northern alignment of the Bay Trail through Moffett Field to the maximum extent feasible; (2) that NASA is committed to implementing a southern alignment if the complete northern alignment is not feasible, and (3) that NASA will phase the Bay Trail improvements as the obstacles to the northern alignment are removed. That is, we believe that a trail should be constructed along the northern alignment adjacent to the Bay as far as possible in both directions, and should simply terminate where use conflicts occur that cannot, at this time, be overcome. Later, if and when the existing impediments are removed, this trail could be completed. We believe that this, in conjunction with an interim alignment that completes the trail connection in the short term, would provide the maximum feasible public access to which the Commission could concur.

Finally, it appears that it is no longer possible for us to resolve these issues and prepare the staff report to the Commission for the August 21, 1994 meeting. We, therefore, must request another time extension, to at least September 2, 1994, so that we may completely resolve this issue.

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Please consider our proposal. If you agree that this can be accomplished, please provide us with the proper documentation, and time extension, so that we may complete the consistency determination. If you would like to discuss this any further, or have any questions, please call.

Sincerely



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