

An aerial photograph of a rugged, mountainous landscape. The terrain is characterized by steep, rocky slopes and deep, narrow gullies. The vegetation is sparse and appears as patches of green and brown. In the lower portion of the image, a coastline is visible, showing a dark blue body of water meeting a sandy beach and a road or path that runs along the shore. The overall scene is one of a wild, natural environment.

**Applicant Appeal of Arroyo Hondo  
Steelhead Passage Project**

**Case No. 06APL-00000-00033**

**Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors**

**September 26, 2006**

# Planning Commission Recommendation

- **Approve project & revised conditions**
- **Consider the Negative Declaration**
- **Adopt the required findings - CEQA**

# Appellant Issues

**3:1 Mitigation Ratio: Cond. #69**

**Construction Days & Hours: Cond. #72**

**Bi-annual Bio Reports: Cond. #78**

# Appellant Issues

## 3:1 Mitigation Ratio

- 3:1 ratio is “extraordinary”
- Not applicable to restoration projects
- Insufficient site space & funding
- Replace 3:1 with 1:1

# Response

**Standard ratio for temporary impacts**

**Purpose –achieve long-term restoration of area (1:1)**

**No differential treatment based on project intent or type**

# **Appellant Issues**

## **Construction Days & Hours**

**Construction M-F, 7:30 – 4:30 only**

**No noise sensitive receptors**

**Allow 6 day work week during daylight**

**No County permission/oversight**

# Response

**Condition revised by PC - 6 days & extended hours**

**County oversight – ensure effective monitoring & compliance**

**County – discretionary judgments**

**Staff supports revision per Board Letter**

# **Appellant Issues**

## **Bi-annual Reports**

**Bi-annual reports excessive**

**County-approved biologist not needed**

**Condition #78 not necessary**



# Response

## Bi-annual reports:

Timely identification & resolution of problems

Assessment of compliance with plan

## County-approved biologist:

Standard condition

Competency & expertise

Consistency with policies & conditions

# Staff Recommendation

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1. Adopt the required findings for the project, as specified in the PC action letter, including CEQA findings
2. Consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by CDFG for purposes of approving the project and adopt the mitigation monitoring program contained in the conditions of approval
3. Deny the appeal, upholding the Planning Commission's approval with conditions of Development plan 06DVP-00000-00010
4. Grant *de novo* approval of the project subject to the conditions included in the Planning Commission's action letter